Question for written answer E-001151/2014 to the Commission Rule 117 Giovanni La Via (PPE)

Subject: Translation of the Erasmus + Programme

The Erasmus + Programme has so far been published only in English, and translations into the 23 other official languages of the European Union will not be available until April 2014.

Since the deadline for submitting projects under the Erasmus + Programme is 17 March 2014, this will obviously favour English native speakers, while discriminating against other European citizens, who will be placed at an unfair disadvantage in submitting their projects, since they can access the Erasmus + Programme only in English and not in their mother tongue.

In light of the above and given the impossibility of arranging a translation into all the other official languages within a short period of time, does the Commission agree that the deadline for the presentation of projects should be postponed in order to ensure that all European citizens can read the Erasmus + Programme in their native language?

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