

**Question for written answer E-001331/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Rights of Romanian students in the UK

The British authorities recently decided to suspend student maintenance loans while checks were carried out on their legitimacy. The measure affects Romanian and Bulgarian students studying in all types of higher education in the UK, whether at private colleges or public universities, as well as students from the remaining EU Member States studying at private colleges (but not at public universities).

The Guardian newspaper has reported that around 7 500 Romanian and Bulgarian students in the UK found that their maintenance loans had been suspended without warning, even though these loans had been approved at the start of the 2013-2014 academic year.

Can the Commission clarify whether this measure is compatible with the *acquis communautaire*?