

**Question for written answer E-004135/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Students studying in other EU Member States

Under the principle of freedom of movement, EU university students have the right to study in another Member State and to pay the same course fees as domestic students from that country. However, they are not entitled to the same support or maintenance grants or loans as domestic students. Each Member State appears to set its own standards, and this even varies between universities in the same Member State.

1. What is the Commission doing to help students who are denied funding both in their home country and in their country of study?
2. Is the Commission planning any measures to address these differences in entitlements between Member States in the future?
3. Are exemptions from local community taxes for domestic students but not other EU students legal under EU law?
4. To what extent are EU universities allowed to provide student benefits (e.g. free transport passes, special subsidies for activities, etc.) to domestic students but not to EU students?