

**Question for written answer E-000295/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: New moves to broaden the range of Erasmus+ beneficiaries

In the run-up to the mid-term review of the Erasmus+ programme, is the Commission planning any new moves to broaden the range of programme beneficiaries?

In this connection, would it look into the idea of combining studies abroad with relevant work experience? This would provide an additional source of funds for people studying abroad and could thus result in more people wishing to take part in the programme, as some are currently unable to do so owing to the high costs involved in stays abroad. It could also help to forge closer ties between higher education and business.