

**Question for written answer E-005979/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Erasmus+ Master Loan scheme

The Erasmus+ Master Loan scheme is an important support tool under the Erasmus programme because it helps students obtain funds to take up and complete postgraduate studies abroad. However, even though almost three years have passed since the first agreement was signed with a bank offering preferential loans to students as part of Erasmus+, this scheme is still seldom used and decidedly limited in terms of geographical scope. Every year, I observe this situation with concern as part of the process for discharging the annual expenditure under the EU budget, and in this context I want to ask the Commission and the European Investment Fund: what are the reasons for the inefficient use of the aforementioned tool and what type of measures will be taken to increase its effectiveness and geographical scope?