

**Question for written answer E-002987/2019
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Spaniards' fraudulent use of Erasmus+ funds to learn Catalan

Hablamos Español, an apolitical, non-profit organisation whose aim is to defend the linguistic rights of Spanish-speakers in Spain, recently publicly condemned the use of European funds from the Erasmus+ programme for an initiative, set up by the Ministry of Education of the Balearic Islands Government and entitled Parlem Català, which encourages exchanges involving students from the Balearic Islands, Valencia and Catalonia, with a view to deepening their knowledge and understanding of Catalan as spoken in each of these regions.

The aim of the Erasmus programme is to foster linguistic and cultural exchanges between EU citizens from different Member States, using any of the official languages of the European Union.

Does the Commission consider the use of these funds for exchanges between regions of the same Member State, and using a non-official EU language, to be fraudulent?

If so, what action will it take, or what penalties will it impose?