

**Question for written answer E-003697/2019
to the Commission**

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Subject: Financial support for students with disabilities under the Erasmus+ programme

The Erasmus+ programme has helped over nine million students, teachers, apprentices and volunteers to study outside their home countries. Seen as one of the EU's most successful programmes, Erasmus+ also helps instil in participants a sense of belonging to the EU.

There is concern, however, about the low numbers of university students with disabilities who sign up for the Erasmus+ programme, accounting for less than 1% of the total. Students with disabilities – i.e. those most in need of support – are therefore being excluded from the experience of learning abroad. This is a breach of the principle of equal access to inclusive education.

With a view to ensuring that the Erasmus+ programme, which promotes the free movement of students in Europe, does not leave out students with disabilities in the period between 2021 and 2027:

1. Is the Commission intending to boost financial support by a substantial amount in order to encourage students with disabilities to participate in the Erasmus+ programme?