Question for written answer E-003079/2020 to the Commission Rule 138 Clare Daly (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Erasmus grants – proposal for a universal baseline of EUR 500 a month

For many years, financial obstacles have proven to be the single biggest deterrent to participation in mobility programmes such as Erasmus. Approximately half of all European students work while they study, and those who rely on that income to meet their living expenses find themselves structurally excluded from participating in Erasmus, as the financial support they would receive while on Erasmus is too low.

Given the manifest unfairness of this, will the Commission commit to introducing a minimum baseline grant for Erasmus students of EUR 500 a month, with the possibility of top-ups, with a view to making the Erasmus programme more inclusive?