

**Question for written answer E-004666/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: Universities in the United Kingdom

The United Kingdom shares common values, a common culture and a common history with the European Union. It is therefore desirable that social exchanges continue to be cultivated beyond what is set out in the Trade and Cooperation Agreement. It is essential that the young generation can benefit from exchanges even given the current relationship between the UK and the EU.

Many EU students have benefited from the teaching and research at UK Universities, which have an excellent reputation worldwide. Following Brexit and the UK's decision to stop participating in the Erasmus+ programme, exchanges of this kind will become more difficult. EU Students who wish to study in the United Kingdom now face financial and bureaucratic barriers.

1. How will the Commission make it easier for students from the EU to gain access to universities in the UK?
2. Does the Commission plan to create a new and equivalent programme between the EU and the UK to promote cross-border academic exchanges?
3. Does the Commission see any possibility of cooperating with the British Turing Scheme?