

**Question for written answer E-004806/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Increased cost of Erasmus+ programme for EU Citizens

Erasmus+ is the EU's programme to support education, training, youth and sport in Europe with an estimated budget of EUR 26.2 billion for 2021 and a commitment that the programme will be more inclusive, more digital, and greener than its predecessor.

With euro area annual inflation at 3.4 % in September 2021, up from 3.0 % in August 2021, students completing Erasmus+ in the majority of Member States are experiencing a greater financial burden when undertaking the programme and in some cases are now unable to participate in the programme due to the increased cost of living.

1. Noting the increased cost of living across the EU and the increased budget for the Erasmus+ programme (2021-2027), is the Commission considering a review of the grants given to successful applicants of the Erasmus+ programme?
2. Furthermore, is it considering an expansion of the Erasmus+ programme following the recent announcement that 2022 will be the European Year of Youth?