

**Question for written answer E-000595/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Switzerland's options for association arrangements with regard to EU programmes

On 26 May 2021, the Swiss Confederation terminated negotiations on an Institutional Framework Agreement between Switzerland and the European Union. Switzerland has not yet proposed a solution which would resolve the outstanding institutional issues and continue to guarantee fair access to the internal market, as existing market access agreements and other bilateral agreements will expire over time.

1. How will reciprocal market access between the two economies be ensured in the future, and does the Commission intend to conclude a specific agreement with Switzerland on continued participation in EU programmes in, for example, the areas of education (Erasmus+) and research (Horizon Europe)?
2. Would association negotiations for the current programming period be facilitated in a temporal sense if Switzerland, as requested by the Commission, swiftly submitted a proposal on future fair cohesion arrangements?
3. Does the Commission plan to revitalise relations between the EU and Switzerland following the failed negotiations on the Framework Agreement?