Following the United Kingdom’s decision not to take part in the Erasmus+ programme 2021-2027, the Ireland committed on its own initiative to providing funding to facilitate the continued access of students in Northern Ireland to Erasmus+ higher education exchanges, based on the fact that the rules for registering students at national universities represent a national competence.

It may be possible to open up further Erasmus+ actions to applicants in Northern Ireland, but this falls under the competence of the Ireland. Should the Irish authorities wish to finance that opening, such as for Discover EU, each Erasmus+ action concerned will have to be scrutinised in order to establish whether the participation of those applicants is in line with the Erasmus+ regulation.