

**Question for written answer E-002004/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Access to Erasmus+ grants

To boost, promote and improve the quality of vocational education training (VET), the EU equips Member States with the Erasmus+ programme, the purpose of which is to promote inclusion and diversity and equality of opportunity and of access. In many cases for advanced-level students at training centres in Spain, once they have obtained access to the Erasmus+ grant, they have to reject it because the amount is too low or they do not even request it in the first place because they know that the amount offered will not reach them: an advanced-level student gets less than half of the amount a medium-level student gets. As a result, doing internships abroad is not financially possible for students in some families.

1. Is there any specific scheme to step up VET grants and ensure that the paucity of financial support is not an impediment to that training?
2. Does the Commission have any tools to enable Member States to guarantee access to Erasmus+ grants and ensure that the budget is distributed fairly between the different levels of education and training and, with regard to Spain, taking advanced-level VET students into account?