

**Question for written answer E-003514/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Turkish Cypriot participation in the Erasmus+ programme

The Erasmus+ programme has over many years acquired an unparalleled reputation for providing young people with opportunities in the European Union. The European Parliament has now launched a reassessment of the programme with a view to consolidating it, correcting any shortcomings and making it genuinely accessible to all, enabling young people to get to know each other and develop a shared sense of European identity.

Unfortunately, Erasmus+ excludes many students and young people in Cyprus, that is to say Turkish Cypriot citizens of the European Union, who are thereby being deprived of the right and opportunity to participate in this great European project.

The EU is confining itself to offering a limited number of scholarships, leaving many Turkish Cypriot students and young people unable to participate.

In view of this: Can the Commission say how it plans to ensure that Turkish Cypriot students and young people are included in the Erasmus+ programme?