

**Question for oral answer O-000015/2014
to the Commission**

Rule 115

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on behalf of the Committee on Culture and Education

Subject: Internationalisation of higher education

On 11 July 2013, the Commission published a communication entitled 'European higher education in the world' (COM(2013)0499). Based on the content of that document, I wish to ask the following:

- In what ways is the Commission contributing to the efforts of Member States and higher education institutions (HEIs) to make the best use of Europe's comparative advantages and cultural assets?
- How does the Commission intend to reinforce the coherence and interoperability of the various elements making up Member States' internationalisation strategies for higher education?
- Will the Commission proceed with the development and implementation of U-Multirank, the new multidimensional international ranking tool for HEIs?
- What kind of process is the Commission willing to initiate with a view to incentivising HEIs to network and to step up their efforts to achieve 'internationalisation at home', thereby restoring and contributing to the development of human capital at local level?
- Will the Commission conduct studies on how to promote a Union role for HEIs or networks of HEIs involved in interoperability in order to promote the twin objectives of scientific and technological advancement and of economic, social and territorial cohesion, both enshrined in Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union?
- Has the Commission, without prejudice to the autonomy of HEIs, considered ways of inviting them to make use of open education resources in order to facilitate access to higher education for all, irrespective of background or financial resources?
- What kind of plan does the Commission have to aid the better mutual recognition of diplomas and the establishment of two-way mobility schemes, as well as more and better joint and double degrees?

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