

**Priority question for written answer P-002551/2021
to the Commission**

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Subject: Non-discriminatory access to higher education in Germany for 2021 school leavers from European schools in jeopardy

In question E-5452/2020 of 06.10.2020 we asked the Commission what specific action it would take to force Germany to adapt its decision on conversion for the European Baccalaureate of 14.06.2018 and replace it with a non-discriminatory decision which complies with European law. We asked in particular how the Commission intends to guarantee the rights of 2021 school leavers.

The Commission avoided taking a specific position in its response, which was issued only on 10.02.2021.

Certificates for 2021 school leavers will be awarded on 02.07.2021. They will be accompanied by a conversion certificate issued on behalf of the Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs (KMK). If the 2021 school leavers' prospects of non-discriminatory access to higher education are not to be jeopardised, the conversion certificate must not be issued on the basis of the KMK decision of 04.08.2020, which was described as discriminatory by Commissioner Hahn in his letter to Minister Hubig.

1. What specific action will the Commission now take, without delay, to enforce the rights of 2021 school leavers to non-discriminatory access to higher education, in accordance with Article 5 of the European Schools Statute, vis-a-vis the Federal Republic of Germany, as a signatory to the Statute?
2. How will the Commission ensure that the conversion certificates to be awarded on 02.07.2021 are non-discriminatory, comply with European law and do not violate the rights of school leavers?