

**Priority question for written answer P-001445/2022  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Changing the status of Ukraine for the Erasmus+ programme from 'third country not associated to the programme' to 'third country associated to the programme'

Almost half of Ukrainian children had to leave their homes during the first month of the Russian invasion.

The EU has pledged maximum support, Member States have provided Ukrainian children and young people with access to education systems and the Commission is providing support through online platforms, to name just a few measures.

Still, more can be done, which is why I am proposing to change the status of Ukraine for the Erasmus+ programme from 'third country not associated to the programme' to 'third country associated to the programme', as was done for North Macedonia, Serbia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Turkey.

The Ukrainian people clearly expressed their European aspirations during the 2013 Maidan uprising in support of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement.

On 1 March 2022, Parliament called for the EU institutions to work towards granting EU candidate status to Ukraine.

The EU needs to do everything in its power to support Ukraine's aspirations and changing its Erasmus+ status could be one of the first small steps in this direction.

I would therefore like to ask the Commission the following questions:

1. Has it established contact with its Ukrainian counterpart to initiate this change?
2. If not, does it plan to do so?
3. What is the estimated duration of the procedure?