

**Question for written answer E-000871/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Protestant schools in France not allowed to take part in Erasmus+

Erasmus+ is a worthwhile programme geared to social inclusion and youth participation. At her Parliament hearing on 12 November 2024, Roxana Mînzatu said that she would be aiming for more inclusiveness¹. Erasmus+ is largely managed by national agencies. French private schools (établissements privés hors contrat), such as Protestant schools and Montessori schools, are being excluded by the French Government from Erasmus+ Key Action 1 (Learning Mobility of Individuals). This is national gold-plating of European policy that is putting French pupils at a disadvantage by comparison with their peers in other EU countries.

1. Can the Commission confirm that Erasmus+ is intended for all pupils from all schools in the EU with nationally recognised qualifications, regardless of their legal status (private or public)?
2. Is the Commission aware that the French authorities are excluding private-school pupils and teachers from Erasmus+? If so, what does the Commission think about this?
3. What scope does the Commission see of nonetheless allowing pupils and teachers from the schools concerned to take part in Erasmus+ projects, and does the Commission intend to engage with the French authorities on this matter?

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¹ Quote: 'I will strengthen Erasmus: first, by making it more inclusive; but second, also I want to look at how we will tackle those that are more in need.'