Question for written answer E-001068/2014 to the Commission Rule 117 Sophie Auconie (PPE)

Subject: Available languages for the information on the Erasmus+ programme

The new Erasmus+ programme for 2014-2020 came into effect on 1 January 2014. Bringing together seven existing programmes and incorporating sport for the first time, it provides Europeans with a number of opportunities to study, train, work or carry out projects in a country other than their own. It thus creates an expectation among all those who wish to go and have an experience in another country of the European Union or set up a project with European partners.

The Commission has created a website containing information on this new Erasmus+ programme, but most of this information – including, in particular, the official programme guide and the information relating to the area of 'sport' – is currently only available in English. As this programme is intended for all Europeans, this does not send out a very good message because every European who does not speak English thus feels excluded from this programme.

When will the Commission publish this information in all the languages of the Union?

Why did the Commission decide to publish it only in English, thus creating a feeling of exclusion among all the citizens who do not speak English, instead of waiting until it had a translation available for all the languages before publishing?

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