

**Question for written answer E-001142/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: German conversion of the European Baccalaureate

On 12 May 2021, in Written Question P-002551/2021¹, the Commission was asked, for the second time (following Written Question E-5452/2020²), what action it would take to force Germany to adapt its decision of 14 June 2018 on the conversion of the European Baccalaureate and to replace it with a non-discriminatory decision that complies with European law. The question also asked specifically how the Commission intended to guarantee the rights of 2021 school leavers.

The Commission opened an infringement procedure against Germany on 9 June 2021.

In April 2024, the problems caused by the German conversion decision remain unsolved, and are in fact worse: the average Baccalaureate grades of European school graduates, when converted into German grades, have gone down, while German school leavers have benefited from an inflation of grades.

There is therefore an urgent need for the Commission to reinstate discrimination-free access to German universities for European school graduates from 2021 and subsequent years.

In this context, I ask the Commission:

1. What concrete steps has the Commission taken since May 2021 to address the issue of the conversion of European Baccalaureate marks into the German marking scheme?
2. How has the Commission pursued the infringement procedure and what stage has been reached (letter of formal notice or reasoned opinion)?

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¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/P-9-2021-002551_EN.html

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-9-2020-005452_EN.html