

**Question for written answer E-001551/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: Health insurance status of students abroad in the EU

The early acquisition of practical work experience by young people in other EU member states not only improves their qualifications, but also their identification with the values and goals of the EU. When studying abroad in the EU, students do not usually have to take out additional health insurance, but can access (necessary) medical care using the European Health Insurance Card. However, as soon as an employment relationship exists, for example in the form of a traineeship, different rules apply. If an Italian student undertakes a traineeship in Germany, in addition to the Italian health insurance scheme, the student must also join a German health insurance scheme in order to receive medical services. This constitutes a hurdle for students wishing to undertake a traineeship abroad in the EU.

1. To what extent is the Commission aware of this problem?
2. Does the Commission consider this to be an obstacle to the mobility of young Europeans?
3. Is the Commission seeking to encourage Member States to enable students who are also in employment to access medical services throughout the EU without having to take out additional health insurance?

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