

**Question for written answer E-002455/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Students in Malta denied recognition of qualifications due to education authority's exclusion from the European register

The Malta Further and Higher Education Authority has recently been denied entry to the European Quality Assurance Register for Higher Education following administrative and procedural shortcomings.

Such shortcomings are certainly not attributable to students who dedicate time and money to their studies.

Should students pay the price for government incompetence?

They are indeed paying the price.

Hundreds of Maltese and foreign students studying in private colleges in Malta are, in fact, facing huge uncertainty and distress as their studies are no longer recognised abroad.

This situation poses a threat to the free movement of professionals and the mutual recognition of qualifications (Article 53(1) TFEU) to facilitate access to professional activities and to grant the conditions for the single market (Article 26 TFEU).

Given the above:

1. What urgent measures could the Commission take to resolve the situation in time for students' graduation in September this year?
2. In the absence of a speedy solution guaranteeing students' rights to enjoy free movement through the recognition of their qualifications, will the Commission immediately consider further action for the effective implementation of EU law in Malta, without delay?

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