

**Question for written answer E-002703/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Rechannelling of RRP funds towards maintaining scholarships and ensuring equitable access to education in Romania

The Romanian Ministry of Education has announced that it may cut grants for students and schoolchildren. According to the data submitted by student organisations, reducing the scholarship fund by around 40 % would mean fewer beneficiaries and much lower amounts per student or schoolchild, when those from disadvantaged backgrounds already experience major difficulties in accessing education.

Given the crucial role of education in the development of society and the principles of equal opportunities, promoted at EU level, I would like to put the following question:

Can funds from the National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP) or other sources of EU funding be redirected or supplemented in order to support scholarships for students and schoolchildren in Romania, so as to ensure continuity and equity in access to education for all young people, regardless of their backgrounds?

I believe that such a measure would make a significant contribution to preventing early school and university leaving, to reducing poverty and to supporting Romania's objectives on social inclusion and human capital development within the ambit of the European Union.

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