

Question for written answer E-002748/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Transparency and audit issues in relation to the Erasmus+ programme

Recently, there have been an increasing number of reports from European countries relating to the existence of organised networks of fake youth organisations that are certified under the Erasmus+ programme and receive funding via the competent national agencies in the Member States¹.

In Greece, according to the last four Erasmus+ evaluations announced by the Greek national agency competent for the programme (INEDIVIM – EL-02), a number of approved applicants could be found neither physically nor online. They have no online or social media presence, they are not known to local communities and they are not actively involved in Greek youth civil society.

In view of the above, can the Commission say:

1. What measures will it take to tackle fake organisations that have a PIC number and submit applications using artificial intelligence?
2. How can it check whether the Greek national agency for Erasmus+ (INEDIVIM – EL-02) has approved or funded entities that do not exist?
3. Does it intend to request the assistance of the European Public Prosecutor's Office for an in-depth review of the use of European funds under the Erasmus+ programme?

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¹ <https://www.sardegna.gov.it/fondi-erasmus-nel-mirino-per-frode/>;
<https://agence.erasmusplus.fr/2020/04/28/pratiques-frauduleuses-autour-du-programme-erasmus-demeurez-vigilants/>.