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Subject: Access to accommodation for staff from third countries participating in Erasmus+ exchanges

Erasmus+ plays a key role in strengthening academic cooperation between the EU and third countries, including Japan. During a recent mission by Parliament's Delegation for Relations with Japan, the Japanese Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology highlighted the housing difficulties encountered by Japanese scholars participating in Erasmus+ exchanges in the EU.

Despite the commitment under the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education to provide active support in finding accommodation, practical implementation appears to vary significantly, and the specific needs of scholars, distinct from those of students, are not always adequately considered. Furthermore, the housing situation in Europe has changed drastically in recent years.

In this context, and given the EU's ambition to become a global research hub through the 'Choose Europe' initiative:

1. Does the Commission have any specific measures in place or planned to improve housing support for scholars, particularly those from third countries like Japan?
2. What checks are done during the Erasmus Charter award process regarding the institution's capacity to support accommodation needs?
3. Does the Commission monitor the implementation of this provision once the Charter has been awarded, and how does it assess overall access to housing within Erasmus+?

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