

Question for written answer E-003961/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Access to English-language university programmes in Greece - Discrimination against EU citizens with Greek or dual citizenship

According to Greek Law 4957/2022 and relevant circulars of the Ministry of Education, English-language undergraduate programmes at Greek universities are intended exclusively for foreign students. In practice, citizens who hold Greek citizenship - regardless of whether they also hold another European citizenship - or whose parents are Greek, are excluded from enrolling in these programmes.¹

This regulation appears to introduce discrimination on grounds of nationality or national origin, contrary to Article 21 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and Directive 2000/43/EC, both of which prohibit discrimination in access to education.²

In light of the above:

1. Does the Commission consider that the exclusion of students with Greek or dual nationality from English-language programmes constitutes a violation of the principles of equal treatment and non-discrimination on grounds of nationality?
2. If the Commission has not initiated an investigation or dialogue with the Greek authorities on this issue, does it intend to do so?
3. What specific measures does the Commission intend to take to ensure that access to EU university programmes is not subject to discrimination against citizens of the Union?

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¹ <https://www.esos.gr/arthra/90588/dieykriniseis-gia-tin-eggrafi-allodapon-foititon-sta-xenoglossa-programmata-spoydon>

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EL/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32000L0043>