

Question for written answer E-004380/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Extension of the Erasmus+ programme to Algeria and Syria

On 16 October 2025, the Commission announced its intention to extend the Erasmus+ programme to countries in the Maghreb and the Middle East, including Algeria and Syria.

This announcement raises serious concerns, as Algeria is stepping up its diplomatic attacks against France, refusing to take back dangerous or convicted Algerian nationals and repressing freedom of expression, as evidenced by the case of writer Boualem Sansal.

Meanwhile, the current Syrian regime stands accused of committing war crimes and serious abuses, particularly against the Alawite minority, and has links with terrorist organisations, such as Al-Qaeda.

This announcement therefore raises major security concerns, particularly with regard to visas and migration control, since academic mobility programmes can be used as a point of entry or means of circumventing the security measures applicable to third-country nationals.

At the same time, the Commission is maintaining its suspension of Hungarian institutions from the Erasmus+ programme in the name of the ‘rule of law’.

1. How does the Commission justify such moral and political inconsistency towards Hungary?
2. In view of the migration risks that could result from opening up the Erasmus+ programme to unstable and hostile regimes, how does the Commission intend to guarantee the security of Member States?

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