

**Question for written answer E-004395/2025
to the Commission**

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Subject: Risk of diverting Erasmus+ from its European vocation

On 16 October 2025, the Commission presented the ‘Mediterranean Pact’, which provides for the extension of Erasmus+ to several Mediterranean countries, including Algeria, Syria and the Palestinian territories.

Opening Erasmus+ to countries marked by authoritarianism and serious human rights violations would distort its very nature.

According to the Commissioner for the Mediterranean, one of the objectives of the pact is to ‘facilitate the issuing of visas’ and to ‘open legal pathways’, thereby acknowledging the transformation of Erasmus+ into a migration instrument.

Algeria is currently holding two European citizens arbitrarily, and warnings have already been issued regarding the use of Erasmus+ funds, notably following the case of Gaziantep University (Turkey).

1. How does the Commission justify betraying the fundamental values of the EU by cooperating with regimes that violate human rights, without consulting Parliament?
2. How can the Commission guarantee that Erasmus+ will remain a European and educational programme, while respecting the will of Member States to control immigration?
3. Has the Commission taken note of Parliament’s vote on the 2026 budget prohibiting any funding of entities linked to Islamism, terrorism or antisemitism, and how does it intend to take this into account in this matter?

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