

Question for written answer E-004493/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: The risks and costs of expanding Erasmus+ at the expense of European students and taxpayers

The Commission's proposal to extend Erasmus+ to students from North Africa and the Middle East raises serious concerns about public safety and the waste of European taxpayers' money. These measures place the interests of third countries above those of EU nationals.

In light of the above, could the Commission please clarify:

1. What specific security guarantees does the Commission offer to ensure that the programme does not become a new channel for uncontrolled migration or a tool for criminals, and will Member States retain the absolute sovereign right to refuse entry to persons who pose a threat?
2. How many million euros of taxpayers' money does the Commission intend to spend on this project, how many non-EU students will participate in it, and will the partner countries, which are often unstable, contribute in any way to the funding, or will this be a unilateral transfer of funds at Europe's expense?
3. How does the Commission intend to protect our students, has an assessment been made of how a mass influx of non-EU candidates will affect universities, and will the Commission guarantee that not a single place and not a single euro will be taken away from EU students?

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