

Question for written answer E-005055/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Accessibility of the Erasmus+ programme in the context of the rising cost of living

The Erasmus+ programme plays a key role in ensuring equal access to educational mobility, but the rising cost of living in major university cities increasingly exceeds the real value of the scholarships being offered.

The ongoing housing crisis in Western Europe and the rapid rise in rental prices are leading to a situation where students from lower-income countries face financial barriers that prevent them from participating in the programme.

Without the swift indexation of grants, there is a risk that mobility will become a privilege available mainly to the more affluent, which undermines the programme's inclusive nature and social relevance.

I would therefore ask the Commission to answer the following questions:

1. Is the Commission considering introducing a mechanism for the rapid updating of flat-rate grants so that they reflect the actual costs of rent in specific university cities, rather than just general inflation rates?
2. Does the Commission plan to develop new categories of support that take into account price differences between regions and the possible provision of higher grants in locations which Eurostat data show to have particularly high costs of living?
3. Is the Commission considering the introduction of additional support instruments, such as housing subsidies or emergency assistance mechanisms, to ensure that those students most at risk of economic exclusion can participate in the programme?

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