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Subject: Erasmus Mundus: academic excellence programme or migration pathway?

Presented as an instrument of academic excellence and international university cooperation, the Erasmus Mundus programme provides funding for third-country nationals to come to the EU, as well as partnerships with institutions outside the EU.

Against a backdrop of high budgetary tensions and migratory pressures, and with some universities being entry routes to European territory, this policy raises legitimate questions. In addition, a series of controversies relating to the funding of problematic institutions mean there is a call for greater transparency.

1. Can the Commission specify the proportion of third-country nationals among the beneficiaries of the Erasmus Mundus programme, which countries they come from, and the total amount of funding allocated to them?

2. Does it monitor what becomes of the beneficiaries after their studies, in particular in the event that they stay in the EU, abandon their studies or abuse the initial purpose of stay?

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