

**Question for written answer E-003948/2026/rev.1
to the Commission**
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Subject: Erasmus+ Sport – mismatch between participation barriers and project design

Sport contributes EUR 627.5 billion to EU GDP (3.4 %) and supports 9.27 million jobs. Yet, the Special Eurobarometer 574 report (2026) identifies significant barriers to participation, including lack of time (37 %), lack of motivation (26 %) and insufficient infrastructure (7 %). Despite these findings, Erasmus+ Sport (2014-2020, EUR 196.9 million total) emphasises training and methodology – approaches that cannot address the documented barriers. In addition, geographical disparities are severe: Italy coordinated 188 projects, Czechia 18. Only 8 % of projects (41 out of 515) address disability inclusion. This raises the question of whether Erasmus+ Sport targets citizens' needs or operates on untested assumptions about training impact.

1. What proportion of 2025-2027 funding will target infrastructure and accessibility rather than training?
2. Sport generates EUR 627.5 billion in EU GDP and supports 9.27 million jobs. Erasmus+ Sport allocates approximately EUR 28 million annually. Will this budget be increased to reflect the importance of sport?
3. Research documents weak project methodology, limited focus on inclusion, and extreme geographical concentration. Will the Commission publish information focusing on explicit quality evaluation standards, success rates by Member State, and capacity-building support for low-participation countries?

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