

**Question for written answer E-004067/2026
to the Commission**

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Subject: Mobilisation of Europe's young people in support of education and respect for the right to demonstrate

In recent months, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy, Bulgaria, Romania and now France have seen young people taking a stand to protest against their school and living conditions. In too many cases, the response has been a disproportionate use of force, resulting in a high number of injuries.

These movements are reacting to the same reality: cuts in funding for schools, higher education and young people in all Member States. In the absence of fair taxation, and with tax evasion persisting even within the EU itself, European fiscal rules are forcing Member States to reduce their spending rather than making the wealthiest contribute. Yet education is an investment in the future.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission intend to exclude spending on education from deficit calculations so that Member States can invest in their young people?
2. Does the lack of resources, teachers, infrastructure and teaching teams constitute an infringement of Article 14 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union?
3. Will it examine the repeated infringements of Articles 11 and 12 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights, notably in France, and, if appropriate, refer the matter to the Court of Justice of the European Union?

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