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**Question for written answer E-003801/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Follow-up question to E-001924/2025

In its response to Question E-001924/2025 ⁽¹⁾, the Commission stated that since 2014, a sum of EUR 3.79 billion has been used to finance approximately 50 000 projects aimed at developing a European identity.

1. How many organisations received financial support from the Commission in the context of these projects and how many countries were they from?
2. Does the Commission know whether this enormous sum actually contributed to increased civic engagement, since this was a goal the Commission had outlined?
3. How does the Commission define a ‘sense of European identity’ in concrete terms?

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**Answer given by Mr Micallef on behalf of the European Commission
(11 February 2026)**

Since 2014, over 72 000 organisations participated in projects that addressed, as one of their objectives, the Erasmus+ programme priority ‘Participation in democratic life, common values and civic engagement’. Organisations from more than 122 countries have participated in these projects.

The large majority of these projects fostered learning mobility of individuals and cooperation among organisations and institutions in all EU Members States and six countries associated to the programme.

The programme continues to play an essential role in raising awareness of shared EU values and has had a positive impact in supporting participation in democratic life and civic engagement.

Stakeholder feedback was positive on programme's role in promoting democratic values: 88% of respondents to the public consultation agreed that the programme performed well in promoting common EU values and strengthened European identity, and 75% confirmed the programme's performance regarding fostering active citizenship and participation in democratic life ⁽¹⁾.

The general objective of the Erasmus+ programme, set in Article 3 of its Regulation ⁽²⁾, includes strengthening European identity and active citizenship.

While the concept of European identity is complex and shaped by many factors ⁽³⁾, it is often understood as a sense of belonging, rooted in shared values, history, and ongoing cultural and political dialogue, while complementing local, regional, and national identities.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-001924_EN.html

⁽¹⁾ <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/data-evaluations-statistics/evaluation>.

⁽²⁾ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/817/oj/eng>.

⁽³⁾ [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2017/585921/IPOL_STU\(2017\)585921_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2017/585921/IPOL_STU(2017)585921_EN.pdf).