

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-003861/25
to the Commission
Piotr Müller (ECR)
(2 October 2025)**

Subject: EU student mobility to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

The EU-UK Summit of 19 May 2025 addressed, among other things, the issue of student mobility following Brexit. One of the points of discussion was the possibility of the UK rejoining the Erasmus+ programme. This issue is also closely tied to the question of reinstating lower tuition fees for EU students at UK universities. The possibility of this education being funded by Erasmus+ is also of note here.

Accessible university education at the highest level and taking advantage of student mobility is at the heart of young Europeans' interests.

In the light of the above:

1. Since the summit, has the Commission made any progress in negotiations with the United Kingdom on the country rejoining the Erasmus+ programme and, if so, what kind of progress?
2. Has the Commission engaged in discussions with the UK authorities on reducing tuition fees for EU students at UK universities and, if so, what was the result?
3. Is the Commission considering any changes to the financial instruments linked to the Erasmus+ programme that could support students choosing to study in the United Kingdom despite the country not participating in the programme?

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**Answer given by Mr Šefčovič on behalf of the European Commission
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1. On the basis of the EU-UK Common Understanding, the Commission and the United Kingdom have concluded their negotiations on the United Kingdom's association to Erasmus+ on 17 December 2025. The United Kingdom is set to join the programme as of 1 January 2027, subject to both sides formalising the conclusion of the negotiations in accordance with their respective procedures and legal framework.

2. The Commission and the United Kingdom agreed in the Common Understanding ⁽¹⁾ to work towards a Youth Experience Scheme. The Youth Experience Scheme '*should facilitate the participation of young people from the European Union and the United Kingdom in various activities, [...], studies...*'. Following the adoption of the Council Decision (EU) 2025/1286 ⁽²⁾, the negotiations started in September last year.

The level of tuition fees is an important factor determining whether young EU citizens will move to the United Kingdom to study. Therefore, the Commission has been raising this issue with the United Kingdom.

3. Once the United Kingdom joins the Erasmus+ programme on 1 January 2027, students who will be studying in the United Kingdom during the academic year 2027/2028 with Erasmus+ support, awarded further to the 2027 call for proposals, will benefit from the same conditions applying to Erasmus+ students in an EU Member State or another third country associated to the programme.

⁽¹⁾ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/statement_25_1267.

⁽²⁾ Council Decision (EU) 2025/1286 of 20 June 2025 authorising the opening of negotiations with the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland for an agreement on a youth experience scheme, OJ L, 2025/1286, 1.7.2025.