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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Mînzatu
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Recognition of credits earned during a study mobility is a cornerstone of the Erasmus+ programme as set out in the Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE) and reinforced by the Council Recommendation on automatic recognition in 2018¹. Moreover, improving the implementation of European Credit accumulation and Transfer System (ECTS) is a key commitment within the European Higher Education Area (EHEA).

The Commission monitors the credit recognition at European and national level and published data in the Council Recommendation implementation report² and the Erasmus+ annual reports³.

The Erasmus+ National Agencies are responsible for the monitoring of the ECHE provisions, including full automatic recognition of student mobility credits, based on the feedback from Erasmus+ students and their higher education institutions. In case a National Agency detects recurring non-satisfactory recognition rates from an institution holding the ECHE, it can take gradual follow-up measures to oblige this institution to improve their recognition rate. Ultimately, if the institution does not remedy the situation, the National Agency can ask the Commission to withdraw the ECHE from this institution.

In preparing for the next Erasmus+ programme post-2027, the Commission will review the learning agreement and its guidance. The Commission is also chairing the 2027 review of the ECTS Users' Guide in the context of the EHEA. The aim of this review is to strengthen its implementation, adapt it to current developments and make sure that students can fully benefit from it. Moreover, the Communication 'The Union of Skills'⁴ provides for the development of a common European framework for automatic recognition of, among others, learning periods abroad, by the end of 2027.

¹ OJ C 444, 10.12.2018 (https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=oj:JOC_2018_444_R_0001).

² <https://education.ec.europa.eu/education-levels/higher-education/inclusive-and-connected-higher-education/automatic-recognition-of-qualifications>.

³ <https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/resources-and-tools/statistics-and-factsheets>.

⁴ COM/2025/90 final, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025DC0090>.