

Continuation of ongoing learning mobility activities under the Erasmus+ programme in the context of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU

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The Committee on Culture and Education adopted the report by Bogdan Andrzej ZDROJEWSKI (EPP, PL) on the proposal for a regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down provisions for the continuation of ongoing learning mobility activities under the Erasmus+ programme in the context of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (“United Kingdom”) from the European Union.

The Commission's proposal sets out contingency measures for the Erasmus+ programme in the event of a no-deal Brexit (i.e. the UK leaving the Union on 29 March 2019 without a withdrawal agreement in place).

It aims to enable people participating in the Erasmus+ programme to continue their exchange programme without interruption, without losing credits and with continued financial support.

The committee recommended that the European Parliament adopt its position at first reading without amending the text of the Commission proposal. However, it has introduced an amendment to clarify that, in view of the urgency of the procedure, it seemed appropriate to provide for an exception to the eight-week period granted to national parliaments to respond to legislative proposals, in accordance with Article 4 of Protocol No 1 to the EU Treaty, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community.