Basic information

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Continuation of ongoing learning mobility activities under the Erasmus+ programme in the context of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the EU **Subject** 4.10.13 Sport 4.40.01 European area for education, training and lifelong learning 4.40.10 Youth 4.40.15 Vocational education and training 4.40.20 Cooperation and agreements in the fields of education, training and youth **Geographical area** United Kingdom	

Key players

European Parliament

Committee responsible	Rapporteur	Appointed
CULT Culture and Education	ZDROJEWSKI Bogdan Andrzej (PPE)	04/02/2019

Council of the European Union

Council configuration	Meetings	Date
General Affairs	3682	2019-03-19

European Commission

Commission DG	Commissioner
Education, Youth, Sport and Culture	KATAINEN Jyrki

European Economic and Social Committee

European Committee of the Regions

Key events

Date	Event	Reference	Summary
30/01/2019	Legislative proposal published	COM(2019)0065	Summary
30/01/2019	Committee referral announced in Parliament, 1st reading		
20/02/2019	Vote in committee, 1st reading		
21/02/2019	Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading	A8-0082/2019	Summary

13/03/2019	Decision by Parliament, 1st reading	T8-0167/2019	Summary
13/03/2019	Results of vote in Parliament		
19/03/2019	Act adopted by Council after Parliament's 1st reading		
25/03/2019	Final act signed		
27/03/2019	End of procedure in Parliament		
27/03/2019	Final act published in Official Journal		

Technical information

Procedure reference	2019/0030(COD)
Procedure type	COD - Ordinary legislative procedure (ex-codecision procedure)
Procedure subtype	Legislation
Legislative instrument	Regulation
Legal basis	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 166-p4 Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union TFEU 165-p4
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Mandatory consultation of other institutions	European Economic and Social Committee European Committee of the Regions
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	CULT/8/15446

Documentation gateway

European Parliament

Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE634.693	05/02/2019	
Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading		A8-0082/2019	21/02/2019	Summary
Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading		T8-0167/2019	13/03/2019	Summary

Council of the EU

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European Commission

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Legislative proposal	COM(2019)0065	30/01/2019	Summary
Commission response to text adopted in plenary	SP(2019)393	30/04/2019	

National parliaments

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Contribution	ES_PARLIAMENT	COM(2019)0065	04/03/2019	
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Other institutions and bodies

Institution/body	Document type	Reference	Date	Summary
EESC	Economic and Social Committee: opinion, report	CES0768/2019	20/02/2019	

Additional information

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Final act

Regulation 2019/0499
OJ L 085I 27.03.2019, p. 0032 Summary

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

2019/0030(COD) - 27/03/2019 - Final act

PURPOSE: to ensure the continuation of Erasmus+ activities in the event of Brexit without a withdrawal agreement.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Regulation (EU) 2019/499 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down provisions for the continuation of ongoing learning mobility activities under the Erasmus+ programme established by Regulation (EU) No 1288/2013, in the context of the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the Union.

CONTENT: the Regulation lays down emergency measures for the Erasmus + programme in the event of Brexit without a withdrawal agreement. 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 Regulation thus aims to ensure that:

- the ongoing mobility activities for education and training purposes under the Erasmus+ programme having started no later than the date on which the Treaties cease to apply in the United Kingdom are not disrupted;

- students and trainees staying abroad when the United Kingdom withdraws from the United Kingdom may complete their studies and continue to receive the corresponding funding or scholarships.

For the purposes of the continuation of financing of ongoing learning mobility activities from the Union budget, the Commission and the United Kingdom shall agree to allow the exercise of controls and audits of the respective activities. If the necessary controls and audits cannot be carried out, this shall be considered a serious deficiency in the management and control system.

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 28.3.2019. The Regulation shall apply from the day following that on which the Treaties cease to apply to the United Kingdom pursuant to Article 50(3) of the TEU.

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

2019/0030(COD) - 30/01/2019 - Legislative proposal

PURPOSE: to protect the rights of Erasmus+ participants in the event of Brexit without a withdrawal agreement.

PROPOSED ACT: Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council.

ROLE OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: the European Parliament decides in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure and on an equal footing with the Council.

BACKGROUND: a withdrawal agreement was concluded between the Union and the United Kingdom and endorsed by the European Council (Article 50) on 25 November 2018. However, its ratification in the United Kingdom is uncertain. This proposal is part of a package of emergency measures proposed by the Commission to deal with a possible withdrawal from the European Union without the United Kingdom's agreement.

The Erasmus+ programme supports actions in the fields of education and training, youth and sport. Every year, it provides nearly 800 000 people the opportunity to benefit from learning or training abroad. Mobility activities can last up to 12 months.

The Commission estimates that by the time the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland withdraws from the European Union, there will be almost 14 000 learners from EU-27 post-Brexit (students and trainees in higher education and vocational education and training, young learners, educational staff) in the United Kingdom and some 7 000 learners from the United Kingdom within EU-27 post-Brexit.

In the absence of an agreement, the current participants would not be able to complete their Erasmus+ semester, and may no longer benefit from scholarships. Many students would lose their university credits and be forced to repeat their semester or academic year, which would have a disruptive effect both on the students themselves and on their home and host institutions.

Urgent measures are needed to avoid disruption of mobility activities for education and training purposes under Erasmus+ in which the United Kingdom participates at the time of its withdrawal from the European Union.

CONTENT: the proposed Regulation ensures that, in the absence of a withdrawal agreement, young people from the European Union and the United Kingdom participating in the Erasmus+ programme as of 30 March 2019 shall be able to complete their stay without interruption, complete their studies and continue to receive the corresponding funding or grants.

For the purposes of the continuation of financing of ongoing learning mobility activities from the Union budget, the Commission and the United Kingdom should agree to allow the exercise of controls and audits of the respective activities. If the necessary controls and audits cannot be carried out, this should be considered a serious deficiency in the management and control system.

This Regulation should enter into force as a matter of urgency and should apply from the date following that on which the Treaties cease to apply to and in the United Kingdom unless a withdrawal agreement concluded with the United Kingdom has entered into force by that date.

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

2019/0030(COD) - 13/03/2019 - Text adopted by Parliament, 1st reading/single reading

The European Parliament adopted by 651 votes to 9, with 10 abstentions, a legislative resolution 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 European Parliament adopted its position at first reading under the ordinary legislative procedure without amending the Commission proposal.

The 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.

To allow the ongoing mobility activities to continue to be financed from the Union budget, the Commission and the United Kingdom should agree to allow controls and audits of their respective activities to be carried out. The inability to carry out the necessary controls and audits would be considered a serious deficiency in the management and control system.

The Regulation should enter into force as a matter of urgency on the day following its publication in the Official Journal of the European Union and should apply from the day following the day on which the Treaties cease to apply in the United Kingdom, unless a withdrawal agreement with the United Kingdom has entered into force on that date.

Parliament has introduced an amendment to clarify that, in view of the urgency of the procedure, it was considered appropriate to provide for an exception to the eight-week period referred to in Article 4 of Protocol No 1 on the role of national parliaments in the European Union, annexed to the TEU, to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union and to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community.

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

2019/0030(COD) - 21/02/2019 - Committee report tabled for plenary, 1st reading/single reading

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.