

I am one of the 2,344 European Movement UK supporters who contacted my MP about Erasmus+. While I was pleased to have received a reply from my MP the response, I got was disappointing...

However, it did let me see the arguments the government is using to defend staying out of Erasmus+ - and they just don't hold weight.

Here's what they're saying about Erasmus+ and why it isn't true:

1. My MP claimed that the £110 million allocated to the Turing Scheme is a valid replacement for Erasmus+. Erasmus's budget was approximately €16.4 billion for the period 2021-2027, offering far more resources for international exchanges – Turing's budget pales in comparison.

2. My MP focused on Turing's support for universities, schools, and further education colleges but missed out the fact that The Turing Scheme has a far narrower focus than Erasmus+. As a result, youth clubs, nurseries and secondary schools in my local area who used to benefit from Erasmus+ are missing out.

3. Plus, my MP stated that Turing has a greater focus on young people from lower socio-economic backgrounds. But according to [the latest figures](#), participation in the Turing Scheme remains skewed towards students from more privileged socio-economic backgrounds. Erasmus+ *actually* offered more generous funding to those from a lower socio-economic background.

Will you give your MP the real facts about Erasmus+, and let them know that we have to rejoin the programme to restore vital opportunities for young people?

Write to your MP today

Many thanks,

Martin Taylor