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**What will we do?**

1. Advocate for the UK Government to ensure Erasmus+ programmes are protected, post-Brexit.

**What is the background to this?**

1. On 8th January 2020, Westminster Parliament passed a bill that ensured the Government was not required to negotiate for the continuation of Erasmus+, post-Brexit.[[1]](#footnote-1)
2. Languages students, as part of their degree, are required to complete a year abroad. The vast majority of those students complete their year abroad through the Erasmus+ programme.
3. Currently, 53% of UK university students who study abroad do so through the scheme. [In 2017](https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/4e5c3e1c-1f0b-11e9-8d04-01aa75ed71a1/language-en/format-PDF/source-search), 16,561 UK students participated in Erasmus+, while 31,727 EU nationals came to the UK.[[2]](#footnote-2)

**What beliefs motivate these actions?**

1. The experience of studying abroad should be protected for and accessible to all relevant students.
2. As part of the University Strategy 2025, we must ensure that students can develop themselves in a Global experience.
3. For those students studying languages, the ability to apply their education in an immersive context is of paramount importance and a very well enjoyed experience.

1. <https://www.channel4.com/news/factcheck/factcheck-has-the-government-pulled-the-uk-out-of-erasmus> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-47293927> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)