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Scotland and Wales future in the Erasmus Programme

Dear Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, dear Commissioner Mariya Gabriel,

Following the end of the transition period and the conclusion of the negotiations with the United Kingdom, we are writing to you regarding the following matter:

As voiced by many on both sides of the Channel, we are deeply saddened and concerned to have learnt that the **Government of the United Kingdom decided to leave the Erasmus programme.**

The Erasmus programme has proven to have a significant impact on young people's lives in Europe - not only on their language, cultural and personal skills, but also on their motivation **to strengthen a peaceful and solidary European society.**

We would like to address the following questions as we recognise a pronounced aspiration coming from **Scotland and Wales to enable students and young professionals to continue participating in this programme:**

- Do you see a pathway to extend the benefits of Erasmus Programme to students and young professionals in Scotland and Wales?
- Would you consider Scotland and Wales as entities as mentioned in the interinstitutional agreement text on the future regulation for the Erasmus Programme?
- Have you been in contact with the respective above mentioned governments and, if not, would you be willing to further pursue this matter in a direct exchange?

We are looking forward to receiving clarifications on this matter and thank you in advance for your answer.

Yours sincerely,

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