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Dear Mr Durkan,

The European Commission is grateful to the Oireachtas Joint Committee on European Affairs for its contribution to the Green paper "Learning Mobility of Young People" {COM(2009)329} adopted by the Commission on 8 July 2009. In particular, the Commission thanks the Irish Parliament for its support to the new Strategic Framework for European Cooperation in Education and Training (ET2020) in general and the idea of learning mobility for all young people in particular.

The European Commission notes with interest the proposal to organise visits by Erasmus alumni to second level schools to raise awareness of the programme and would like to point to a similar initiative that has been launched in Germany (<http://europamachtschule.de>).

The Commission has now started the analysis of the contributions which have been received as a result of the consultation launched through the Green paper. This analysis will help the Commission to develop the initiative "Youth on the Move" proposed by President Barroso as part of the new Europe 2020 strategy in his guidelines for the incoming Commission. It aims at giving, by 2020, all young people in Europe the possibility to spend a part of their educational pathway in other Member States.

I look forward to developing our policy dialogue further in the future.

Yours sincerely

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