I run a teacher training centre in Edinburgh. Although a private organisation, we have been working with all Local Authorities in Scotland since starting the business in 1999. One of the key areas of our business is to run training session for Primary, Secondary and FE teachers in France and Spain. These immersion courses take place under the Erasmus+ programme and successful applicants get a European grant to attend our courses. The grant covers travel expenses, course fee and accommodation. Last July alone, we had over 150 teachers from all parts of Scotland. The course has been designed to support teachers/schools implementing the Scottish Government 1+2 policy on languages, it enhances teachers' confidence in learning and teaching French/Spanish. In the process, teachers share good practice with other teachers from around Scotland and the rest of Europe. With Brexit, this opportunity might not be available to our teachers any more. This could also be the end of our training centre and potential unemployment for all our international staff working with us: French, Scottish, Spanish, German, and bi-nationals like myself.

I am very keen therefore to make sure that we retain the right to take part in European Educational programmes such as 2020. It is important for our teachers, our young people and our businesses in Scotland.