

**Question for written answer E-008577/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Programmes for persons with disabilities

The ageing population in the European Union is an issue affecting all the Member States and is in turn creating a new set of problems requiring fresh solutions.

The European Union and its Member States should, for example, consider the difficulties facing elderly people with visual and hearing impairments.

How does the Commission intend to support the efforts of local and regional authorities in the Member States to provide the necessary facilities for them in specialised institutions, particularly when they are from less privileged backgrounds, are without families or are unable to afford care should the need for it arise?