

**Question for written answer E-010636/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Ivan Jakovčić (ALDE)**

Subject: Unemployment and impaired ability to communicate of persons with special needs

Disabled persons or persons with special needs are a group of our fellow citizens towards whom we must express particular solidarity.

In a large number of its decisions and in numerous actual cases the European Union has shown how much it cares about the treatment of those persons. However, in almost all EU Member States persons with special needs encounter significant problems. Moreover, there is unfortunately a huge difference among EU Member States as regards the specific needs of the above persons. The problems these persons are faced with are numerous, but I would like to draw attention to two in particular: their unemployment and impaired ability to communicate.

I would like to ask the Commission the following questions:

1. Will the Commission equalise the legally prescribed standards related to the employment of persons with special needs in public services as well as in other institutions and companies?
2. Is the Commission ready to co-finance and build a communication system that would remove physical barriers which impede persons with special needs?
3. Is the Commission ready to co-finance a promotional campaign throughout Europe which will sensitise EU citizens to respect our fellow citizens with special needs?