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Subject: The use of the Structural Funds to support persons with disabilities

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, ratified by the European Union in 2010, guarantees the full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by all persons with disabilities.

This guarantee is central to the European Disability Strategy 2010 – 2020, which is supported financially by the European Social Fund. However, the vast majority of funding seems to be predominantly aimed at improving facilities, with only a small part going to directly supporting disabled persons and to promoting their active inclusion in society.

- Can the Commission indicate to what extent the Structural Funds provided for disability support in the programming period 2014 – 2020 will be used to finance the renovation of private nursing homes for the disabled or for the elderly, thus promoting institutionalisation at the expense of the projects for independent living openly promoted by Article 19 of the UN Convention?
- Can it provide data relating to money provided by the European Social Fund for disability support during the period 2007 – 2013 which was used to finance the renovation of private nursing homes for the disabled or for the elderly in Italy, and of similar facilities in Europe, with separate data for each year and for each Member State?