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Subject:     Signing an identity document

On 30 October 2014, Simone Parma, a person who has a physical disability caused by muscular dystrophy, was unable to sign an identity document at the population registry in order to secure its renewal, because of his illness. The document was issued to him with the endorsement 'incapable'.

This means that in future he will have to appoint a guardian or proxy in order to be able to exercise his will, despite the fact that there is nothing wrong with his intellectual faculties, in which respect he is perfectly self-sufficient, and that he is eminently capable of understanding and taking decisions: this will seriously restrict his self-determination and be a financial burden on him.

There are other ways of signifying one's identity and intent, such as a thumbprint, electronic signature or seal, but in Italy none of these is accepted.

What is the European Union's position on this important issue? Has it been addressed in other Member States, and if so, how?