

**Question for written answer E-007994/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Rights of the Roma community and persons with a disability in Serbia

The Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights, Nils Muižnieks, visited Serbia from 16 to 20 March 2015. At the end of his visit, the Commissioner expressed particular concern about the situation of persons with a disability and the Roma community there.

Serbia was granted EU candidate status in March 2012 and therefore needs to introduce a range of reforms in order to meet the EU's accession criteria.

1. What improvements in the area of human rights does Serbia need to make?
2. Has specific reference been made to the situation of persons with a disability and the Roma community?
3. What steps has the EU taken to encourage Serbia to remedy its shortcomings in the area of human rights?