

**Question for written answer E-008665/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Siôn Simon (S&D)

Subject: Accessibility of venues for Commission-sourced events

Recently a constituent from my region attended a Commission event at which accessibility for a wheelchair user was essential. Sadly, despite assurances beforehand, the event was not accessible for the constituent as the venue only had temporary, unsafe access ramps, in breach of relevant accessibility and health and safety legislation.

Does the Commission agree that this situation is totally unacceptable for an organisation that should be leading on issues such as accessibility?

When hiring rooms/venues for events, does the Commission, as a prerequisite, select venues that are fully accessible for disabled people, such as wheelchair users?