

**Question for written answer E-007412/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: EU Disability Card

According to a Council recommendation of 2008, the use of preferential parking in Member States, like the use of the Blue Card for people with reduced mobility, falls within an EU standardised model which is operable in both the Member State of residence and any other Member State.

Despite pilot projects, currently there is no mutual recognition of disability status between EU Member States: this makes things difficult for persons with disabilities travelling to other Member States, as their national disability cards might not be recognised. The EU Disability Card will ensure equal access to certain specific benefits, mainly in the areas of culture, leisure, sport and transport. According to the Commission's proposal this card will be mutually recognised between Member States participating in the system, on a voluntary basis.

1. In this context, can the Commission provide information on the outcome of the pilot scheme that was launched in February 2016 with the participation of eight Member States?
2. Are there any specific restrictions which the Commission is placing on Member State authorities to restrict the numbers of such EU Disability Card holders?
3. Does the Commission intend to take further steps to draw up harmonised standards regarding disability status in the Member States, in order to facilitate the free movement of disabled persons in the EU?