

**Question for written answer E-006658/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Availability of a free rail pass for 18 year-olds

At an October 2016 plenary session the Commission presented the idea of introducing a free monthly InterRail network pass for 18 year-olds. As a follow-up to this announcement, I asked the Commission about the availability of this rail pass to young people with disabilities and their helpers. The Commission did not give me a precise answer because the project had not yet been worked out in detail. The European Parliament has now approved the allocation of finance for this rail pass, which will soon become a reality, and thus the details should now be known and a preliminary evaluation of the impact of the whole project should be available.

In this regard, I wish to know the following:

1. How will the Commission ensure that this rail pass for 18 year-olds is also accessible to young people with disabilities?
2. Will the ticket itself and the means of its delivery be such that it can be used for example by the blind, the deaf and the wheelchair-bound?
3. Where a disabled 18 year-old young person requires assistance in order to travel, will a free pass also be issued to a helper who may be aged over 18?