

Question for written answer E-000650/2018
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Support for pupils with disabilities or learning difficulties in European Schools

The European School system has for some time now been under scrutiny to ensure compliance with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The European Ombudsman has also sought information in this regard. He received a satisfactory response from then Vice-President Georgieva, who nevertheless pointed out that there was still work to be done.

On entering the European School, children with disabilities or learning difficulties encounter so many problems of such a serious nature that, in order to deal with them, their parents, EU officials, are sometimes forced to return to their countries of origin.

In view of this and of the European Parliament resolution of 30 November 2017 on implementation of the European Disability Strategy (2017/2127(INI)):

1. Can the Commission say to what extent the measures required under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities have been implemented?
2. Will classes containing pupils with special needs or disabilities be reduced in size, in line with widespread practice in the Member States?
3. Is it possible to recruit specialists, from the Member States or elsewhere, with a view to providing tuition that is properly tailored to the needs of every pupil?