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to the Commission**

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Subject: Improving the inclusion of persons with disabilities in labour markets

Ensuring inclusive and active labour market access is of paramount importance, as this constitutes one of the principal means of promoting the independence of persons with disabilities. However, labour market access for persons with disabilities currently stands at 58.5 % compared with 80.5 % among persons without disabilities. Although much has been done to lay the groundwork for a supportive legal framework for employing persons with disabilities, the equality gap persists, with recent statistics displaying a 26 percentage point difference between the employment levels of persons with and without a disability. For women with disabilities, the employment rate is even lower. The phenomenon of early school leaving, the lack of adapted programmes, the lack of skills and support for jobs, as well as the accessibility of workplaces remain the main obstacles to labour market inclusion.

How does the Commission plan to address these obstacles and to further promote labour market access for persons with disabilities?

Does the Commission envisage carrying out an independent evaluation of the current Disability Strategy that builds on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)?