

**Question for written answer P-006959/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Mutual recognition of disability cards

In response to my written question of 23 January 2014 on harmonising rules for disabled persons the Commission stated that, as part of its 2010-2015 plan for implementing the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020, it was examining the possibility of enforcing the mutual recognition of disability cards. In spite of the EU's principle of mutual recognition, however, the number of instances where Member States have not recognised disability cards or their related entitlements is on the rise.

According to complaints I have received from members of the public, this issue also affects the most vulnerable – children and the elderly – even if these people are citizens of both Member States. Under the circumstances, I believe it is imperative for binding measures to be adopted at EU level: the Commission has proposed, for example, introducing a standardised card for use in all the Member States.

1. What legislative measures does the Commission plan to take in order to ensure the mutual recognition of disability cards by the EU Member States?
2. At what stage are talks on creating the single mutually-recognised EU disability card the Commission suggested in its 2013 EU Citizenship Report?