

**Question for written answer P-009835/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: European card for persons with disabilities

While most EU Member States issue national cards for people with disabilities, these cards are frequently not recognised in other Member States, causing a great deal of unnecessary frustration to those concerned and restricting the mobility and independence of people with disabilities who wish to visit or remain for a certain amount of time in another Member State.

Belgium has currently decided to put on hold its plans to issue a national card for persons with disabilities pending the introduction of a single European card.

In view of this:

1. How and when will the Commission introduce a European card for persons with disabilities and exactly what specific rights will it confer?
2. Which (national or European) authority will issue the cards and will the costs thereof be borne by Europe and/or the Member States?
3. Will the card be free of charge for people with disabilities? What eligibility criteria will have to be met and will these criteria be determined at European level alone?