

**Question for written answer P-008739/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Mandatory barrier-free access in private crèches

In 2011, the European Union became a party to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. Article 9(2)(b) states that the 'States Parties shall take appropriate measures to (...) ensure that private entities that offer facilities and services which are open or provided to the public take into account all aspects of accessibility for persons with disabilities'. The competent UN committee also issued a general comment, No. 2(2014), on Article 9.

Can it be inferred from this article, or indeed from a Union regulation to the same effect, that there is a generally binding obligation to provide barrier-free access for all even in small private crèches for children under 3 years of age (including in existing buildings) with a capacity of, for example, only up to 15 children?

Is there a case for considering that national legislation containing such a generally applicable obligation is unreasonable, particularly in cases where the State itself does not provide enough public crèches?

Does the Commission have statistics on how many Member States impose, and to what extent, an obligation on small private crèches to provide barrier-free access?