

WRITTEN QUESTION E-3566/07
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to the Commission

Subject: Situation of handicapped and disabled people in Bulgaria

I have recently met representatives of the Sofia-based Psychological Centre for Research, which brings together organisations working with mentally handicapped and physically disabled people in Bulgaria.

In the course of the meeting I was informed that in Bulgaria a law has been approved which will significantly restrict financial resources for handicapped and disabled people, many of whom will thus be deprived of any opportunity for rehabilitation, access to quality medical appliances, and so on. In my view this constitutes discrimination against a sizeable group of people.

Is the European Union aware of this state of affairs and what action will it take in order to remedy it?