

**Question for written answer E-003438/2012
to the Commission**
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Subject: People with disabilities and accessibility of public websites and websites providing basic services to citizens in the EU

Public websites are a source of essential information and services to European citizens, but it is still difficult for people with disabilities to benefit fully from them because of the functional limitations of the websites. This puts people with disabilities at a disadvantage and does not facilitate their social inclusion. The new deadline for achieving the aim of fully accessible public sector websites and websites providing basic services to citizens is 2015. There will most probably be a need for a certain period to be defined during which accessibility requirements will need to be met. In this context:

- Is the Commission planning to make a proposal for a legislative act or for non-legislative measures to ensure that all public websites and websites providing basic services to citizens in the EU are fully accessible to people using assistive technology?
- If so, when?