

**Question for written answer E-010955/2013
to the Commission**

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Subject: Rights of persons with disabilities

Evidence shows that persons with disabilities in the European Union are being disproportionately affected by public spending cuts in many Member States, the long-term effects of which differ from one country to another. This is having a serious impact on the rights of persons with disabilities guaranteed under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, the European Social Charter, and other established laws and conventions to which the EU is bound.

What concrete measures is the Commission taking in its role both as part of the troika and in the European Semester process and country-specific recommendations to ensure that the EU's commitments under these instruments and the goals of the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 are being met? How does the Commission plan to assess the risks that people with disabilities may face during the reallocation of public spending?