

**Question for written answer E-013251/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Rights of persons with disabilities

There is evidence to show that persons with disabilities in the European Union are being disproportionately affected by cuts in public spending¹. This is having a severe impact on the rights of persons with disabilities under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, and the European Social Charter, as well as other established laws and conventions to which the EU is bound.

Whilst performing its role as part of the 'troika', and in terms of its role in the European Semester process, what is the Commission doing to ensure that it is upholding its commitments under these conventions and charters, as well as the goals laid down in the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020?

¹ 'Assessing the Impact of European Governments' Austerity Plans on the Rights of People with Disabilities' European Foundation Centre, 2012 http://www.efc.be/news_events/Pages/austerity-measures.aspx