

**Question for written answer E-014321/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Support for people with disabilities

The European Foundation Centre has produced a study entitled 'Assessing the impact of European governments' austerity plans on the rights of people with disabilities', covering Member States of the EU. The study shows that cuts in welfare and social services have a disproportionate impact on people with disabilities. The cuts affect these people's rights in relation to work and employment, living independently, education, primary health care and assistance.

1. Is the Commission aware of the negative impact of these cuts on people with disabilities? Does it have specific figures for the harm that the austerity plans are causing people with disabilities? What advice does the Commission have for the various Member States in this respect?
2. What specific steps does the Commission intend to take to implement and promote the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 in the Member States?