

**Question for written answer E-000683/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Harmonising rules for disabled persons on EU toll roads

In the Czech Republic, pursuant to Act No. 13/1997 Coll. on road traffic, disabled persons who hold ZTP or ZTP/P driving licences are exempted from having to pay to use toll roads if the owner of the vehicle is the disabled person or a person close to them.

However, ZTP licences are not recognised reciprocally by the Member States and the rules on disabled persons' use of motor vehicles on toll roads differ greatly across the EU Member States.

While EU law provides disabled travellers with basic rights in the area of bus/coach, rail and air travel within the EU, there is a lack of uniform rules concerning road transport, which is causing complications for disabled persons when they drive across borders.

According to Commission Communication (COM(2000)0284) 'Towards a Barrier Free Europe for People with Disabilities', the EU Member States are already providing for the reciprocal recognition of parking concessions for disabled persons. In this communication, the Commission pledges to consider extending this approach to other similar areas.

What measures has the Commission taken so far to ensure reciprocal recognition with regard to disabled persons' use of toll roads in the EU?

What measures is the Commission currently preparing?