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Subject: Use of European Structural and Investment Funds

By acceding to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), the EU committed to ensuring that all people with disabilities can live and participate in society. Article 19 of the CRPD requires a shift from long-stay institutions to the development of community-based services. European Structural Funds are important in facilitating this shift because they can support the development of services, training and technical assistance. The new Structural Funds regulations emphasise investments that support the 'transition from institutional to community-based services', and contain an ex-ante conditionality requiring Member States to comply with the CRPD. During the 2007-2013 period, some Member States invested Structural Funds in institutions. This is contrary to the CRPD, and to the EU's commitments to prevent discrimination and promote social inclusion.

1. Given the EU's accession to the CRPD, what indicators will the Commission use to check that Member States do not replicate institutional practice in community-based services, such as family-type homes and group homes, developed with Structural Funds?
2. How will the Commission ensure that the details of projects funded by Structural Funds, such as the project objectives and the intended beneficiaries, are publicised? What information does the Commission expect Member States to make public?