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1. The Commission is closely collaborating with the Member States on ecodesign and energy labelling initiatives and to ensure their proper implementation.

2. The Ecodesign Regulation for light sources (that will start to apply from September 2021) does not limit the available lighting products to Light Emitting Diodes (LED) lighting only. Moreover, already today, there are LED lights on the market that have significantly reduced (or even give no) blue light emissions. Between now and the entry into application of the revised requirements, more solutions addressing the emission of blue light from LEDs are expected to appear on the market. As such, the Commission considers that these requirements take into account the ability of photosensitive people to access social spaces.

3. The Commission considers that, by providing for specific exemptions for people with photosensitive conditions and imposing requirements on flicker and stroboscopic effect, and through a market development towards LEDs with significantly reduced blue light emissions, this legislation is in keeping with Articles 21 and 26 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.