

**Question for written answer E-002969/2019
to the Commission
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Subject: Rights of persons with disabilities

There are 80 million persons with disabilities in the EU, representing 15 % of the total population. Since the European Union as a regional organisation has ratified the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), its institutions and its policies are bound by the obligations enshrined in this Convention, yet persons with disabilities still face various obstacles that hinder their full and effective participation in society.

What steps will the Commission take to involve representative organisations of persons with disabilities in the development of legislation, policies and programmes to implement the CRPD, including in the work of the Task Force on Equality?

Will the Commission commit to renewing the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 through an ambitious and well-resourced Disability Agenda 2020-2030, in order to ensure that disability is included in all EU policies?

What steps will the Commission take to establish an inter-institutional mechanism that will coordinate implementation of the CRPD at EU level?