

**Question for written answer E-002970/2019
to the Commission
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Subject: Quality employment for persons with disabilities

Eurostat data indicates that almost 30 % of persons with disabilities are at risk of poverty and social exclusion, a number far higher than for the general population. The most recent Eurostat figures suggest that the employment rate for persons with disabilities in the EU is only 48.1 %, compared to 73.9 % for the general population. Furthermore, the Annual Growth Survey recognises that overall improvements in employment rates across the Union are not reflected in the statistics for persons with disabilities or people from a migrant background.

How would the Commission address these figures and ensure that the European Pillar of Social Rights provides better quality employment for persons with disabilities in the open labour market?

What specific measures is the Commission going to adopt to ensure that persons with disabilities have effective access to the labour market, and can fully participate in it?