

**Question for written answer E-003941/2019/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Directive (EU) 2017/1564 concerning access to published works for the benefit of persons who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print-disabled

The Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works for Persons who are Blind, Visually Impaired, or Otherwise Print Disabled was signed on behalf of the Union on 30 April 2014. One of the purposes of the Treaty is to improve the availability and cross-border exchange of certain works and other protected subject-matter in accessible formats. The Treaty has been transposed into European law by Regulation (EU) 2017/1563 and Directive (EU) 2017/1564.

In order to achieve the objectives set, an efficient exchange of information on authorised entities is necessary (Article 6 of the Directive). In this connection I have the following questions:

1. Have any Member States submitted information concerning authorised entities to the Commission?
2. What is the state of play concerning the establishment and operation of the central information access point referred to in Article 6(2) of the Directive?
3. Has the availability of works and other protected subject-matter in accessible formats perceptibly increased since the entry into force of the above instruments?