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Subject: The EU disability card

In 2015, the EU disability card was piloted in eight Member States. This initiative is widely appreciated by persons with disabilities. However, the scope of the project in its current form is very limited. First, it is limited geographically because only eight Member States are currently participating. What is more, discounts and other advantages are offered to cardholders only in the sectors of culture, leisure, sport, and – to a limited extent – transport. Finally, the scheme is voluntary and each Member State can create its own rules regarding eligibility for the card.

1. Does the Commission plan to extend the project to all the Member States to make it a truly EU-wide initiative?

2. Will there be any legislation surrounding the card in other important policy areas, such as legislation determining the portability of social security and disability benefits when moving between Member States?

3. Will the Commission provide funding to facilitate the project?