

**Question for written answer E-001891/2020  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: Protecting disabled persons from Covid-19

Disabled persons are one of the groups most vulnerable to infection with the new coronavirus. In Articles 10 'Right to Life', 11 'Situations of risk and humanitarian emergencies' and 25 'Health' of the UNCRPD, the Contracting Parties are invited to implement measures to protect them at times of crisis. The Member States have not taken any specific measures for the disabled, and indeed it is unclear how they can live independently and with dignity (no-contact, individual responsibility for hygiene, etc.) at times of risk of infection with the virus. There is little information available in all Member States on the guidelines to be followed for high-risk groups. Two examples worth imitating are France (easily legible information) and Denmark (use of sign language).

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. Does it intend to issue recommendations for the protection of the health of the disabled as laid down by the UNCRPD during the current crisis?
2. Will it provide a framework for incentives for the private sector and civil society to provide immediate information to disabled EU citizens?
3. Is it considering other options for information to be rapidly made available linked to the EU's uniform obligations to protect the health of vulnerable groups in future?