

**Question for written answer E-005197/2020
to the Commission**
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Subject: Teleworking for people with disabilities

A Eurofound study¹ shows that the COVID-19 pandemic has led to a dramatic increase in teleworking. More than a third of respondents to Eurofound's online survey said that they started teleworking as a result of the pandemic.

Never before have so many people worked from home. However, there has been no such increase in numbers with respect to people with disabilities. The use of teleworking could, however, represent a huge step forward for their employment situation.

1. What initiatives does the Commission propose to promote teleworking in order to better involve people with disabilities in the labour market?
2. Higher levels of employment of persons with disabilities was one of the priorities of the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020. What priority does the Commission plan to accord to this in the new Disability Strategy?
3. Does the Commission plan to update the 2002 European Framework Agreement on telework to respond to the new reality and improve the inclusion in teleworking of people with disabilities?

¹ Eurofound (2020), How to use the survey in teleworking as a real challenge to include people with disabilities.