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Subject: Creation of an EU access board

Now that the European Accessibility Act has been adopted, it is important to ensure that all the Member States fully implement all accessibility-related legislation and continuously monitor the consumer rights of persons with disabilities and those with functional limitations, such as older people.

An EU access board would give EU institutions, policymakers and Member States specialist information on accessibility, including policy recommendations based on scientific evidence and on input from the most affected groups, such as persons with disabilities and older people. The board could also be in charge of developing technical specifications on accessibility in support of specific EU policies and legislation, carrying out consultations with rights-holders and stakeholders, helping Member States and EU institutions to implement accessibility in a harmonised way for the benefit of the single market, and raising awareness of the importance of accessibility for inclusive societies.

Can the Commission explain its position on the creation of an EU access board designed to monitor the implementation of EU accessibility legislation and ensure equal access to goods and services for all citizens and consumers, something which is particularly crucial for persons with disabilities and older people?