

**Question for written answer E-006574/2020  
to the Commission**

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Subject: The effects of the pandemic on people with disabilities

The impact of the coronavirus pandemic is proving to be particularly serious for people with disabilities in Europe. COVID-19 has taken a much greater toll on such people, making them even more vulnerable and changing their daily routines and activities, and also on their family members as their caregivers, who for the most part are women.

The pandemic has created yet more access barriers to the labour market. There have even been cases of people with disabilities being prohibited from going to their place of work, thereby violating their right to work. And other cases where they have been victims of discrimination with respect to access to health care.

Pending a comprehensive and ambitious post-2020 European Disability Strategy, short-term measures are needed to mitigate the negative consequences of COVID-19.

In light of the above:

1. Does the Commission plan to carry out an assessment of the problems and violations of rights experienced by people with disabilities in the Member States?
2. Is the Commission aware of whether the Member States have taken specific measures to alleviate the negative effects of the pandemic on people with disabilities, particularly in the areas of health and work?