

Question for written answer E-004446/2021
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Right of those suffering from rare diseases to insurance cover and credit facilities

In Cyprus and in other Member States, most insurance companies discriminate against those with rare diseases, refusing to provide them with life assurance or even fatal accident cover, effectively making it impossible for them to secure bank loans, for which insurance is a basic precondition.

This is becoming a major social problem that needs to be resolved immediately to ensure equal participation in society for those suffering from rare diseases and full respect for their human rights.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say whether framework provisions have been adopted to uphold the right of those suffering from rare diseases to insurance cover and credit facilities?
2. Is it planning to recommend EU legislation to uphold these rights?
3. What measures does it intend to take to uphold their right to life assurance in particular, which is needed to secure mortgages, business loans and other credit facilities?