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Subject: Effectiveness of the EURES platform for the specific needs of people with disabilities and their carers

Personalised assistance is essential for promoting the autonomy of people with disabilities, as it allows them to decide where, with whom and how to live. Personal assistants and carers play a crucial role and should be able to establish a close relationship with the person they provide assistance to.

However, currently it is still difficult for people with disabilities to find qualified and suitable assistants or educators based on their psycho-physical needs, among other reasons due to the lack of specific platforms for this purpose. Despite the achievements of EURES (the European employment services platform) in promoting professional mobility and accessibility, it appears inadequate for meeting the needs of people with disabilities. EURES does not include any disability filter nor take into account key factors for choosing a personal assistant, such as personal affinities, specific geographical area and previous experience in the disability field.

This means the platform is not easily accessible and intuitive, especially for users with disabilities. Given these issues and Articles 9, 19 and 26 on assistance and accessibility in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:

1. Does the Commission believe that this system can effectively address the self-determination and assistance needs of individuals with disabilities?
2. How does the Commission intend to improve the platform's effectiveness in meeting these needs?