

Question for written answer E-000414/2022
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Exemption from toll payments for persons with reduced mobility by dint of the EU disability card

The EU's legislation on the passenger rights of persons with reduced mobility when travelling by air, rail, bus/coach or ship harmonises those persons' rights as concerns assistance in those areas. However, in road transport by private vehicle, aside from recognition of parking cards from other Member States, opportunities continue to be unequal and many barriers remain with regard to freedom of movement for persons whose reduced mobility has been recognised officially. Evidence of those shortcomings includes the fact that exemption from paying road tolls is not mutually recognised by Member States.

In its answer E-000683/2014 (ASW), the Commission said that one of the mutual recognition possibilities as regards disability cards and related entitlements was cost-free use of toll roads for persons whose reduced mobility has been recognised officially.

What is more, as set out in the strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030, by the end of 2023, the Commission is expected to propose that a EU disability card – recognisable in all Member States – be established.

In the light of the above:

Will the Commission include recognition of exemption from toll payments in the measures introduced with the EU disability card?