Question for written answer E-003182/2022 to the Commission Rule 138 Benoît Lutgen (PPE)

Subject: Implementation of Directive (EU) 2016/2102 on accessibility of websites for people with disabilities

Since 2016, public sector bodies have been required, under Directive (EU) 2016/2102, to ensure that their websites and mobile applications are accessible for people with disabilities. However, problems with implementing this Directive remain, including in Belgium.

In Wallonia, the Directive was transposed by the Walloon Decree of 2 May 2019 on the accessibility of websites and mobile applications of public sector bodies. Nonetheless, actual implementation of this decree is very slow and the decree does not provide for a penalty system should people with disabilities not be able to access these websites or applications.

- 1. With this in mind, can the Commission give details of the means for implementing Directive (EU) 2016/2102 and the system of specific penalties that should be established to ensure compliance with this Directive?
- 2. Does it have statistics on how well public services' websites and applications in Belgium and other Member States comply with this Directive?
- 3. How will it remedy the disparities between Member States and thereby ensure uniform implementation of the Directive?