

**Question for written answer E-003288/2022/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Directive 2006/126/EC and the failure to protect the right to mobility of persons with disabilities

Directive 2006/126/EC lays down the rules on driving licences.

These rules are key components of EU transport policy, as they help to improve road safety and facilitate the free movement of people taking up residence in a country other than that which issued the licence.

The EU Directive provides for the mutual recognition of driving licences among Member States yet, despite the progress made in harmonising the licence rules, there are still large gaps when it comes to standardised practices for the issue, renewal and conversion of licences for persons with disabilities.

These gaps are due to the fact that the Directive predates the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which, despite being ratified by the EU in 2011, has not yet been fully implemented in the Member States.

In light of the above:

1. Does the Commission intend to support the Member States in implementing Directive 2006/126/EC in order to ensure the full protection of persons with disabilities and, if so, how?
2. How does it plan to fill the gaps in the Directive with regard to driving licences and protection of the right to mobility of persons with disabilities?
3. Does it intend to check how much progress the Member States have made in actually implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, particularly Articles 4, 19 and 20?

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