

**Question for written answer E-003703/2022**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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**Subject:** Situation as regards overcoming architectural barriers in the European Union

The Strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030, and all of the corresponding Community provisions, provide precise guidelines concerning the rights of persons with disabilities. The Commission has always been at the forefront of promoting these rights in the Member States and raising awareness about their implementation.

However, today, more than 20 years after the Commission's specific communication (COM(2000)0284), most cities in the Member States, including those where the European institutions are based, still have a very long way to go to actually overcome these architectural barriers.

In light of the above:

1. What is the Commission's assessment of the situation, while fully respecting the exclusive competences of the Member States?
2. What concrete steps does it plan to take to improve the current situation?

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