

**Question for written answer E-003775/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU Disability Card and Passenger Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Despite the recent adoption of Regulation (EU) 2021/782 of the Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2021 on rail passengers' rights and obligations¹, many persons with disabilities continue to experience problems when travelling. As there is no automatic recognition of disability or national disability cards between Member States, international travel remains difficult.

The EU disability card², one of the flagship initiatives of the Disability Rights Strategy 2021-2030³ contained in the Commission's work programme for 2023⁴, presents a much-needed opportunity to cover this rightful requirement. In parallel, the revision of the passenger rights framework, also presented in the 2023 work programme, may allow further improvements to be made.

In the light of these opportunities, we ask the Commission:

1. Is the Commission planning to include transport in the proposal for the EU disability card as one of the sectors to be covered and will this card cover all means of transport (road, rail, maritime and air) at every level (urban, regional and national)?
2. Will it include initiatives to raise awareness of the card among service providers to ensure that it is widely adopted and used across Member States?
3. Will it tackle current inequalities in access to transport services for persons with disabilities through the revision of the passenger rights framework?

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¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021R0782>

² <https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1139>

³ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ip_21_810

⁴ https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy-documents/commission-work-programme/commission-work-programme-2023_en