

**Question for written answer E-004116/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: New buses on Capri not suitable for people with disabilities in electric wheelchairs

The new buses in operation on Capri are not accessible to people with disabilities using electric wheelchairs.

Despite the issue being raised publicly on several occasions, all the Campania transport agency (ATC) has done in response is lay on a service on two old-generation buses that run just a few times a day. This solution is unsatisfactory as it denies people with disabilities full transport access.

Previously, the buses on the island had an electric lift, which enabled users of electric wheelchairs to access the public service.

The new buses, however, have only a side-entry electric ramp that cannot bear the weight of a motorised wheelchair.

Motorised wheelchairs are not considered means of transport pursuant to Article 190(7) of the Italian Highway Code.

The EU aims to ensure that everyone has discrimination-free access to public transport, as laid down in Regulation (EU) No 181/2011.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission consider the new public buses on Capri to be fully in line with Regulation (EU) No 181/2011?
2. Does it intend to take up this issue facing the island of Capri with the local and regional authorities?

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