

**Question for written answer E-000906/2023  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Sexual assistance to persons with disabilities

The 2006 UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities alludes to sexual and emotional life when it lists the right to the highest possible level of health as a fundamental right.

Article 25 of the Convention states that States Parties must provide persons with disabilities with the same range, quality and standard of free or affordable healthcare and programmes as they provide to other persons, including in the area of sexual and reproductive health.

All Member States as well as the EU itself are party to the Convention.

Furthermore, in a World Health Organization (WHO)/United Nations Population Fund guidance note, the WHO states that persons with disabilities have the same sexual and reproductive health needs as other people.

Nevertheless, sexual assistance to persons with disabilities is often not regulated or recognised (for example in Belgium, France, Ireland, Portugal and Italy). It is also often regulated differently at a local or regional level (e.g. in the Netherlands) or it falls under the Prostitution Act (e.g. in Austria).

Given the above:

1. Is the Commission aware of the aforementioned situation?
2. What will the Commission do to ensure that sexual assistance to persons with disabilities can be uniformly regulated in the EU?

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