

Question for written answer E-001816/2023
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Initiatives for empowering individuals with Down syndrome

World Down Syndrome Day was celebrated on 21 March. Integrating people with disabilities into society must be a priority for the European Union so that they can live self-determined lives in dignity. It is therefore crucial to provide individuals with Down syndrome with the tools to be self-advocated and active citizens.

- 1) What initiatives is the Commission planning that focus on promoting social and civic skills among people with Down syndrome?
- 2) What steps is it taking to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experiences between parents, therapists and teachers to better support individuals with Down syndrome?
- 3) How does it plan to encourage and support clinical and scientific research focusing on Down syndrome?

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