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**Subject:** The right of persons with disabilities to participate in the electoral process

The right to political participation of persons with disabilities is enshrined in all key international legal instruments, such as the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which has been ratified by all the Member States and the EU.

The testimonies of persons with disabilities throughout the EU and numerous studies confirm that significant legal, administrative, accessibility and institutional barriers remain in ensuring this right.

One of the most flagrant violations of electoral rights relates to the automatic or quasi-automatic exclusion of persons with intellectual disabilities under guardianship regimes. Currently, only 13 Member States guarantee equal voting rights for all, without restrictions on things such as legal capacity, which resulted in 400 000 persons with disabilities being denied the right to vote in the 2019 European elections.

1. When does the Commission plan to publish its guide on good electoral practices addressing the participation of persons with disabilities, which was announced in the 2021-2030 strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities for 2023?
2. How will it ensure that the right of all persons with disabilities to participate in the electoral process, in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, is fully respected across the EU?

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