

**Question for written answer E-002866/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Member States' implementation of the 'Union of equality: Strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030'

The 'Union of equality: Strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030' (COM(2021) 101 final) takes account of the diversity of disability, resulting from the interaction between long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments, which are often invisible.

In line with the proposed actions and the Commission's commitment to support Member States in the implementation of these actions, can the Commission answer the following:

Has the Republic of Cyprus:

1. Set goals for the participation of young people with disabilities in learning with the aim of increasing their participation rates and made sure that its national skills strategy covers the special needs of people with disabilities so that they can help achieve the targets set in the European Skills Agenda and the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan?
2. Adopted targeted measures and flexible training formats to ensure accessible and inclusive vocational education and training (VET) programmes, including for people with disabilities?
3. Built on the results of the Blueprint for sectoral cooperation on skills under the Pact for Skills, further support the cooperation between relevant stakeholders of the social economy, including identifying digital skills needs and applying assistive technology for better employability?

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