

**Question for written answer E-002870/2023**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
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Subject: The European disability card

The European disability card is a means of overcoming some of the obstacles faced by people with disabilities across Europe, including people with invisible disabilities, such as dementia.

Bearing in mind that there is no mutual recognition of disability status across EU Member States and no guarantee of national disability cards being issued by Member States, the planned introduction of the European disability card has the potential to tackle issues that are putting people with disabilities at a disadvantage when exercising their right to free movement.

However, the proposed limited application of the disability card, in conjunction with unresolved issues relating to the recognition of disability status by the Member States and long-standing issues to do with the EU parking card for people with disabilities (Blue Badge system), raises questions about how the system will be implemented and how it will work in practice.

In view of this:

How does the Commission plan to address these concerns?

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