

**Question for written answer E-003059/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: EU strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities

A report published by the European Court of Auditors on 12 October, emphasises the limited impact of the measures put in place by the EU to help persons with disabilities in their day-to-day lives and reduce discrimination towards them.

According to this report, only half of Europeans with disabilities (50.8%) were in gainful employment in 2021, a proportion almost identical to 2014.

Furthermore, the report stresses that within the funding programmes set up under the Commission's Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities there is no investment category specifically for persons with disabilities, which significantly reduces the programme's effectiveness.

In view of this:

1. How will the Commission justify the limited results obtained from the programmes aimed at helping persons with disabilities?
2. What steps will it take to improve the EU's Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities?

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