

**Question for written answer E-003174/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Disability policy

Around a quarter of EU citizens say they have a disability. The European Court of Auditors recently released a report on the topic,

noting that legislation has stalled. The report finds that European countries use different criteria to establish disability status, which undermines mutual recognition of disability status between them.

It criticises the fact that the Commission does not have a clear vision for using EU funds allocated to measures to help persons with disabilities. It also notes that Europe is not able to assess whether this funding really helps improve the situation of persons with disabilities.

Can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. What concrete measures are planned and what is on the agenda for this term with regard to disability matters?
2. More specifically, what does the Commission intend to do in the near future to ensure equal treatment for all EU citizens, with mutual recognition of disability status?
3. What does the Commission intend to do to ensure that EU funds allocated to measures supporting persons with disabilities are actually used to improve people's lives?

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