Question for written answer E-000037/2024 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Implementation of the strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030

In March 2021, with a view to improving the lives of persons with disabilities in Europe and around the world, the Commission adopted the strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030.

The European Court of Auditors' special report entitled 'Supporting persons with disabilities' explicitly states that, in practice, EU action is having a limited impact,

highlighting that:

- it is difficult to monitor funding with a view to determining whether it is improving the lives of persons with disabilities;
- the Commission is struggling to compare information collected by the Member States because they use different information-gathering systems;
- the EU institutions do not know exactly how many persons with disabilities they have hired.

According to evidence presented by the Court of Auditors at the EMPL Committee hearing of 30 November 2023, Parliament is the only EU institution to have provided the Court of Auditors with information to that effect.

In the light of the above:

- 1. How many persons with disabilities are employed either by the Commission or by the EU agencies under its supervision?
- 2. Why has the Commission not shared this information with the European Court of Auditors?
- 3. What are its recruitment practices for hiring persons with disabilities?

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