

**Question for written answer E-000505/2024  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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**Subject:** Breach of the right to accessibility and failure to comply with environmental directives by the A Coruña University Hospital extension

The A Coruña University Hospital does not meet basic accessibility requirements. It has ramps with a 13 % slope, which hinders wheelchair access and breaches the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the European Pillar of Social Rights. The new Strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030 and the Law on Accessibility also recognise their rights to healthcare and the removal of barriers.

The hospital's expansion – financed by EU funds – will be built on the coast with structures over the estuary, which could entail a breach of the Habitats and Air Quality Directives. The total cost has risen from EUR 300 million to EUR 500 million. A court ruling has overturned the Xunta's resolutions on the location of the new hospital, finding that it did not attempt to find a more suitable location.

1. What does the Commission make of A Coruña University Hospital's breaches of the rights of persons with disabilities?
2. Is the Commission concerned about possible non-compliance with the Habitats and Air Quality Directives?
3. How will the Commission ensure that EU funds are not used for projects that go against environmental and non-discrimination rules?

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