Question for written answer E-000686/2024 to the Commission Rule 138 Angelo Ciocca (ID)

Subject: Sexual rights of people with disabilities in Europe

Despite the progress made on the rights of people with disabilities, the sexuality of people with disabilities is an issue that is often overlooked and which does not receive sufficient recognition in EU-wide policies and programmes.

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities underlines the importance of ensuring that people with disabilities have access to sexual and reproductive health services as well as the importance of eliminating all forms of discrimination in this domain. People with disabilities have a right to enjoy a gratifying sex life and to participate fully and consciously in sexual experiences.

Given that sexuality is a core part of human life and that its acknowledgement and acceptance are essential in order to fully respect the human rights of all individuals, irrespective of their physical or cognitive abilities, can the Commission answer the following:

- 1. What steps is it taking to foster acknowledgement and acceptance of the sexuality of people with disabilities within EU Member States?
- 2. How does it intend to guarantee that people with disabilities have inclusive and equal access to information and services relating to sexual and reproductive health?
- 3. How does it intend to work with Members States to develop policies and programmes that address the challenges and forms of discrimination linked to the sexuality of people with disabilities?

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