

**Question for written answer E-000846/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Including people with Down syndrome in the world of work

In view of World Down Syndrome Day it bears repeating that even today, in 2024, adults with Down syndrome in Europe must still put up with discrimination and exclusion, especially from the world of work.

According to data, currently 50 per cent of adults with Down syndrome find themselves out of work finishing university and are thus obliged to stay at home without much in the way of opportunities for personal and professional development. Moreover, just over 13% of Down syndrome sufferers are contractually employed, of whom only 35% receive a normal salary. There is therefore a clear need for urgent measures to improve their working conditions.

On World Down Syndrome Day it is high time to reflect on the challenges and needs of people with Down syndrome in Europe, with a view to raising awareness and promoting concrete measures to help them.

What strategies is the Commission therefore adopting to foster inclusion of people with Down syndrome in society and the world of work, in particular with a view to increasing rates of employment among them?

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