

ORAL QUESTION H-0006/04
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pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Public web pages: suitability for the disabled

In Finland, to name just that example, only a fraction of public sector web pages are currently accessible without difficulty to the disabled and elderly. It can probably be assumed that things are not much better in other Member States. This situation is very worrying from the point of view of the digital divide, which the Union is endeavouring to combat, at any rate in its documents.

Could the Commission draw up a Union-wide programme whereby providers of public services would be obliged to use technologies already available at present so as to enable the visually impaired, say, to benefit from the same services as the able-bodied population?

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