

**Question for written answer P-001227/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Rail passengers' rights

Recital 15 of the Commission's proposed recast of Regulation 1371/2007 on Rail Passengers' Rights states that persons with disabilities or reduced mobility should be given opportunities for rail travel comparable with other citizens. In the light of this commitment in particular and of good practice on disability matters in general:

1. Does the Commission agree that effective enforcement requires the presence of trained staff at stations and on board at all times, and that this requirement should be backed up with detailed mandatory guidance on staff training at EU level?
2. Would the Commission please explain in detail why the proposed Article 20 of the recast Regulation does not prohibit all provisions restricting independent and spontaneous travel for persons with disabilities, such as travel pre-notification requirements?
3. Would the Commission please advise on specific possible EU or other sources of funding that railway undertakings and station managers could access, to help ensure that trained staff are available to assist persons with disabilities or reduced mobility when travelling by rail?