

**Question for written answer P-003179/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: People under judicial disability in Bulgaria

Bulgaria has over 7 000 people who have been placed under judicial disability and according to the law cannot take any decisions for themselves, cannot work, cannot get married, cannot handle their own money and cannot decide where and with whom to live. This is due to a 70-year-old law which not only limits the rights of people with intellectual disabilities and mental health issues, but even deprives them of those rights.

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which Bulgaria ratified in 2012, seeks to end all forms of judicial disability. However, for now the concept is still law, and this has unfortunately led to other unethical and illegal practices in recent years, with heirs increasingly applying for their relatives to be placed under judicial disability so that they can acquire their properties.

Is the Commission know about the Bulgarian State's policies and regulations in respect of people with intellectual disabilities and appreciate why these policies are not successful?