

**Priority question for written answer P-000438/2024  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: The problem of public transport accessibility in Greece

The Ministry of Transport has introduced fines but also compensation for people with disabilities in cases where they are either not served by public transport or the transport infrastructure does not comply with international standards for accessible public transport.

In theory, the new Regulation on the Rights of Passengers stipulates that all citizens, especially people with disabilities, have a right to board public transport without being subjected to any direct or indirect discrimination.

At the same time, however, the regulation says that a person can, exceptionally, be prevented from booking or buying a ticket and denied boarding because of their disability or reduced mobility, when it is not safe and operationally feasible 'and in order for carriers to comply with the international, EU and national safety standards in force and the relevant health and safety requirements'.

According to Article 9 of the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD), which was co-signed by the EU and all of its Member States, meaning that it is binding for Greece, public transport must be accessible to people with disabilities.

It is imperative to have measures that enforce the UNCRPD and not simple measures that perpetuate non-compliance.

In view of this, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Are there European programmes Greece can avail itself of to make its public transport fully accessible?
2. Is there a framework for incentivising Member States to align themselves with the UNCRPD on the matter of public transport?

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