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AMENDMENTS

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Draft opinion
Ulrike Müller
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Towards equal rights for people with disabilities
(2022/2026(INI))

Amendment 1
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1. having regard to the Commission proposal for a Council Directive on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation (COM(2008)0426, ‘the Anti-Discrimination Directive’); whereas this directive would provide greater protection against discrimination of all kinds but still remains blocked in the European Council;

Or. en

Amendment 2
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1 a. having regard to the revised European Social Charter, in particular its articles 15, on the right of persons with disabilities to independence, social integration, and participation;

Or. en

Amendment 3
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph -1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

-1 b. having regard to the European's Parliament resolution of 29 November 2018 on the situation of women with disabilities,

Or. en

**Amendment 4
Alexis Georgoulis**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. having regard to the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR), in particular principle 17 on inclusion of persons with disabilities and principle 18 on the right to long-term care,

Or. en

**Amendment 5
Alexis Georgoulis**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 b. having regard to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11.7

Or. en

**Amendment 6
Alexis Georgoulis**

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 c. whereas through its role, the Committee on Petitions has a special duty to protect the rights of peoples with disabilities in the EU, with the exercise of their fundamental freedoms and rights being guaranteed by EU law and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD);

Or. en

**Amendment 7
Alexis Georgoulis**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 d (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 d. whereas the right to petition, the petition process and the Peti portal should be more visible and accessible to persons with disabilities; whereas the Committee on Petitions should ensure better visibility and sufficient information in this respect through targeted information and awareness-raising campaigns, with a special focus on vulnerable groups, especially persons with disabilities;

Or. en

**Amendment 8
Alexis Georgoulis**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 e (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 e. whereas there are approximately

87 million people with disabilities in the EU and nearly one in four EU citizens surveyed reported some degree of functional limitations due to health conditions^{1a};

^{1a} Eurostat, ‘Functional and activity limitations statistics’, accessed on 6 July 2021.

Or. en

Amendment 9
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 f. whereas work-related discrimination against people with disabilities is interrelated with the lack of inclusive education and vocational training, as well as the segregation and discrimination present in the field of housing, healthcare, and the lack of accessibility of transport and other services and products;

Or. en

Amendment 10
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 g. whereas equal and effective access to affordable quality care and support services is an essential prerequisite for independent living of people with

disabilities, their participation in the community life and social inclusion so as leave no one behind;

Or. en

Amendment 11
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 h. whereas children with disabilities in the EU are disproportionately more likely to be placed in institutional care than children without disabilities, and appear far less likely to benefit from efforts to enable a transition from institutional to family-based care;

Or. en

Amendment 12
Stelios Kypouropoulos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1

Draft opinion

Amendment

1. Stresses that the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the CRPD Committee's 2015 recommendations¹ oblige the EU as a signatory of the CRPD to end discrimination for all persons with disabilities (PwD) and to become a role model in its implementation to ensure their equal enjoyment of all human rights and full participation in all areas of society² ;

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Takes note of the CRPD Committee decision at its twenty-sixth session on the list of issues in relation to the European

***Union and calls for appropriate follow-up
by the EU and its Member States;***

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² Petitions Nos 1077/2017 and 0226/2021.

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² Petitions Nos 1077/2017 and 0226/2021.

Or. en

**Amendment 13
Ryszard Czarnecki**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 1**

Draft opinion

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² Petitions Nos 1077/2017 and 0226/2021.

Amendment

1. ***Underlines that there are approximately 87 million persons with disabilities in Europe^{1a}***; stresses that the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the CRPD Committee's 2015 recommendations¹ oblige the EU as a signatory of the CRPD to end discrimination for all persons with disabilities (PwD) and to become a role model in its implementation to ensure their equal enjoyment of all human rights and full participation in all areas of society² ;

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² Petitions Nos 1077/2017 and 0226/2021.

Or. en

Amendment 14

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 – point 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(1) Calls on the Member States to carry out national disability awareness-raising campaigns promoting the CRPD and the European Disability Strategy 2021-2030 that area accessible for all and involve PwD and the family members and organisations that represent them; calls on the Member States to adopt ambitious timelines for the implementation of the strategy; calls on the Commission to develop a set of detailed indicators in the forthcoming delegated act on the revised social score board to measure the progress toward the goals and objectives of the strategy and to ensure compliance by all those involved with the commitments outlined in these documents;

Or. en

Amendment 15

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion

Paragraph 1 – point 2 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(2) Takes note of the progress made by the Member States in effectively implementing and monitoring the CRPD and in adapting accessibility measures to comply with the standards of the CRPD; calls on the Member States to designate, without further delay, responsible authorities to serve as focal points, and to establish coordinating mechanisms at all

administrative levels, in accordance with Article 33 of the CRPD, for its implementation and monitoring; stresses that the Member States should ensure that a significant number of persons with disabilities are involved in the work of these authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 16
Ryszard Czarnecki

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Underlines that 37 % of the EU population aged 15 and over reported (moderate or severe) physical or sensory limitations^{1b}; recalls that the range and level of services provided to persons with disabilities is insufficient and thus underlines that support should be tailored to individual needs; calls on the Member States to step up their efforts in providing support for persons with disabilities in the following priority areas: health, education, accessibility, employment and working conditions, independent living, coordination, living conditions, social protection and raising awareness;

^{1b} https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php/Functional_and_activity_limitations_statistics#Functional_and_activity_limitations

Or. en

Amendment 17
Stelios Kypouropoulos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Calls on the Member States to designate responsible authorities to serve as focal points, and to establish coordinating mechanisms at all administrative levels, in accordance with Article 33 of the CRPD, for its implementation and monitoring, while ensuring the significant participation of disabled persons in these authorities;

Or. en

Amendment 18
Antoni Comín i Oliveres

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Regrets that EU has not taken enough measures to address equality and non-discrimination in its legislation and policies, and in particular to address intersectional and multiple forms of discrimination;

Or. en

Amendment 19
Alviina Alametsä

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 a. Regrets that the EU, despite some progress made over the recent years, did not achieve yet the overall purpose of the

CRPD;

Or. en

Amendment 20
Alviina Alametsä

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 b. Urges the Commission to conduct a cross-cutting and comprehensive review of the EU legislation in order to ensure its full harmonization with the provisions of the CRPD, including by adopting, without further delay, a plan detailing the overall strategy to achieve this goal;

Or. en

Amendment 21
Alviina Alametsä

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 c. Stresses the vital importance to enhance actions aimed at fully upholding human rights and fundamental freedoms of persons with disabilities, removing any obstacle preventing them from having a full and equal participation in society; calls on the Commission and Member States to ensure that all measures to implement at national and EU levels the Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030 are in full compliance with the CRPD;

Or. en

Amendment 22
Alviina Alametsä

Draft opinion
Paragraph 1 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

1 d. Strongly condemns violence against women stressing its life-long implications for their physical and mental health; is highly alarmed that violence against women threatens the security of over 250 million women in the EU, with women with disabilities facing 2 to 5 times higher risks to be victims of violence; calls on the Council to conclude, as a matter of priority, its work on the EU's ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combating violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention) in order to strengthen the overall action to combat violence faced by all women and support all victims, thereby also contributing to the adequate implementation of the CRPD and of the Convention on the Elimination of All forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW);

Or. en

Amendment 23
Stelios Kypouropoulos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2

Draft opinion

Amendment

2. Urges the Commission to step up its efforts to meet the needs of PwD, such as those expressed in Parliament's resolutions of 7 October 2021 entitled 'Protection of PwD with disabilities

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through petitions: lessons learnt³ and of 8 July 2020 on the rights of persons with intellectual disabilities in the COVID-19 crisis⁴ ;

³ Texts adopted, P9_TA(2021)0414.

⁴ OJ C 371, 15.9.2021, p. 6.

through petitions: lessons learnt³ ***including in particular the need for a gradual convergence of the definitions of accessibility, participation and community-based living as a means of enhancing cohesion among Member States***, and of 8 July 2020 on the rights of persons with intellectual disabilities in the COVID-19 crisis⁴ ;

³ Texts adopted, P9_TA(2021)0414.

⁴ OJ C 371, 15.9.2021, p. 6.

Or. en

Amendment 24 **Stefania Zambelli**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 2**

Draft opinion

2. Urges the Commission to step up its efforts to meet the needs of PwD, such as those expressed in Parliament's resolutions of 7 October 2021 entitled 'Protection of PwD with disabilities through petitions: lessons learnt'³ and of 8 July 2020 on the rights of persons with intellectual disabilities in the COVID-19 crisis⁴;

³ Texts adopted, P9_TA(2021)0414.

⁴ OJ C 371, 15.9.2021, p. 6.

Amendment

2. Urges the Commission to step up its efforts to meet the needs of PwD, such as those expressed in Parliament's resolutions of 7 October 2021 entitled 'Protection of PwD with disabilities through petitions: lessons learnt'³ and of 8 July 2020 on the rights of persons with intellectual disabilities in the COVID-19 crisis⁴; ***whereas, in particular, the pandemic has exacerbated inequalities between people with and without disabilities;***

³ Texts adopted, P9_TA(2021)0414.

⁴ OJ C 371, 15.9.2021, p. 6.

Or. it

Amendment 25

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 – point 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(1) Considers the Optional Protocol to be an indivisible part of the CRPD; points to the fact that the Optional Protocol provides citizens with a forum to communicate alleged violations of the provisions of the convention by a State Party, and allows the CRPD Committee to initiate confidential inquiries when they receive information indicating that a State Party has committed a grave or systematic violation;

Or. en

Amendment 26

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 – point 2 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(2) Stresses that the Optional Protocol to the CRPD has not been ratified by the EU and five Member States; calls on all Member States that have not yet ratified the Optional Protocol to the CRPD to do so without further delay, and for the EU to fully ratify it; calls on the Council to take the necessary steps to ensure the accession of the EU to the Optional Protocol;

Or. en

Amendment 27

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 – point 3 (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

(3) Notes that there is no mutual recognition of disability status between Member States; calls on the Member States to work together in a spirit of mutual trust to recognise the status assigned in another Member State; emphasises the Commission’s goal of working with Member States to expand the scope of the mutual recognition of disability status in areas such as labour mobility and the benefits related to the conditions of service provision; highlights the need to extend the benefits of the EU disability card so that mutually recognised health access benefits are also included; underlines, in this context, the importance of swift action in terms of implementation of the European Disability Card; reiterates the need for mutual understanding of deinstitutionalisation, its implementation and independent living in the community, with a view to better aligning the Member States’ strategies and the EU funds with the CRPD;

Or. en

**Amendment 28
Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 – point 4 (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

(4) Welcomes the Commission’s initiative, by the end of 2023, for the creation of an EU disability card to be

recognised in all Member States, with a view to scaling up the pilot projects for the EU disability card and the EU parking card for PwD; is of the opinion that the EU disability card, which should be adopted and recognised in all Member States, and cover all areas of life, including transport, will be an important instrument to help PwD to exercise their right to free movement in a barrier-free EU;

Or. en

Amendment 29

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion

Paragraph 2 – point 5 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(5) Notes the Commission’s proposal for the creation of the ‘AccessibleEU’ resource centre by 2022; calls on the Commission to create an EU agency on accessibility (EU Access Board) that would be in charge of developing technical specifications on accessibility in support of specific EU policies and legislation, carrying out consultations with rights-holders, stakeholders and non-governmental organisations, helping Member States and EU institutions to implement accessibility in a harmonised way for the benefit of the single market, and raising awareness of the importance of accessibility for equal societies;

Or. en

Amendment 30

Alviina Alametsä

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. *Is extremely concerned that persons with disabilities are still disproportionately affected by unemployment, leave labour markets earlier and that the employment gap between persons with and without disabilities remains high, contributing in the result of persons with disabilities having a very high risk of poverty and social exclusion;*

Or. en

Amendment 31
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 a. *Points out that petitioners' most common concerns regarding the equality of people with disabilities centre around accessibility and social protection, along with employment rights and the right to live independently in the community;*

Or. en

Amendment 32
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 b. *Stresses that Article 19 of the CRPD sets out the right to live*

independently and be included in the community; calls on the Member States to bring about a change in living conditions for people with disabilities, involving a shift away from institutional arrangements towards social integration, with the provision of community services in line with the wishes and preferences of each individual; calls on the Member States to include specific targets with clear deadlines in their deinstitutionalisation strategies and provide adequate funding for the implementation thereof;

Or. en

Amendment 33
Alviina Alametsä

Draft opinion
Paragraph 2 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

2 b. Reiterates its request to the Commission to structurally integrate the Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030 within the European Semester process with a view to enhancing employment and social protection of persons with disabilities in all related policies adopted by Member States; believes that the Commission should carry out a detailed annual review of disability mainstreaming under the European Semester process;

Or. en

Amendment 34
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Underlines that independent living goes hand in hand with the freedom to choose one's place of residence⁵, inclusive education⁶, a guarantee of democratic rights⁷ such as the right to vote⁸, and access to the open labour market with an adequate salary⁹;

⁵ Petition No 0988/2020.

⁶ Petitions Nos 1340/2020 and 1529/2020.

⁷ Petition No 1132/2016.

⁸ Petition No 1135/2021; European Economic and Social Committee report of 20 March 2019 on the real rights of persons with disabilities to vote in European Parliament elections.

⁹ Petitions Nos 0608/2020 and 1280/2021.

Amendment

3. Underlines that independent living goes hand in hand with the freedom to choose one's place of residence⁵, inclusive education⁶, a guarantee of democratic rights⁷ such as the right to vote⁸, and access to the open labour market with an adequate ***and fair*** salary⁹***as well as adequate social protection in order to allow sufficient flexibility in the provision of social support and benefits and ensure their adjustability to the individual needs and career paths of PwD;***

⁵ Petition No 0988/2020.

⁶ Petitions Nos 1340/2020 and 1529/2020.

⁷ Petition No 1132/2016.

⁸ Petition No 1135/2021; European Economic and Social Committee report of 20 March 2019 on the real rights of persons with disabilities to vote in European Parliament elections.

⁹ Petitions Nos 0608/2020 and 1280/2021.

Or. en

Amendment 35
Jaroslav Duda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Underlines that independent living goes hand in hand with the freedom to choose one's place of residence⁵, inclusive education⁶, a guarantee of democratic rights⁷ such as the right to vote⁸, and access to the open labour market with an adequate salary⁹;

communication, as well as transport and banking services;

⁵ Petition No 0988/2020.

⁶ Petitions Nos 1340/2020 and 1529/2020.

⁷ Petition No 1132/2016.

⁸ Petition No 1135/2021; European Economic and Social Committee report of 20 March 2019 on the real rights of persons with disabilities to vote in European Parliament elections.

⁹ Petitions Nos 0608/2020 and 1280/2021.

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⁶ Petitions Nos 1340/2020 and 1529/2020.

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⁹ Petitions Nos 0608/2020 and 1280/2021.

Or. pl

Amendment 36 **Alviina Alametsä**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 3**

Draft opinion

3. Underlines that independent living goes hand in hand with the freedom to choose one's place of residence⁵, inclusive education⁶, a guarantee of democratic rights⁷ such as the right to vote⁸, **and** access to the open labour market with an adequate salary⁹;

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⁶ Petitions Nos 1340/2020 and 1529/2020.

⁷ Petition No 1132/2016.

⁸ Petition No 1135/2021; European Economic and Social Committee report of 20 March 2019 on the real rights of persons with disabilities to vote in European Parliament elections.

⁹ Petitions Nos 0608/2020 and 1280/2021.

Amendment

3. Underlines that independent living goes hand in hand with the freedom to choose one's place of residence⁵, inclusive education⁶, a guarantee of democratic rights⁷ such as the right to vote⁸, access to the open labour market with an adequate salary⁹, **adequate social benefits and support systems;**

⁵ Petition No 0988/2020.

⁶ Petitions Nos 1340/2020 and 1529/2020.

⁷ Petition No 1132/2016.

⁸ Petition No 1135/2021; European Economic and Social Committee report of 20 March 2019 on the real rights of persons with disabilities to vote in European Parliament elections.

⁹ Petitions Nos 0608/2020 and 1280/2021.

Amendment 37
Antoni Comín i Oliveres

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3

Draft opinion

3. Underlines that independent living goes hand in hand with the freedom to choose one's place of residence⁵, inclusive education⁶, a guarantee of democratic rights⁷ such as the right to vote⁸, and access to the open labour market with an adequate salary⁹;

⁵ Petition No 0988/2020.

⁶ Petitions Nos 1340/2020 and 1529/2020.

⁷ Petition No 1132/2016.

⁸ Petition No 1135/2021; European Economic and Social Committee report of 20 March 2019 on the real rights of persons with disabilities to vote in European Parliament elections.

⁹ Petitions Nos 0608/2020 and 1280/2021.

Amendment

3. Underlines that independent living goes hand in hand with the freedom to choose one's place of residence⁵, inclusive education⁶, ***lifelong learning***, a guarantee of democratic rights⁷ such as the right to vote⁸, and access to the open labour market with an adequate salary⁹;

⁵ Petition No 0988/2020.

⁶ Petitions Nos 1340/2020 and 1529/2020.

⁷ Petition No 1132/2016.

⁸ Petition No 1135/2021; European Economic and Social Committee report of 20 March 2019 on the real rights of persons with disabilities to vote in European Parliament elections.

⁹ Petitions Nos 0608/2020 and 1280/2021.

Amendment 38
Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 – point 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(1) Stresses that Article 19 of the CRPD sets out the right to live independently and be included in the community; calls on the Member States to

ensure a process that provides for a shift in living arrangements for PwD, from institutional settings to a system enabling social participation and in which services are provided in the community according to individual will and preference; calls on the Member States to include specific targets with clear deadlines in their deinstitutionalisation strategies and to adequately finance the implementation of these strategies;

Or. en

Amendment 39

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 – point 2 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(2) Recalls that in order to develop appropriate and effective policies and find solutions tailored to the needs of PwD in all their diversity in the EU, there is a need for comparable and reliable EU data; calls, therefore, on the Commission and the Member States to intensify their efforts for a common framework for European statistics on individuals and households to collect reliable data on the participation of PwD, also disaggregated by gender, in the various levels and types of education and labour and in social life;

Or. en

Amendment 40

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 – point 3 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(3) Stresses that there is an urgent need to conduct a study and a research to collect data disaggregated by different types of disability and different barriers faced by the different groups of PwD, in particular when trying to access the labour market, which would greatly improve understanding of how unemployment impacts PwD and help the European Commission and Member States in their aim and efforts to improve labour market outcomes for PwD in the EU;

Or. en

Amendment 41

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 – point 4 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(4) Stresses that cost of living with a disability is one of the greatest challenges faced by PwD; underlines, in this respect, an urgent need to collect data to further analyse the issue of living costs for PwD; stresses that this data will help to understand why it is that PwD are so disproportionately affected by poverty, and why the issue of losing one's disability allowance when a person starts earning a wage can be so problematic and dangerous; underlines that the loss of disability allowance following the take-up of paid work is one of the principle reasons that PwD cannot easily transfer to the labour market, and that puts them at the greatest risk of in-work poverty;

Or. en

Amendment 42

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 – point 5 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(5) Stresses that the Article 27 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities clearly calls for every effort to be made to allow PwD to find employment in the open labour market; underlines the key importance to monitor the developments in the EU Member States on fulfilling their obligations under the UNCRPD, or in employing people in sheltered forms of work that lead to in-work poverty; underlines, in this regards, an urgent need to conduct a research on sheltered workshops and insight into how many PwD, including women with disabilities, are in employment in the open labour market; stresses that the Eurostat figures show what percentage of PwD are employed in each Member State, but the quality of employment that each person finds themselves in remains unknown;

Or. en

Amendment 43

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion

Paragraph 3 – point 6 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(6) Recalls the high number of EU citizens deprived of their right to participate in elections, including

European Parliament elections, because of their disabilities or mental health problems; calls on the Commission and Member States to guarantee the political rights of PwD by ensuring voting and eligibility rights to all PwD and right to stand for election, without exemptions, and by implementing ad hoc measures aiming at making the next European elections more accessible to PwD and respectful of the right to vote autonomously and in secrecy, or otherwise with the choice of one's assistant;

Or. en

Amendment 44
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Welcomes the fact that as part of the Strategy for the Rights of People with Disabilities 2021-2030, an EU-wide Disability Card will be available by the end of 2023; Calls the commission and Member states to developing a system of mutual recognition with common criteria in all Member States of disability status and associate benefits based on an EU disability card with a strong scope harmonising the status and definition of disability and making the Card mandatory for all Member States in order to really safeguard equal opportunities for all across the EU leaving noone behind;

Or. en

Amendment 45
Ulrike Müller, Jordi Cañas, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Vlad Gheorghe, Yana Toom,

Marie-Pierre Vedrenne

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. urges the Commission, especially in view of the next European elections in 2024, to work with Member States in the European Cooperation Network on Elections to guarantee the democratic rights of people with disabilities, including people with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities, by ensuring that voting procedures, materials and facilities are easy to access and participation in public and political life are actively promoted;

Or. en

**Amendment 46
Stelios Kypouropoulos**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. Reiterates the need for mutual recognition of deinstitutionalization and its implementation and "independent living in the community", towards better aligning Member States' strategies and the EU funds to the UNCRPD;

Or. en

**Amendment 47
Ryszard Czarnecki**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. *Calls on the Member States to ensure equal opportunities to access adequate support for persons with disabilities living in different regions, both in urban as well as in rural and remote areas;*

Or. en

Amendment 48
Antoni Comín i Oliveres

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 a. *Underlines that the reform of the EU electoral law would provide an initial response to the need to guarantee the right to vote for PwD in all the Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 49
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 3 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

3 b. *Urges the Commission and Member States to introduce public and private sector workplace quotas for people with disabilities in order to foster an inclusive workplace;*

Or. en

Amendment 50
Alviina Alametsä

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Urges the Member States to improve the accessibility of buildings, transport and communication, including web accessibility, **in order to** remove physical, digital, logistical and social barriers in all areas, **and** recalls that the Member States must speed up the transposition of the European Accessibility Act¹⁰ ;

¹⁰ Petitions Nos 0954/2019, 1491/2020,1135/21 and 1213/2021.

Amendment

4. Urges the Member States to improve the accessibility of buildings, transport and communication, including web accessibility, **and** remove physical, digital, logistical and social barriers in all areas **in order to fully protect all fundamental rights of persons with disabilities, ensuring their active and equal participation in society**; recalls that the Member States must speed up the transposition of the European Accessibility Act¹⁰ ;

¹⁰ Petitions Nos 0954/2019, 1491/2020,1135/21 and 1213/2021.

Or. en

Amendment 51
Gianna Gancia, Markus Buchheit, Stefania Zambelli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. **Urges** the Member States to improve the accessibility of buildings, transport and communication, including web accessibility, in order to remove physical, digital, logistical and social barriers in all areas, and recalls that the Member States **must** speed up the transposition of the European Accessibility Act¹⁰ ;

¹⁰ Petitions Nos 0954/2019,

Amendment

4. **Calls on** the Member States to improve the accessibility of buildings, transport and communication, including web accessibility, in order to remove physical, digital, logistical and social barriers in all areas, and recalls that the Member States **should** speed up the transposition of the European Accessibility Act¹⁰ ;

¹⁰ Petitions Nos 0954/2019,

Amendment 52
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Urges the Member States to improve the accessibility of buildings, transport and communication, including web accessibility, in order to remove physical, digital, logistical and social barriers in all areas, and recalls that the Member States must speed up the transposition of the European Accessibility Act¹⁰ ;

¹⁰ Petitions Nos 0954/2019, 1491/2020,1135/21 and 1213/2021.

Amendment

4. Urges the Member States to improve the accessibility of buildings, transport and communication, including web accessibility, in order to remove physical, digital, logistical and social barriers in all areas, and recalls that the Member States must speed up the transposition of the European Accessibility Act¹⁰ ; ***Calls on the Commission to use the New European Bauhaus initiative to promote and support housing solutions, based on a design for all approach, enabling people with disabilities to live at home and to remain active in society;***

¹⁰ Petitions Nos 0954/2019, 1491/2020,1135/21 and 1213/2021.

Amendment 53
Stefania Zambelli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4

Draft opinion

4. Urges the Member States to improve the accessibility of buildings, transport and communication, including web accessibility, in order to remove

physical, digital, logistical and social barriers in all areas, and recalls that the Member States must speed up the transposition of the European Accessibility Act¹⁰;

¹⁰ Petitions Nos 0954/2019, 1491/2020,1135/21 and 1213/2021.

physical, digital, logistical and social barriers in all areas, and recalls that the Member States must speed up the transposition of the European Accessibility Act¹⁰; ***points out, further, that EU funds should never be used to finance inaccessible products, services or infrastructure;***

¹⁰ Petitions Nos 0954/2019, 1491/2020,1135/21 and 1213/2021.

Or. it

Amendment 54

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 – point 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(1) Regrets the fact that the European Accessibility Act fails to address accessibility of the built environment and of the physical world in general; calls on the Commission to use the European Accessibility Act as a basis for adopting a robust EU framework for an accessible and inclusive environment with fully accessible public spaces, services, including public transport, communication, administrative and financial services, and the built environment; welcomes the Commission's 'Access City Award' initiative;

Or. en

Amendment 55

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 – point 2 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(2) Outlines that petitioners’ most common concerns regarding the equality of PwD centre around accessibility and social protection, along with employment rights and the right to live independently in the community; calls, therefore, on the Member States to fully implement and continuously monitor all accessibility-related legislation, including Directive (EU) 2019/882 (the European Accessibility Act) in order to effectively and definitively remove and prevent barriers for workers with disabilities, and to improve and ensure the availability of accessible services and the suitability of the conditions under which these services are provided; calls, in this context, on the Member States to consider, when transposing the European Accessibility Act into national legislation, the interconnectivity between the accessibility of services and the accessibility of the built environment;

Or. en

Amendment 56

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 – point 3 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(3) Calls on the Member States to ensure the swift and efficient implementation at all levels of Directive 2016/2102 on the accessibility of public sector bodies’ websites and mobile applications, in order to guarantee that PwD are able to access all information

they require in an accessible format, including national sign languages; welcomes the Commission's initiative for an action plan on web accessibility for all EU institutions, bodies and agencies with a view to ensuring the compliance of EU websites, and the documents published on these websites and online platforms, with European accessibility standards, which need to be broadened; urges all EU institutions, bodies and agencies to comply with the European accessibility standards in 2022 at the latest; calls the Commission to pay particular attention, as a matter of priority, to the accessibility of its public consultations, especially where they target PWD and their organisations;

Or. en

Amendment 57

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion

Paragraph 4 – point 4 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(4) Urges the EU institutions to improve the level and quality of accessibility in all of their buildings and remove the existing barriers to their websites, debates and documentation, i.e. to make the information produced accessible by, for example, providing translation into the sign languages of the different Member States and producing documents in Braille and in easy-to-read language;

Or. en

Amendment 58

Francesca Donato

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4a. urges the Commission and the Member States to ensure that architectural barriers inside and outside buildings and in all public and private spaces are removed; recommends, further, that they ensure that no new barriers to accessibility for people with disabilities are created anywhere;

Or. it

Amendment 59
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Reminds the Member States that independent living, quality social and employment services, adequate social protection and a strengthened social economy are indispensable for decent living for all persons with disabilities, as highlighted in the EU strategy on the rights of people with disabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 60
Ryszard Czarnecki

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Recalls that accessibility should go hand in hand with adequate infrastructure; encourages the Member States to increase spending from the ESF+, the ERDF and the Just Transition Fund for adapting public infrastructure, including transport, and public spaces for all;

Or. en

Amendment 61
Antoni Comín i Oliveres

Draft opinion
Paragraph 4 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

4 a. Stresses that legislation in most EU countries promotes independent living, but there is a serious implementation gap, especially in rural areas;

Or. en

Amendment 62
Gianna Gancia, Markus Buchheit, Stefania Zambelli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

Amendment

5. Recalls, in this respect, that the COVID-19 crisis has fostered remote work, which could provide for wider access to employment for PwD, and **urges** the Member States to take serious measures to tackle unemployment and the payment gap¹¹ ;

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¹¹ Petitions Nos 0608/2020, 1139/2021,

¹¹ Petitions Nos 0608/2020, 1139/2021,

Amendment 63
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recalls, in this respect, that the COVID-19 crisis has fostered remote work, which could provide for wider access to employment for PwD, and urges the Member States to take serious measures to tackle unemployment and the payment gap¹¹ ;

¹¹ Petitions Nos 0608/2020, 1139/2021, 0226/21 and 0070/2022.

Amendment

5. ***calls on the Commission and Member States to promote and ensure a legislative and policy-making framework for admission to the labour market of persons with disabilities, especially women, including those with hidden disabilities, chronic illnesses or learning difficulties;*** Recalls, in this respect, that the COVID-19 crisis has fostered remote work, which could provide for wider access to employment for PwD, and urges the Member States to take serious measures to tackle unemployment and the payment gap¹¹ ; ***Stresses the need for the European Commission's Digital Transition Strategy to ensure the involvement of people with disabilities in the IT development, deployment and use; stresses that AI-based technologies in the workplace should be accessible to everyone, based on the design for all principle;***

¹¹ Petitions Nos 0608/2020, 1139/2021, 0226/21 and 0070/2022.

Amendment 64
Stefania Zambelli

Draft opinion

Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recalls, in this respect, that the COVID-19 crisis has fostered remote work, which could provide for wider access to employment for PwD, and urges the Member States to take serious measures to tackle unemployment and the payment gap¹¹;

¹¹ Petitions Nos 0608/2020, 1139/2021, 0226/21 and 0070/2022.

Amendment

5. Recalls, in this respect, that the COVID-19 crisis has fostered remote work, which could provide for wider access to employment for PwD, and urges the Member States to take serious measures to tackle unemployment and the payment gap¹¹; ***recalls, further, the low employment and occupation levels for persons with disabilities, standing at 50.6% in comparison with 74.8% for those without disabilities; condemns all forms of discrimination against persons with disabilities in the workplace; calls on the Member States and the Commission to enforce policies designed to prevent cases of disability-based harassment; calls, further, on the Member States, in cooperation with employers, to enforce polices to prevent cyberbullying of persons with disabilities in the workplace;***

¹¹ Petitions Nos 0608/2020, 1139/2021, 0226/21 and 0070/2022.

Or. it

Amendment 65 **Stelios Kypouropoulos**

Draft opinion **Paragraph 5**

Draft opinion

5. Recalls, in this respect, that the COVID-19 crisis has fostered remote work, which could provide for wider access to employment for PwD, and urges the Member States to take serious measures to tackle unemployment and the payment gap¹¹ ;

Amendment

5. Recalls, in this respect, that the COVID-19 crisis has fostered remote work, which could provide for wider access to employment for PwD, and urges the Member States to take serious measures to tackle unemployment and the payment gap¹¹ ***while making sure that this will not reduce the opportunities for***

disabled persons to work in their place of employment, as it would, otherwise, deprive them from their freedom of choosing, and potentially lead to reduced accessibility of the building environment and transportation;

¹¹ Petitions Nos 0608/2020, 1139/2021, 0226/21 and 0070/2022.

¹¹ Petitions Nos 0608/2020, 1139/2021, 0226/21 and 0070/2022.

Or. en

Amendment 66
Ryszard Czarnecki

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recalls, in this respect, that the COVID-19 crisis has fostered remote work, which could provide for wider access to employment for PwD, and urges the Member States to take serious measures to tackle unemployment and the payment gap¹¹ ;

Amendment

5. Recalls *that petitioners have repeatedly highlighted the limitations regarding the employment opportunities of persons with disabilities^{1c}; recalls that 50.8% of persons with disabilities are in employment compared to 75% without disabilities^{1d}; underlines*, in this respect, that the COVID-19 crisis has fostered remote work, which could provide for wider access to employment for PwD, and urges the Member States to take serious measures to tackle unemployment and the payment gap¹¹ ;

¹¹ Petitions Nos 0608/2020, 1139/2021, 0226/21 and 0070/2022.

^{1c} *Petition no 1139/2020*

^{1d} *Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030*

¹¹ Petitions Nos 0608/2020, 1139/2021, 0226/21 and 0070/2022.

Or. en

Amendment 67

Ulrike Müller, Jordi Cañas, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Vlad Gheorghe, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne

Draft opinion Paragraph 5

Draft opinion

5. Recalls, in this respect, that the COVID-19 crisis has fostered remote work, which could provide for wider access to employment for PwD, and urges the Member States to take serious measures to tackle unemployment and the payment gap¹¹ ;

¹¹ Petitions Nos 0608/2020, 1139/2021, 0226/21 and 0070/2022.

Amendment

5. Recalls, in this respect, that the COVID-19 crisis has fostered remote work, which could provide for wider access to employment for PwD, and urges the Member States to take serious measures to tackle unemployment and the payment gap *in particular for women with disabilities*¹¹ ;

¹¹ Petitions Nos 0608/2020, 1139/2021, 0226/21 and 0070/2022.

Or. en

Amendment 68

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion Paragraph 5 – point 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(1) Calls on the EU institutions and the Member States to reaffirm their commitment to realising equality and inclusion for PwD and to fully implement the CRPD, including its Article 27 on work and employment;

Or. en

Amendment 69

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 – point 2 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(2) Highlights that sheltered workshops should aim to ensure inclusion, rehabilitation and transition to the open labour market, but are often segregated environments in which workers with disabilities do not have employee status or enjoy labour rights, which clearly constitutes a violation of the CRPD; stresses that inclusive models of supported employment can, if they are rights-based and recognised as employment, respect the rights of PwD and serve inclusion in and transition to the open labour market;

Or. en

Amendment 70
Ryszard Czarnecki

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Recalls that petitioners have repeatedly highlighted the limitations in terms of access to education for persons with disabilities^{1e}, which lead to lower participation in educational activities than the population average and, as a consequence, to a risk of social and economic exclusion; recalls that one person with disabilities out of four leaves the education system prematurely^{1f}; stresses that persons with disabilities should be guaranteed access to education, including during crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic, and Member States should tackle all forms of discrimination and exclusion in this area;

^{1e} Petition Nos 1340/2020, 0103/2021

^{1f} https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/statistics-explained/index.php?title=Archive:Disability_statistics_-_access_to_education_and_training&oldid=413588

Or. en

Amendment 71
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Calls for the collection of EU-wide disability-related data with a human rights-based approach and of data related to the impact of the so-called COVID-19 crisis on persons with disabilities in order to provide the evidence needed to scale up rapid assessments and urgently develop strategies and prepare interventions together with the Member States to revert the backlash in terms of rights and development observed due to the implementation of containment measures of the COVID-19;

Or. en

Amendment 72
Antoni Comín i Oliveres

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 a. Highlights that children with

disabilities continue to be disproportionately represented in institutional care, remain in institutions on a long-term or permanent basis, and face high levels of discrimination and neglect;

Or. en

Amendment 73
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Underlines the need to earmark adequate funding for resources enabling people with disabilities to make use of the best available technology and equipment in their everyday lives, at the workplace and for social intercourse; calls on the Member States to make the necessary investment and give people with disabilities easier access to assistive devices and connectivity, such as special tools for the workplace, mobility solutions or intelligent sensor systems, with a view to facilitating their social inclusion and helping them secure a decent standard of living;

Or. en

Amendment 74
Ryszard Czarnecki

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 b. Recalls that the EU Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

2021-2030 proposes creating a European Disability Card by end of 2023 with a view to be recognised in all Member States; underlines the importance of swift action in terms of implementation of the European Disability Card^{1g}; is convinced that the European Disability Card will be a key instrument to help persons with disabilities to exercise their right to free movement in a barrier-free Europe, therefore it should be mandatory in all Member States;

^{1g} *Petition no 1249/2014*

Or. en

Amendment 75
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 5 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

5 c. Is deeply concerned about the high unemployment rates of persons with disabilities, especially women, compared to other groups in the European Union;

Or. en

Amendment 76
Stelios Kypouropoulos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

Amendment

6. Underlines that children with disabilities, including those with intellectual disabilities, have the right to inclusive education on the same footing as

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other children, ***including the possibility to access mainstream schools***, as stipulated in Article 24 CRPD, and considers that accessible digital tools should be designed and used where possible¹² ;

¹² Petitions Nos 0956/2018 and 1340/2020.

other children, as stipulated in Article 24 CRPD, ***in particular in education establishments where students of all abilities learn together in the same classroom environment, in line with the education systems' need to adapt to their needs, and not vice-versa***, and considers that accessible digital tools should be designed and used where possible¹² ; ***Reiterates that the implementation and allocation of the relevant EU funding programmes should contribute to the transition towards inclusive education;***

¹² Petitions Nos 0956/2018 and 1340/2020.

Or. en

Amendment 77
Alviina Alametsä

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Underlines that children with disabilities, including those with intellectual disabilities, have the right to inclusive education on the same footing as other children, including the possibility to access mainstream schools, as stipulated in Article 24 CRPD, and considers that accessible digital tools should be designed and used ***where possible***¹² ;

¹² Petitions Nos 0956/2018 and 1340/2020.

Amendment

6. Underlines that children with disabilities, including those with intellectual disabilities, have the right to inclusive education on the same footing as other children, including the possibility to access mainstream schools, as stipulated in Article 24 CRPD, and considers that accessible digital tools should be designed and used ***to ensure this***¹² ;

¹² Petitions Nos 0956/2018 and 1340/2020.

Or. en

Amendment 78
Jaroslav Duda

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Underlines that children with disabilities, including those with intellectual disabilities, have the right to inclusive education on the same footing as other children, including the possibility to access mainstream schools, as stipulated in Article 24 CRPD, and considers that accessible digital tools should be designed and used where possible¹²;

¹² Petitions Nos 0956/2018 and 1340/2020.

Amendment

6. Underlines that children with disabilities, including those with intellectual disabilities, have the right to inclusive education on the same footing as other children, including the possibility to access mainstream schools, as stipulated in Article 24 CRPD, ***recalls, in this context, the need to make reasonable adjustments, to provide an adequate number of teachers and educators, and the importance of ensuring that teachers and educators have access to continuous training and professional development,*** and considers that accessible digital tools should be designed and used where possible¹²;

¹² Petitions Nos 0956/2018 and 1340/2020.

Or. pl

Amendment 79
Stefania Zambelli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 6

Draft opinion

6. Underlines that children with disabilities, including those with intellectual disabilities, have the right to inclusive education on the same footing as other children, including the possibility to access mainstream schools, as stipulated in Article 24 CRPD, and considers that accessible digital tools should be designed and used where possible¹²;

hopes that priority will be given to their education in the reopening policies in the Member States;

¹² *Petitions* Nos 0956/2018 and 1340/2020.

¹² *Petition* Nos 0956/2018 and 1340/2020.

Or. it

Amendment 80

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 – point 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(1) Welcomes the fact that Member States are willing to implement inclusive educational policies; calls on the Member States to further increase their education systems' capacity to provide high-quality accessible education for all learners by promoting specific measures and personalised support, such as accessible and tailored curricula and learning materials, accessible ICTs and appropriate digital education calls on the Commission to strengthen the role of the Child Guarantee, giving consideration to an accessible school award scheme, in ensuring the equal treatment of children with disabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 81

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 – point 2 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(2) Calls on the Commission and the Member States to invest in training professionals regarding the needs of PwD; reiterates that the implementation and allocation of the relevant EU funding programmes should contribute to the transition towards inclusive education; stresses that PwD should be guaranteed access to education, including during crises such as the COVID-19 pandemic and others, and that Member States should tackle all forms of discrimination and exclusion in this area;

Or. en

Amendment 82

Ulrike Müller, Jordi Cañas, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Vlad Gheorghe, Yana Toom, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. calls on those Member States which still segregate students to provide sufficient financial and specialized support for inclusive education in schools, third level education and in programmes (including Erasmus+, Discover EU & European Solidarity Corps);

Or. en

Amendment 83

Antoni Comín i Oliveres

Draft opinion

Paragraph 6 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

6 a. Calls on the Commission and Member states to remove any physical, legal and pedagogical barriers that impede equal access to learning and teaching environments for teachers and students with disabilities and special needs;

Or. en

Amendment 84

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Reiterates that PwD, including those with **mental** disabilities, should have the right to the highest attainable state of health and access to healthcare, free from discrimination, of the same scope and quality as other EU citizens¹³ ;

¹³ Petitions Nos 0687/2020 and 0470/2020.

Amendment

7. Reiterates that PwD, including those with **intellectual and psychosocial** disabilities, should have the right to the highest attainable state of health and access to healthcare, free from discrimination, of the same scope and quality as other EU citizens¹³ ;

¹³ Petitions Nos 0687/2020 and 0470/2020.

Or. en

Amendment 85

Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Reiterates that PwD, including those with mental disabilities, should have the right to the highest attainable state of health and access to healthcare, free from discrimination, of the same scope and

quality as other EU citizens¹³ ;

quality as other EU citizens¹³ ; ***Calls on the Commission and Member States to include in European structural and investment fund planning and programming appropriations earmarked for policies with an emphasis on services in the community, with a view to implementing national deinstitutionalisation strategies; stresses the need to bring Member State strategies and EU funding more closely into line with the provisions of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities with a view to ensuring the mutual recognition of deinstitutionalisation and 'independent living in the community';***

¹³ Petitions Nos 0687/2020 and 0470/2020.

¹³ Petitions Nos 0687/2020 and 0470/2020.

Or. en

Amendment 86
Ryszard Czarnecki

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Reiterates that PwD, including those with mental disabilities, should have the right to the highest attainable state of health and access to healthcare, free from discrimination, of the same scope and quality as other EU citizens¹³ ;

¹³ Petitions Nos 0687/2020 and 0470/2020.

Amendment

7. ***Underlines that persons with disabilities may also face difficulties in accessing health care, sports, culture and physical rehabilitation centres and have to contend with financial constraints or the lack or inadequacy of activities adapted to their individual conditions;*** reiterates that PwD, including those with mental disabilities, should have the right to the highest attainable state of health and access to healthcare, free from discrimination, of the same scope and quality as other EU citizens¹³ ;

¹³ Petitions Nos 0687/2020 and 0470/2020.

Amendment 87
Stelios Kypouropoulos

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Reiterates that PwD, including those with mental disabilities, should have the right to the highest attainable state of health and access to healthcare, free from discrimination, of the same scope and quality as other EU citizens¹³ ;

¹³ Petitions Nos 0687/2020 and 0470/2020.

Amendment

7. Reiterates that PwD, including those with mental disabilities, should have the right to the highest attainable state of health and access to healthcare, free from discrimination, of the same scope and quality as other EU citizens¹³ **and calls on the Member States to consider shifting from intellectually impaired persons' legal capacity deprivation to supported decision making schemes;**

¹³ Petitions Nos 0687/2020 and 0470/2020.

Amendment 88
Alviina Alametsä

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7

Draft opinion

7. Reiterates that PwD, including those with mental disabilities, should have the right to the highest attainable state of health and access to healthcare, free from discrimination, of the same scope and quality as other EU citizens¹³ ;

¹³ Petitions Nos 0687/2020 and 0470/2020.

Amendment

7. Reiterates that PwD, including those with mental disabilities, should have the right to the highest attainable state of **both physical and mental** health and access to healthcare, free from discrimination, of the same scope and quality as other EU citizens¹³ ;

¹³ Petitions Nos 0687/2020 and 0470/2020.

Amendment 89
Alviina Alametsä

Draft opinion
Paragraph 7 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

7 a. Stresses that during the COVID-19 pandemic, severe gaps emerged in the capacity and preparedness of healthcare and social care systems of various Member States to adequately support persons with disabilities, including those with mental disabilities, due to lack of resources, weak governance and inadequate involvement of persons with disabilities in planning measures to counter the spread of the virus and provide the necessary assistance; strongly believes that Member States must greatly improve their healthcare and social care systems by addressing all existing shortcomings in order to ensure that, even during a crisis, full support is given to everyone, and notably to the most vulnerable, thereby adequately protecting health and social rights of all;

Or. en

Amendment 90
Ryszard Czarnecki

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

Amendment

8. Highlights that PwD are exposed to discrimination most frequently, in particular those with intellectual, psychosocial and mental disabilities, and

deleted

women and girls, migrants and members of the LGBTIQ community with disabilities; calls, in this respect, for anti-discrimination legislation to protect the rights of PwD and for the horizontal Anti-Discrimination Directive to be unblocked in the Council¹⁴ ;

¹⁴ *Petitions Nos 0164/2020 and 0226/2021.*

Or. en

Amendment 91
Stefania Zambelli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Highlights that PwD are exposed to discrimination most frequently, in particular those with intellectual, psychosocial and mental disabilities, **and women and girls, migrants and members of the LGBTIQ community** with disabilities; **calls, in this respect, for anti-discrimination legislation to protect the rights of PwD and for the horizontal Anti-Discrimination Directive to be unblocked in the Council¹⁴;**

¹⁴ *Petitions Nos 0164/2020 and 0226/2021.*

Amendment

8. Highlights that PwD are exposed to discrimination most frequently, in particular those with intellectual, psychosocial and mental disabilities; **stresses, in this regard, the need for EU and national policies and strategies to strongly support persons with disabilities, who often have advanced skills and qualifications that are not valued, preventing them, ultimately, from realising their full potential and denying society the social and economic value;**

Or. it

Amendment 92
Gianna Gancia, Markus Buchheit, Stefania Zambelli

Draft opinion

Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Highlights that PwD are exposed to discrimination most frequently, in particular those with intellectual, psychosocial and mental disabilities, **and women and girls, migrants and members of the LGBTIQ community with disabilities**; calls, in this respect, for anti-discrimination legislation to protect the rights of PwD **and for the horizontal Anti-Discrimination Directive to be unblocked in the Council**¹⁴ ;

¹⁴ Petitions Nos 0164/2020 and 0226/2021.

Amendment

8. Highlights that **all** PwD are exposed to discrimination most frequently, in particular those with intellectual, psychosocial and mental disabilities; calls, in this respect, for anti-discrimination legislation to protect the rights of **all** PwD;

Or. en

Amendment 93

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

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¹⁴ Petitions Nos 0164/2020 and 0226/2021.

Amendment

8. Highlights that PwD are exposed to discrimination most frequently, in particular those with intellectual **and** psychosocial disabilities, and women and girls, migrants and **racialised people, including Roma, and** members of the LGBTIQ+ community with disabilities; **stresses**, in this respect, **that the proposed Anti-Discrimination directive, which would provide greater protection against discrimination of all kinds through a horizontal approach, still remains blocked in the Council for over a decade**;

Amendment 94
Alviina Alametsä

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

8. Highlights that PwD are exposed to discrimination most frequently, in particular those with intellectual, psychosocial and mental disabilities, and women and girls, migrants and members of the LGBTIQ community with disabilities; calls, in this respect, for anti-discrimination legislation to protect the rights of PwD and for the horizontal Anti-Discrimination Directive to be unblocked in the Council¹⁴ ;

¹⁴ Petitions Nos 0164/2020 and 0226/2021.

Amendment

8. Highlights that PwD are exposed to discrimination most frequently, in particular those with intellectual, psychosocial and mental disabilities, and women and girls, migrants and members of the LGBTIQ community with disabilities; calls, in this respect, for ***improving the anti-discrimination legislation by also effectively covering multiple and intersectional forms of discrimination as well as strengthening equality bodies in order*** to protect the rights of PwD ***across the EU*** and for the horizontal Anti-Discrimination Directive to be unblocked in the Council¹⁴;

¹⁴ Petitions Nos 0164/2020 and 0226/2021.

Amendment 95
Ulrike Müller, Jordi Cañas, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Vlad Gheorghe, Yana Toom, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

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¹⁴ Petitions Nos 0164/2020 and 0226/2021.

calls, in this respect, for anti-discrimination legislation to protect the rights of PwD and for the horizontal Anti-Discrimination Directive to be unblocked in the Council¹⁴ **and ensure adequate follow-up of the European Framework for Action on Mental Health and Wellbeing and improve the EU Compass for Action on Mental wellbeing;**

¹⁴ Petitions Nos 0164/2020 and 0226/2021.

Or. en

Amendment 96
Antoni Comín i Oliveres

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8

Draft opinion

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¹⁴ Petitions Nos 0164/2020 and 0226/2021.

Amendment

8. Highlights that PwD are exposed to discrimination most frequently, in particular those with intellectual, psychosocial and mental disabilities, and women and girls, migrants and members of the LGBTIQ community with disabilities ***face limited access to employment and social protection and can be denied access to proper healthcare, including mental health and sexual and reproductive health***; calls for anti-discrimination legislation to protect the rights of PwD and for the horizontal Anti-Discrimination Directive to be unblocked in the Council¹⁴ ;

¹⁴ Petitions Nos 0164/2020 and 0226/2021.

Or. en

Amendment 97
Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris

Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 – point a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

(a) Stresses the urgent need for EU legislation aimed at protecting citizens against all forms of discrimination in the EU and considers this to be primordial for the correct implementation of CRPD policies; urges the Member States to adopt the EU horizontal Anti-Discrimination Directive tabled by the Commission in 2008; calls on the Commission to present an alternative solution in order to move forward in tackling discrimination across the EU, in all areas of life, as soon as possible;

Or. en

**Amendment 98
Alviina Alametsä**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 a. Calls on the Commission to put in place the set of measures recommended by the European Ombudsman in her inquiry in case OI/2/2021/MHZ^{1a} aimed at ensuring that the use by Member States of EU Structural and Investment Funds as well as of the funds under the Recovery and Resilience Facility are in line with the EU's obligations, under the CRPD, to promote the right of persons with disabilities to independent living;

1a

<https://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/decision/en/155353>

Amendment 99
Antoni Comín i Oliveres

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 a. Underlines that women and girls with disabilities face multiple and intersectional discrimination in all areas of life, including socio-economic disadvantages, social isolation, violence, forced sterilisation and abortion, lack of access to community services, low-quality housing, institutionalisation, inadequate healthcare, and denial of the opportunity to contribute and engage actively in society;

Or. en

Amendment 100
Ulrike Müller, Jordi Cañas, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Vlad Gheorghe, Yana Toom, Marie-Pierre Vedrenne

Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 a. Stresses the need to harmonise the recognition of disability status among the Member States; calls on the Commission to extend the scope of the EU disability card to secure freedom of movement for people with disabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 101

Ryszard Czarnecki

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 a (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 a. Stresses that the Member States should take measures to strengthen the protection of persons with disabilities against discrimination;

Or. en

**Amendment 102
Alviina Alametsä**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 b (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 b. Highlights the importance of ongoing legislative processes to regulate digital platforms and services and artificial Intelligence as they pertain to the rights of PwD; underlines the paramount importance to better ensure that these legislations comply with CRPD and improve the accessibility of digital technologies for PwD;

Or. en

**Amendment 103
Alviina Alametsä**

**Draft opinion
Paragraph 8 c (new)**

Draft opinion

Amendment

8 c. Highlights that PwD often face disproportionate hurdles in order to exercise their right to the free movement

*for working reasons due to, inter alia,
lack of mutual recognition of disability
assessment between Member States;*

Or. en

Amendment 104
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

Draft opinion

9. Recalls that the obligations under the CRPD and the recommendations of the CRPD Committee are also binding on all EU institutions, which are responsible for ensuring accessibility and non-discrimination, including for EU staff with disabilities and carers of PwD.

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Or. en

Amendment 105
**Ulrike Müller, Jordi Cañas, Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Vlad Gheorghe, Yana Toom,
Marie-Pierre Vedrenne**

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9

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furthermore urges EU institutions to take the necessary measures to guarantee that people with disabilities can follow interpretation and easily access all online documents and underlines that in particular the Petitions Portal should be more accessible;

Or. en

Amendment 106

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 – point 1 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(1) Acknowledges the Commission's call for all EU institutions, bodies, agencies and delegations to designate 'disability coordinators'; reiterates its call for focal points to be established in all EU institutions and agencies, including Parliament and the Council, with the central focal point within the Commission's General Secretariat and supported by an appropriate interinstitutional mechanism; calls on the EU institutions to prioritise the appointment of PwD to the role of disability coordinators;

Or. en

Amendment 107

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris

Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 – point 2 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(2) Stresses that the right to petition and the petition process should be more visible and accessible to all individuals and organisations in the EU, including PwD; recalls the Committee on Petitions should ensure better visibility and sufficient information in this respect through targeted information and awareness-raising campaigns, with a special focus on vulnerable groups, including PwD; stresses that the Parliament has not yet developed an index of effectiveness for its petition system nor has it collected statistical data on the processing of petitions;

Or. en

Amendment 108

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 – point 3 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(3) Encourages the relevant Parliament services to continue their efforts and finalise the project on the inter-service working group on sign language in the shortest possible time frame in order to meet the requests of petition1056/2016 to allow for the tabling of petitions in international and national sign languages used in the EU and thereby make the fundamental right to petition more accessible for sign language users;

Amendment 109

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 – point 4 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(4) Highlights the importance of swiftly addressing accessibility concerns in all relevant policies and instruments, including concerns about public procurement rules and the accessibility of petitions to Parliament;

Or. en

Amendment 110

Alex Agius Saliba, Cristina Maestre Martín De Almagro, Marc Angel, Demetris Papadakis, Massimiliano Smeriglio, Sylvie Guillaume

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 – point 5 (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

(5) Highlights the need to provide sign language interpretation services and easy-to-read language translations for committee meetings, plenary meetings and all other Parliament meetings, in order to make them accessible for PwD;

Or. en

Amendment 111

Ryszard Czarnecki

Draft opinion

Paragraph 9 a (new)

9 a. *Stresses that in the context of projected demographic changes, in particular an ageing population, the Member States should take measures to develop care services for persons with disabilities; underlines that the negative demographic trend requires an increase in the range of services and the introduction of new standards, including standards on training of staff, standards for personal assistance services, care personal assistance and care services; notes that in order to increase the level of services provided it is necessary to create standards for their provision, as well as standards of education of persons responsible for their implementation^{1h}.*

^{1h} *Petitions Nos 0544/2005, 0434/2008, 1162/2020, 1255/2020*

Or. en

Amendment 112
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

9 a. *Calls on the Commission to conduct a comprehensive update of EU disability strategy and funding programmes with a view to complying fully with the CRPD by constructively involving disability organisations; calls on the Commission and the Member States to involve disability organisations in the dialogue and in all stages of the implementation of the Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030;*

Amendment 113
Stefania Zambelli

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9a. Recognises the many areas of application concerning the EU Disability Card, as adopted in some Member States, in terms of both discrimination-free access to many services and of safety in times of danger and emergency; hopes, therefore, with a view to mutual recognition of disability status, that it is swiftly introduced in every Member State.

Or. it

Amendment 114
Alviina Alametsä

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 a (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9 a. Believes that the EU must fully ratify without further delay the Optional Protocol to the CRPD, thus ensuring that citizens can denounce alleged violations of the CRPD's provisions by a State Party and allowing the CRPD Committee to initiate related confidential inquiries; urges those Member States that have not yet ratified the Optional Protocol to the CRPD to do so as a matter of priority;

Or. en

Amendment 115
Alviina Alametsä

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9 b. Underlines that UN Disability Rights Committee found very recently that persons with disabilities in Hungary do not have a mechanism to make decision out of autonomy because of their disabilities and recommended Hungary to amend its legislation to ensure that the country's supported decision-making mechanisms respect the dignity, autonomy and will and preferences of persons with disabilities in exercising their legal capacity; highlights that the UN Committee also stressed the importance of providing support to persons with disabilities to live independently and equally with others in the community, regardless of their type of impairment, suggesting Hungary to redesign its measures and redirect its effort and budgets into community-based support services; is firmly convinced that the Hungarian authorities must fully, consistently and swiftly implement the recommendations of the UN Disability Rights Committee;

Or. en

Amendment 116
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 b (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9 b. Reminds the Member States of United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 11.7, whose aim is to provide

universal access to safe, inclusive and accessible green and public spaces, in particular for children and women, persons with disabilities and older persons, by 2030;

Or. en

Amendment 117
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 c (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9 c. Urges the Member States to ensure that persons with disabilities are involved in the policy-making process without any restrictions; notes that the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities requires full involvement in policy making, which means allowing people with disabilities to participate and be represented in policy formulation and decision making in all areas at European, national and local level, in line with the principle of disability mainstreaming;

Or. en

Amendment 118
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 d (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9 d. Urges a swift revision of the Employment Equality Directive with a view to fully harmonising it with the provisions of the UNCRPD and implementing a participatory process aimed at ensuring the direct and full

involvement of representative organisations, full representation of the Civil Society of the organisations of people with disabilities in the overall decision making process;

Or. en

Amendment 119
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 e (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9 e. Stresses the need to step up research and innovation in the field of accessible technology in order to strengthen the inclusiveness for people with disabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 120
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 f (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9 f. Regrets for the inequity of access to assessment for hidden disabilities such as specific learning disabilities like dyslexia and dyscalculia; Calls the Commission and Member States to develop common European assessment criteria on learning disabilities and implement inclusive educational policies ensuring equal access of students with disabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 121
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 g (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9 g. *Calls the Commission and Member States to invest in public educational infrastructures as well as in education workforce's training and professional learning in order to ensure that children's and students' with disabilities learning and development needs are met.*

Or. en

Amendment 122
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 h (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9 h. *Calls on the commission and the Member states to ensure and promote, according to the Article 30 of CRPD, the right of persons with disabilities to participate in cultural life, including access to cultural materials in accessible formats, television programmes, films, theatre and other cultural activities in accessible formats; Highlights the importance of improving accessibility to cultural heritage sites for people with disabilities;*

Or. en

Amendment 123

Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 i (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9 i. *Highlights the health benefits of culture and arts on the mental health, wellbeing and overall health of people with disabilities; therefore, calls on member states and the Commission to take measures to publicly provide for free culture and art activities for people with disabilities, as well as to ensure the inclusion of all forms of culture and art;*

Or. en

Amendment 124
Alexis Georgoulis

Draft opinion
Paragraph 9 j (new)

Draft opinion

Amendment

9 j. *Recalls that the lessons learnt by the pandemic as to how culture benefited people with disabilities, as well as our overall society, should lead to further supporting culture for people with disabilities with securing specific relevant funds and expanding access to funding for cultural activities for people with disabilities horizontally in as many European funding programmes as possible, while safeguarding that in possible future crises there will already be in place mechanisms to secure adequate access to culture and people with disabilities, as needed;*

Or. en

