

**Question for written answer E-002318/2024
to the Commission**
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Subject: State of play of the implementation of the strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities throughout the European Union, particularly in Italy

The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU enshrines ‘the right of persons with disabilities to benefit from measures to ensure their independence, social and occupational integration, and participation in the life of the community.’¹

Unfortunately, this right is not fully guaranteed in the EU’s education systems and, as a result, 20.3 % of young people with disabilities end up dropping out of school.²

Special education in Italy has a number of serious shortcomings. According to the National Statistical Institute (ISTAT), 30 % of support teachers have not received any specialist training, while 12 % are assigned late. In addition, as many as one in four special needs students were still waiting for their individual educational plans to be drafted two months into the school year³.

In the strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030, the Commission pledged to support the development of national teacher education systems, and called on Member States to ensure that their education systems complied with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)’s provisions on inclusion.

In the light of the above:

1. When will the Commission publish a progress report on the implementation of the aforementioned strategy?
2. How is it monitoring the Member States’ achievement of the strategy’s objectives concerning inclusive and accessible education?
3. What measures will the Commission take to ensure that these objectives are achieved, particularly in Italy?

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¹ Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, Article 26.

² European Disability Forum (2024). Education Policy. Link: <https://www.edf-feph.org/education-policy/>.

³ ISTAT (2024). *Scholastic inclusion of students with disabilities, 2022-2023*. Link(s): <https://www.istat.it/it/files/2024/02/Statistica-report-alunni-con-disabilit%C3%A0-as.-22-23.pdf>.