

**Question for written answer E-001954/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Measures to support people with Down syndrome and initiatives for the self-representation of people with disabilities

In the European Union, including Romania, people with Down syndrome continue to face structural barriers to accessing education, social services and employment and to participating in civic life. In the absence of clear European standards and a framework on the recognition of self-representation, these members of the public are often excluded from decision-making processes that directly affect their lives. In Romania, parents and organisations working to support young people with Down syndrome – such as those recently involved in the Erasmus+ project ‘European Self Advocates’ – are calling for a coordinated European approach that respects their dignity, opinions and fundamental rights.

Questions:

1. What concrete measures does the Commission have in mind for developing common EU standards for social, educational and support services for people with Down syndrome, with a view to ensuring their equal treatment and genuine inclusion in all Member States?
2. How does the Commission intend to support initiatives promoting the self-representation of people with intellectual disabilities, including those with Down syndrome, so that their voice is heard and respected in decision-making processes at local, national and European level?

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