

**Question for written answer E-003908/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Urgent need for substantial measures to protect and support people with disabilities

In Greece, there are over 500 000 severely disabled people, of whom only 150 000 receive disability benefits. However, before the Disability Certification Centre (KEPA) was put into operation, 230 000 received benefits.

Widespread cuts are being made at the hands of the EU and governments, with dramatic consequences for people with disabilities. This situation is worsening with the premium paid to the military industry and European and NATO armament, which is fuelled by cuts in benefits and rights for people with disabilities. They encounter barriers even in being recognised as having disabilities, given that the KEPA is limiting any further benefits, while specialist schools are few and understaffed.

The EU's disability policy is built to the detriment of disabled people on a 'cost-benefit' basis, while meeting their needs is a profitable area for business groups.

In light of the above, what view does the Commission take of:

1. the EU, which citing the 'rule of law' follows a 'cost-benefit' in its policy on persons with disabilities, while billions are spent on military equipment and supporting the profitability of business groups, with the result that hundreds of thousands of disabled people are deprived of recognition, benefits and substantive support, while faced with the brutality of auctions and the complete commercialisation of services for their education, care, support and rehabilitation?
2. the fact that digital certification and the European Disability Card, despite the EU and Government's grandiloquence, have been shown to be nothing more than a digital tool for new cuts in benefits and rights for disabled people?

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