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Subject: Sign language accessibility in EU disability rights consultation 2025–2026

For the purpose of enhancing the Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities up to 2030, the Commission conducted an online public consultation between November 2025 and February 2026. The call was made available in all EU official languages and in an easy-to-read format; however, it was not accessible in sign language on the Commission's homepage. This is despite the fact that, in its 2025 Concluding Observations, the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) recommended that the EU apply the same accessibility standards it requires of Member States and implement comprehensive accessibility measures across all platforms, including sign language interpretation, irrespective of the topic.

1. Was any technical facility provided to enable deaf persons using sign language to submit feedback, and is the Commission planning any solution, based on human translation or AI, that would facilitate the processing of feedback provided in sign language?
2. How does the Commission justify the absence of sign language accessibility for the 2025–2026 public consultation on the disability rights strategy, given its stated commitment to the CRPD standards?
3. What concrete timeline has the Commission established to ensure that the EU's main home page fully complies with accessibility standards for persons with disabilities, including those who rely on sign language?

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