

Question for written answer E-003826/2026
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Fragmented local regulations affecting holders of the European Parking Card for people with disabilities

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities requires accessibility and personal mobility. The European Parking Card for people with disabilities is intended to facilitate the recognition of equal access and treatment across Member States.

In the Netherlands, however, the practical treatment of cardholders varies between local authorities. Different local regulations and digital systems may apply to low-traffic, car-free or emission-free zones. Cardholders may have to consult local regulations or risk fines and de facto exclusion. Directive (EU) 2024/2841¹ harmonises the new card but not the parking rights attached to it. Consequently, differences in the practical application of parking rights may persist at local level, limiting the card's effectiveness. This fragmentation creates uncertainty and restricts equal mobility.

In the light of the foregoing:

1. Does the Commission recognise fragmented local application of parking rights as an emerging issue deserving greater attention at EU level?
2. How does the Commission ensure that foreign cardholders are treated under the same conditions as local cardholders, pending the implementation of Directive (EU) 2024/2841 in 2028?
3. Does the Commission intend to support or undertake research into this issue, assessing its prevalence, impact, and implications for greater consistency or minimum standards across Member States?

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¹ Directive (EU) 2024/2841 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2024 establishing the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities (OJ L, 2024/2841, 14.11.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dir/2024/2841/oj>).