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Answer given by Mr Schmit
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The interventions the Honourable Members indicate are mostly funded by the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+). Complementary investment in infrastructure is possible through the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF). In the shared management context for the ESF+/ERDF programmes, budget and targets are set for broad intervention areas. The actions national authorities ultimately select are described in reports throughout the programming period. In Greece, over EUR 550 million is earmarked for inclusive education under the ESF+. Upon request, the Commission can also support mutual learning activities on inclusive education.

The Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF) is funding complementary interventions. Planned measures include the delivery of 80 000 disability cards (incorporating specific rights/benefits), and the transition from institutions to professional foster care for 100 minors with severe disability.

In the context of ESF+/ERDF implementation, Member States must ensure fulfilment of certain conditions, including the 'Horizontal Enabling Condition 4 on the Implementation and application of the United Nations Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities', requiring the existence of a relevant national framework. The new Greek National Strategy on the rights of persons with disability is currently being revised, after an open consultation.