

(English version)

**Question for written answer E-000901/25
to the Commission
Jacek Ozdoba (ECR)
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Subject: Accessibility of public spaces for persons with disabilities

1. Does the Commission plan to harmonise the designation system for locations accessible to persons with disabilities in order to ensure uniform standards throughout the EU?
2. What additional measures does the Commission plan to implement to improve the accessibility of public spaces and services for persons with disabilities throughout the EU?
3. How does the Commission intend to monitor the implementation of provisions on the European Disability Card and European Parking Card in the Member States to ensure compliance and avoid discrepancies in the application of the rules?

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**Answer given by Ms Lahbib on behalf of the European Commission
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While there is no plan for a unified database of accessible locations, the resource centre ‘AccessibleEU’, proposed by the Commission Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030, monitors accessibility across Member States ⁽¹⁾. The European Accessibility Act ⁽²⁾ allows Member States to opt-in for the built environment.

The Commission issued a standardisation request to revise standards on the built environment ⁽³⁾ by 15 September 2025, aiming for a harmonised European standard ⁽⁴⁾, which supports ‘buying accessible’ as in Public Procurement Directives. However, the European standardisation organisations highlighted delays. Once published in the Official Journal of the EU, if businesses follow these standards, they may have presumption of conformity with the Act’s accessibility requirements.

The European Disability and Parking Cards will be implemented through Directive (EU) 2024/2841 ⁽⁵⁾. As per Article 20, a report on the directive’s application will be submitted every four years, with input from Member States and stakeholders.

The Commission monitors the timely and correct transposition of these directives.

⁽¹⁾ AccessibleEU resource centre’s monitoring framework. https://accessible-eu-centre.ec.europa.eu/accessibility-monitoring-0_en.

⁽²⁾ Directive (EU) 2019/882 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 17 April 2019 on the accessibility requirements for products and services <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2019/882/oj/eng>.

⁽³⁾ EN 17210:2021, Accessibility in the built environment, https://standards.cencenelec.eu/dyn/www/f?p=CEN%3A110%3A0%3A%3A%3A%3A%3AFSP_PROJECT%2CFSP_ORG_ID%3A65077%2C2274045&cs=1EBB531650B5200F9683431EC41E4AED1.

⁽⁴⁾ European Standardisation Mandate 587 [https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C\(2022\)6456&lang=en](https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/documents-register/detail?ref=C(2022)6456&lang=en).

⁽⁵⁾ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L_202402841.