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**Question for written answer E-001744/25
to the Commission
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Subject: Advancing EU efforts to fully implement the rights of persons with disabilities

A recent report by the European Disability Forum (EDF) highlights areas where the EU could further strengthen its compliance with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), ratified by the EU in 2011. The report points to challenges such as the need for more systematic assessments of legislation's impact on persons with disabilities, a more robust anti-discrimination framework and the removal of remaining barriers to freedom of movement and political participation.

While significant progress has been made, the EDF underlines the opportunity for the EU to adopt a more coherent and ambitious approach to promote the rights of the 100 million Europeans with disabilities. Strengthening these rights is essential not only for upholding fundamental values of dignity, equality and inclusion, but also for enabling millions of citizens to participate fully in society, education, employment and democratic life.

In this context, and in view of the upcoming UN review, what further measures does the Commission intend to take to strengthen the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities and ensure the full and effective implementation of the CRPD at EU level?

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**Answer given by Ms Lahbib on behalf of the European Commission
(5 August 2025)**

The constructive dialogue on the EU implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) took place on 11 and 12 March 2025. Following this, the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities ('the Committee') published its Concluding Observations ⁽¹⁾.

The issues highlighted by the European Disability Forum in its alternative report were taken up in the Concluding Observations issued by the Committee, which pointed to remaining gaps, as well as to positive aspects of the implementation and progress made by the EU. The Concluding Observations also contain recommendations ahead of the next EU report on the implementation of the UNCRPD, scheduled for 2032.

The constructive dialogue is a clear milestone, which will help shape the work on disability under this Commission's mandate. The Commission is looking into the best way to address the Concluding Observations of the Committee and working with the Member States, the other institutions and other relevant stakeholders to address their concerns.

The Commission looks forward to the European Parliament's own-initiative report on the EU strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities post-2024, which will be taken into account in its work in the area of disability, including in the follow-up to the Concluding Observations of the Committee.

⁽¹⁾ Concluding observations on the combined 2nd and 3rd periodic reports of the European Union <https://digitallibrary.un.org/record/4080772?v=pdf>.