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on behalf of the European Commission  
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Transport is a policy area of shared competence between the EU and the Member States<sup>1</sup>. However, the primary responsibility for planning, financing, procuring and developing transport infrastructure lies with the Member States.

Directive 2024/2841<sup>2</sup> is intended to ensure that persons with disabilities, when visiting or travelling to another Member State, can access the special conditions and preferential treatment available in the host country, on equal terms and conditions as its residents. By 5 June 2027, Member States shall adopt and publish the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive. They shall apply those measures from 5 June 2028.

The EU and all its Member States, including Ireland, are parties to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)<sup>3</sup>. In line with its Article 9, State Parties shall identify and eliminate obstacles and barriers to accessibility in, inter alia, the built environment, including buildings, roads, transportation and other indoor and outdoor facilities.

Furthermore, in May 2026, the Commission adopted the Communication ‘Enhancing the Strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities’<sup>4</sup>, in which it put forward a Flagship initiative ‘Better access to transport for persons with disabilities’, covering various means of transport.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/treaty/tfeu\\_2012/oj](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/treaty/tfeu_2012/oj).

<sup>2</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2024/2841/oj/eng>

<sup>3</sup> <https://social.desa.un.org/issues/disability/crpd/convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-crpd>.

<sup>4</sup> [https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/ab0bcea9-6b3a-48c1-875c-1cc687fba6d0\\_en?filename=EC%20Enhancing%20the%20disability%20strategy%20up%20to%202030.pdf](https://commission.europa.eu/document/download/ab0bcea9-6b3a-48c1-875c-1cc687fba6d0_en?filename=EC%20Enhancing%20the%20disability%20strategy%20up%20to%202030.pdf).