

**Question for written answer  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Disability Strategy and Independent Living

The European disability strategy seeks to promote independent living and deinstitutionalization. We would like to know whether the Commission guidance to member states will seek to effectively implement these long overdue principles, at least when it comes to European funding. In this respect, we have the following questions:

1. What is the legal format of this guidance and what are its binding provisions for member states and the Commission's internal services?
2. Is there a ban on the use of European funds to perpetuate the institutionalization model? What are the deadlines for its implementation?
3. What will be done to fund more Independent Living projects, for example on personal assistance or Centres for Independent Living? How will disabled people's organisations be involved in co-production? What will be done to ensure such projects are UN CRPD compliant?
4. If there is a transitional window, when is it foreseen to be closed, and will there be a cap on the funding for institutions and/or minimum funding for independent living?
5. How will the European Parliament be involved in this file?

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