

Basic information	
2025/2057(INI) INI - Own-initiative procedure	Procedure completed
EU strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities post-2024 Subject 1.20.02 Social and economic rights 4.10.06 People with disabilities 4.10.08 Equal treatment of persons, non-discrimination	

Key players					
European Parliament	Committee responsible		Rapporteur	Appointed	
	EMPL	Employment and Social Affairs	ESTARÀS FERRAGUT Rosa (EPP)	20/02/2025	
			Shadow rapporteur GOMES Isilda (S&D) DAUCHY Marie (PfE) GEMMA Chiara (ECR) DEVAUX Valérie (Renew) LANGENSIEPEN Katrin (Greens/EFA) ARVANITIS Konstantinos (The Left)		
	Committee for opinion		Rapporteur for opinion	Appointed	
	SANT	Public Health	GEORGIOU Giorgos (The Left)	07/04/2025	
	LIBE	Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs	KELLER Fabienne (Renew)	23/04/2025	
	FEMM	Women's Rights and Gender Equality	PRINCI Giusi (EPP)	20/02/2025	
	PETI	Petitions	SZEKERES Pál (PfE)	25/03/2025	
	European Commission	Commission DG		Commissioner	
		Justice and Consumers		LAHBIB Hadja	

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Key events			
Date	Event	Reference	Summary
13/03/2025	Committee referral announced in Parliament		
23/10/2025	Vote in committee		
30/10/2025	Committee report tabled for plenary	A10-0211/2025	
26/11/2025	Debate in Parliament		
27/11/2025	Decision by Parliament	T10-0308/2025	Summary
27/11/2025	Results of vote in Parliament		

Technical information	
Procedure reference	2025/2057(INI)
Procedure type	INI - Own-initiative procedure
Procedure subtype	Initiative
Legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 55
Other legal basis	Rules of Procedure EP 165
Stage reached in procedure	Procedure completed
Committee dossier	EMPL/10/02338

Documentation gateway				
European Parliament				
Document type	Committee	Reference	Date	Summary
Committee draft report		PE773.058	24/04/2025	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE774.260	22/05/2025	
Amendments tabled in committee		PE774.261	22/05/2025	
Committee opinion	SANT	PE773.243	11/07/2025	
Committee opinion	PETI	PE773.084	17/07/2025	
Committee opinion	LIBE	PE773.201	17/07/2025	
Committee opinion	FEMM	PE771.962	18/07/2025	
Committee report tabled for plenary, single reading		A10-0211/2025	30/10/2025	
Text adopted by Parliament, single reading		T10-0308/2025	27/11/2025	Summary

Meetings with interest representatives published in line with the Rules of Procedure

Rapporteurs, Shadow Rapporteurs and Committee Chairs

Transparency				
Name	Role	Committee	Date	Interest representatives
SZEKERES Pál	Rapporteur for opinion	PETI	28/10/2025	Fogyatékosok Országos Diák-, Verseny- és Szabadidősport Szövetsége
SZEKERES Pál	Rapporteur for opinion	PETI	28/10/2025	Egymásért-Közösen Mozgáskorlátozottak Egyesület
SZEKERES Pál	Rapporteur for opinion	PETI	28/10/2025	AUTLAKSZ Lakhatási Szövetség az Autista Emberekért
SZEKERES Pál	Rapporteur for opinion	PETI	28/10/2025	Mozdulj Csengével Egyesület
SZEKERES Pál	Rapporteur for opinion	PETI	28/10/2025	Mozgássérült Emberek Önálló Élet Egyesülete
SZEKERES Pál	Rapporteur for opinion	PETI	27/10/2025	ÉFOÉSZ Heves Megyei Közhasznú Egyesülete
SZEKERES Pál	Rapporteur for opinion	PETI	27/10/2025	Fogyatékkal Élők Heves Megyei Sportszövetsége
SZEKERES Pál	Rapporteur for opinion	PETI	27/10/2025	Caireen Alapítvány
SZEKERES Pál	Rapporteur for opinion	PETI	27/10/2025	BEN–Autista Gyermekekért Egyesület
SZEKERES Pál	Rapporteur for opinion	PETI	27/10/2025	Vakok és Gyengénlátók Heves Megyei Egyesülete
GOMES Isilda	Shadow rapporteur	EMPL	02/09/2025	Culturgest
DEVAUX Valérie	Shadow rapporteur	EMPL	16/07/2025	Association francophone des femmes autistes
GOMES Isilda	Shadow rapporteur	EMPL	14/07/2025	European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
DEVAUX Valérie	Shadow rapporteur	EMPL	02/07/2025	UNAPEI
GOMES Isilda	Shadow rapporteur	EMPL	13/05/2025	European Disability Forum
PRINCI Giusi	Rapporteur for opinion	FEMM	28/04/2025	European Disability Forum
PRINCI Giusi	Rapporteur for opinion	FEMM	07/04/2025	EUROPEAN NETWORK ON INDEPENDENT LIVING BRUSSELS
DEVAUX Valérie	Shadow rapporteur	EMPL	24/03/2025	European Disability Forum
DEVAUX Valérie	Shadow rapporteur	EMPL	24/03/2025	European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities
GOMES Isilda	Shadow rapporteur	EMPL	19/02/2025	European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities

Other Members

Transparency		
Name	Date	Interest representatives
SIPPEL Birgit	24/09/2025	Hauptvertrauensperson der Menschen mit Schwerbehinderungen - Ministerium des Innern und für Sport Rheinland-Pfalz

EU strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities post-2024

The European Parliament adopted by 490 votes to 9, with 109 abstentions, a resolution on the EU strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities post-2024.

Implementation of the strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030

While noting that the 2021-2030 strategy addressed most of the shortcomings identified in the 2010-2020 European strategy for people with disabilities, Parliament called on the Commission to put forward a **common EU-wide definition of 'disability'** in line with the UNCRPD, to help ensure that all EU citizens with all kinds of disabilities are granted equal rights.

Parliament stressed that, across Europe, persons with disabilities – particularly **women and girls** with disabilities and persons with high support needs – still face considerable barriers when it comes to respect for their fundamental rights.

Furthermore, continued efforts are needed to address the remaining gaps in the free movement of people with disabilities and the mutual recognition of their rights across the EU.

To achieve the Union's objective of reducing the number of people at risk of poverty or social exclusion by at least 15 million, it is necessary **to increase the employment rate of people with disabilities**. The Commission and Member States are invited to address the problem of the disproportionate underrepresentation of people with disabilities in the labour market by introducing specific measures.

Parliament is concerned that, despite progress at the strategic level, people with disabilities **are being left behind in many aspects**, continue to face exclusion in various areas, and are often deprived of the equal access to everyday freedoms and mobility enjoyed by other EU citizens, such as their right to full political participation. It believes that several aspects of the strategy remain insufficiently addressed, including equal access to social protection, healthcare and care, transport, education, digital accessibility, and housing, as well as the development of new skills and access to quality jobs. It regretted the lack of flagship initiatives on equal access and non-discrimination.

Parliament called on the Commission to carry out a **comprehensive mid-term evaluation** of the strategy and to put in place mechanisms to ensure that any new legislative or policy proposal complies with the UNCRPD.

Call for an updated strategy post- 2024

Parliament called on the Commission to present without delay an updated strategy for 2025-2030 on the rights of persons with disabilities, including **ambitious flagship initiatives and concrete measures** to address remaining gaps. The post-2024 strategy should improve participatory mechanisms at EU level concerning legislation, policy and programming to ensure they are fully representative and accessible to persons with disabilities.

Members are calling for the rights of persons with disabilities to be included in the regulation setting out the multiannual financial framework for the post-2027 period and for the **ESF+** to contribute to the implementation of the European strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030.

Accessibility

Parliament called for strengthening European accessibility policies to guarantee the full participation of people with disabilities. It called, *inter alia*, to:

- strengthen AccessibleEU through the creation of a dedicated permanent regulatory agency;
- ensure that new technologies, including medical devices and AI-based tools, are designed to be accessible;
- propose legislation establishing a true single market for assistive devices and technologies;
- ensure the full and rapid implementation of the directive on website accessibility and the European legislation on accessibility;
- ensure accessible healthcare communication for deaf, hearing-impaired, and deafblind persons;
- ensure that digitalisation, particularly in banking and public services, do not reduce accessibility;
- strengthen and harmonise prenatal screening programmes;
- fully apply the accessibility requirements provided for by Union law and revise the *acquis* in terms of accessibility of rail, road, air and maritime transport infrastructure and equipment;
- ensure that information relating to public services, health, education, employment and Union-funded programmes is fully accessible to disabled persons;
- establish sanctions and penalties for public authorities and private actors that fail to meet EU accessibility obligations.

Decent quality of life and independent living

Parliament underlined the need to guarantee independent living and a decent quality of life for people with disabilities. It called for strengthening inclusive education, reasonable accommodations, and the participation of young people with disabilities in mobility programmes, such as Erasmus+. It insisted on supporting carers through a new flagship initiative, recognising disability rights, preventing workplace accidents and occupational diseases, harmonising the recognition of serious neurological disorders, establishing an EU-funded job and skills guarantee, ensuring equal access to quality paid traineeships and apprenticeships, and promoting participation in cultural, educational, and sporting life.

Equal access and non-discrimination

Considering the difficulties faced by women and girls with disabilities, Parliament called for the promotion of equal opportunities for women with disabilities. It invited the Commission and Member States to combat the invisibility of violence against women and girls with disabilities and reiterated the need to raise awareness of the rights of women with disabilities and their role as active participants in society.

The Commission and Member States are called upon to (i) address, at EU level, the barriers to accessing high-quality healthcare and care services for women in all their diversity, including barriers faced by women and girls with disabilities; (ii) strengthen their efforts to address discrimination faced by women with disabilities, who continue to face high unemployment rates and lower pay.