

**Question for written answer E-015294/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Disability hub

The Government of Malta has announced the setting up of a 'Disability Hub' which would be partly financed by EU funds. This would mean that a specific area or building would be utilised to centralise disability services and to include a large residential unit for persons who have a disability.

This proposal is seemingly contrary to what is laid down in Article 19 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) which 'recognises the equal right of all persons with disabilities to live in the community, with choices equal to others, and shall take effective and appropriate measures to facilitate full enjoyment by persons with disabilities of this right and their full inclusion and participation in the community'.

Can the Commission clarify whether this project is in breach of the principles established in the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020?

Can the Commission specify whether Regulation (EU) No 1301/2013 on the ERDF and on specific provisions concerning the investment for growth and jobs goal provides for possibilities to finance projects such as a disability hub? Can the Commission provide information on whether such proposed EU-funded projects violate the principles outlined in Article 9 of this Regulation?