Question for written answer E-015772/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Paloma López Bermejo (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Disability

People with disabilities are being disproportionately affected by the economic crisis and austerity policies. On the one hand, structural discrimination on the labour market means for them much longer periods of unemployment and a lower employment rate. On the other hand, the dismantling of public services is affecting people with disabilities and their entourage to a greater degree, further widening the gap between them and the remainder of society.

Is the Commission aware of the growing risk of poverty and social exclusion for persons with disabilities in the countries subject to economic oversight, monitoring or intervention by it?

Does it consider that efforts to improve the social situation of people with disabilities are directly affected by the policies being implemented with its approval, for example education cuts and the individualisation of labour relations in Spain?

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