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# **AMENDMENTS**

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**Draft opinion**  
**Nessa Childers**  
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Implementation of the European Disability Strategy  
(2017/2127(INI))

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## Amendment 1

Piernicola Pedicini, Laura Agea, Rosa D'Amato, Tiziana Beghin, Marco Valli

### Draft opinion

#### Recital A

##### *Draft opinion*

A. whereas one of the targets of the goal of good health and well-being set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is to achieve universal health coverage, *including financial risk protection, and safe, effective and affordable medicines and vaccines of good quality for all*;

##### *Amendment*

A. whereas one of the targets of the goal of good health and well-being set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is to achieve universal health coverage, *when all too often Member States cut disability-related social benefits and health services, undermining the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities ( UN CRPD ) and further increasing levels of poverty and social exclusion*;

Or. it

## Amendment 2

Arne Gericke

### Draft opinion

#### Recital A a (new)

##### *Draft opinion*

##### *Amendment*

Aa. *whereas Article 168(7) of the Treaty of the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) gives Member States responsibility for defining their health policies and delivering health services; therefore recognises the crucial importance of consultation and engagement with Member States in order for the European Disability Strategy to be successful*;

Or. en

**Amendment 3**  
**Miriam Dalli**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Aa. whereas according to the World Health Organisation<sup>1a</sup> people with disabilities have less access to health care services and they experience unmet health care needs because health care promotion seldom targets persons with disabilities;***

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***<sup>1a</sup> Disability and Health Factsheet, World Health Organisation, November 2016***

Or. en

**Amendment 4**  
**Soledad Cabezón Ruiz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Aa. whereas Article 25 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) reinforces the right of persons with disabilities to attain the highest standard of healthcare, without discrimination;***

Or. en

**Amendment 5**  
**Soledad Cabezón Ruiz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Ab.    whereas, the EU leads the way in the ratification of human rights, Articles 21 and 26 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights reaffirm the principle of non-discrimination and Article 35 the right to health care, all Member States should ratify the Convention and sign the Protocol;***

Or. en

**Amendment 6**  
**Arne Gericke**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Aa.    whereas the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU guarantees, in Article 1, the inviolability of human dignity, and in Article, 2, the unrestricted 'right to life';***

Or. de

**Amendment 7**  
**Nicola Caputo, Simona Bonafè, Damiano Zoffoli**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Aa.    whereas all persons with disabilities have equal rights and are entitled to inalienable dignity, equal treatment and full participation in society;***

Or. en

**Amendment 8**  
**Nessa Childers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Aa. whereas the incidence of disability, which is higher among women in Europe, is expected to increase in the context of ageing population;***

Or. en

**Amendment 9**  
**Nicola Caputo, Simona Bonafè, Damiano Zoffoli**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Ab. whereas aging population in the EU is causing a correspondent raise in the number of disabled Europeans;***

Or. en

**Amendment 10**  
**Soledad Cabezón Ruiz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Recital A c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***Ac. whereas health promotion and prevention activities seldom target people with disabilities (for example, women with disabilities receive less screening for breast cancer than women without disabilities or adolescents with disabilities***

*are more likely to be excluded from sex education programmes);*

Or. en

**Amendment 11**

**Nicola Caputo, Simona Bonafè, Damiano Zoffoli**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital A c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Ac.    whereas the eight areas of the strategy are closely interconnected;*

Or. en

**Amendment 12**

**Soledad Cabezón Ruiz**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital A d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Ad.    whereas people with disabilities are particularly vulnerable to deficiencies in health care services, engaging in health risk behaviours and higher rates of premature death;*

Or. en

**Amendment 13**

**Soledad Cabezón Ruiz**

**Draft opinion**

**Recital A e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*Ae. whereas people with disabilities encounter a range of barriers when they attempt to access healthcare including non-affordable costs, limited availability of services, physical barriers and inadequate skills and knowledge of health workers;*

Or. en

**Amendment 14**  
**Keith Taylor**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*1a. Highlights that, while access to the highest attainable standard of healthcare without discrimination on the basis of disability is a fundamental right, people with disabilities continue to face persistent barriers that negate their equal access to health services including lack of accessible information about healthcare entitlements, discriminatory treatment by private healthcare insurance companies, inaccessible health care facilities and often a lower quality of care, which is not adapted to an individual's needs; maintains that the lack of access to quality health services has a negative effect on the ability of those with disabilities to live independently, inclusively and on an equal basis with others;*

Or. en

**Amendment 15**  
**Soledad Cabezón Ruiz**

**Draft opinion**



**Paragraph 1 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1a. Highlights the necessary social support that should be provided to ensure persons with disabilities can exercise their rights and enjoy full autonomy, in particular persons with psychosocial disabilities. Ask to avoid the institutionalisation of such people and to take steps to ensure that they are not subjected to treatment without their consent;***

Or. en

**Amendment 16**

**Keith Taylor**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 1 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***1b. Is highly concerned that access to sexual and reproductive rights is, by and large, impossible for many girls and women with disabilities and urges Member States to urgently adopt guidelines to ensure that all education, information, healthcare and services relating to sexual and reproductive health are fully accessible and that information is provided in appropriate formats; believes that informed consent about the use of contraceptives and medical procedures should support women with disabilities' freedom of choice and self-determination in their sexual and reproductive lives;***

Or. en

**Amendment 17**  
**Soledad Cabezón Ruiz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a. Stresses the need to ensure non-discriminatory access to health and care systems for persons with disabilities, with all due attention paid to the difficulties that might arise when treating such patients. Calls on the Commission and Member States to ensure non-discriminatory access to sexual and reproductive health care, and under no circumstances should sterilisation or abortion be imposed against a person's will; Points out that health care systems should moreover ensure the detection, reporting and prevention of sexual violence and/or abuse;**

Or. en

**Amendment 18**  
**Miriam Dalli**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a. Stresses that access to healthcare remains a key concern with regards to ensuring optimal quality of healthcare for persons with disabilities, including persons with mental health issues; recognises that more must be done in the field of health promotion and prevention activities targeting people with disabilities, such as campaigns to increase early detection awareness for certain types of cancer including breast and cervical cancer;**

**Amendment 19**  
**Aldo Patriciello**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a. Urges Member States to increase the number of multidisciplinary assessment and re-assessment services for adults with disabilities, with a view to developing tailor-made plans which can be implemented by using territorial resources (such as home/day-care/residential services) which meet the biopsychosocial requirements identified;**

Or. it

**Amendment 20**  
**Kateřina Konečná, Jiří Mařtálka**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a. Stresses the need for the Strategy to include specific activities for the protection of persons who are at an increased risk of being excluded from the healthcare system - people with psychosocial disabilities or people with mental disabilities, for example, who often cannot give free and informed consent to healthcare;**

Or. cs

**Amendment 21**

**Nessa Childers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2a.** *Reiterates its concern for vulnerable patients such as persons with psychosocial and intellectual disabilities, calls on Member States to ensure that a patient's right to informed consent to treatment is not unduly denied;*

Or. en

**Amendment 22**  
**Soledad Cabezón Ruiz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2b.** *Ask for the informed consent of persons with disabilities to be sought for all medical interventions requiring it, and ask for all necessary measures to be in place to ensure that these persons can access and understand the relevant information. Emphasises that this consent must be given personally, in advance and in full knowledge of the facts, with all necessary mechanisms to ensure that these principles are complied with, and that similar, appropriate measures must also be taken in regard to persons with psychosocial disabilities;*

Or. en

**Amendment 23**  
**Nessa Childers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2b.** *Expresses concern that there is often inadequate legal protection against multiple and intersectional forms of discrimination; asks the Commission and Member States to safeguard equal access to healthcare irrespective of a patients' disability, age, gender, sexual orientation, race or ethnic origin;*

Or. en

**Amendment 24**  
**Kateřina Konečná, Jiří Maštálka**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2b.** *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to implement the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 as quickly as possible;*

Or. cs

**Amendment 25**  
**Kateřina Konečná, Jiří Maštálka**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2c.** *Stresses that people with physical disabilities also face problems on the digitised mobility market; calls for access to be made easier for persons with all kinds of disability, using the languages, formats and technologies needed for*

*various disabilities, including sign language, Braille, augmentative and alternative communication systems and other accessible means, modes and formats of communication of their choice, including easy-to-read language, subtitling and personal text messages, in particular for health information, making use of more than one sensory channel;*

Or. cs

**Amendment 26**  
**Nessa Childers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2c.     *Recalls the reproductive rights enshrined in the CRPD, which encompass access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare, including family planning and maternal health services, and information and the right to give informed consent to all medical procedures, including sterilisation and abortion, and to retain fertility on an equal basis with others;***

Or. en

**Amendment 27**  
**Soledad Cabezón Ruiz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2c.     *Points out the need of health insurance schemes not to be discriminatory against persons with disabilities;***

**Amendment 28**  
**Kateřina Konečná, Jiří Mařtálka**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2d. Welcomes the pilot EU Disability Card and encourages the Member States to sign up to the initiative; calls on the Commission to mobilise the necessary funding for the development of the project across the EU, if need be;**

Or. cs

**Amendment 29**  
**Nessa Childers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**2d. Calls on the Member States to ensure that all education, information, healthcare and services relating to sexual and reproductive health are made available to women and girls with disabilities in accessible and age-appropriate formats;**

Or. en

**Amendment 30**  
**Kateřina Konečná, Jiří Mařtálka**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 2 e (new)**

**2e. *Calls on the Commission and the Member States to ensure that people with disabilities have easy access to the emergency number 112 from anywhere in Europe;***

Or. cs

**Amendment 31  
Keith Taylor**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 3**

*Draft opinion*

3. Stresses the need to review and address the persistently low levels of awareness and uptake of the provisions enshrined in Directive 2011/24/EU on patients' rights in cross-border healthcare (Cross-Border Health Care Directive) among patients with disabilities;

*Amendment*

3. Stresses the need to review and address the persistently low levels of awareness and uptake of the provisions enshrined in Directive 2011/24/EU on patients' rights in cross-border healthcare (Cross-Border Health Care Directive) among patients with disabilities;  
***Highlights the urgent need for this Directive to be brought in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in order to guarantee access to affordable and quality cross-border healthcare and urges Member States to further the implementation of the Directive, including by giving particular attention to the rights of persons with disabilities;***

Or. en

**Amendment 32  
Aldo Patriciello**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 3 a (new)**



**3a. Welcomes the application of the Cross-Border Health Care Directive which has, in theory, made it easier for patients with disabilities to have access to healthcare; regrets, however, the lack of knowledge of this instrument, which has, in actual fact, greatly limited its objective potential; considers it advisable, in this regard, to increase training for general practitioners (GPs) so that they are able to provide helpful advice on the opportunities the directive can offer; hopes, meanwhile, that the national contact points established as a link between healthcare users and providers can be strengthened in order to provide citizens - who, as evidenced by Eurobarometer, do not know that these info points exist - with clear, transparent information on the quality and safety standards of the national health service and accompany them in the healthcare choices they need to make;**

Or. it

**Amendment 33  
Nessa Childers**

**Draft opinion  
Paragraph 3 a (new)**

**3a. Stresses that the inability to avail of cross-border healthcare, when a patient cannot afford additional costs arising from disability, denies patients with disabilities the enjoyment of this right on an equal basis; urges the Commission and the Member States to ensure the non-discriminatory application of the Directive on patients' rights in cross-border healthcare;**

**Amendment 34**  
**Soledad Cabezón Ruiz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3a. Asks for the assessment of the impact of the cross-border health directive on persons with disabilities;**

Or. en

**Amendment 35**  
**Nessa Childers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3b. Recommends that the Commission and the Member States collaborate with disabled patients' organisations to ensure that national contact points provide and disseminate information on cross-border healthcare rights in accessible formats;**

Or. en

**Amendment 36**  
**Nessa Childers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**3c. Calls on the Commission to guide its evidence-gathering and policy-making**

*activities by a human-rights based approach, so as to shift the focus from individual impairment and fully account for the barriers faced by persons with disabilities when their physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments interact with the external environment;*

Or. en

**Amendment 37**  
**Nessa Childers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 3 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*3d. Urges the Member States to enable the adoption of the Horizontal Equal Treatment Directive, so as to extend protection against discrimination on grounds of disability, among others, in access to healthcare, and thus also counter multiple discrimination;*

Or. en

**Amendment 38**  
**Arne Gericke**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. Calls on the Commission to begin work on a post-2020 European Disability Strategy in full consultation with Member States, the European Parliament, other institutions and the general public; believes that engagement is particularly important given that the European Disability Strategy won't have undergone*

*a substantial revision between 2010-2020; in particular draws the Commission's attention to the European Parliament resolution of 9 June 2016 on the implementation of the United Nations' Concluding Observations and the results of the vulnerABLE project funded by the European Parliament;*

Or. en

**Amendment 39**  
**Aldo Patriciello**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. Highlights the Commission's lack of attention towards disabilities in the Action Plan for the EU Health Workforce and the EU Agenda on Effective, Accessible and Resilient Health Systems, as they are not specifically dealt with in either of the two texts;*

Or. it

**Amendment 40**  
**Piernicola Pedicini, Laura Agea, Rosa D'Amato, Marco Valli, Tiziana Beghin**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4a. Calls on Member States to refrain from cutting disability-related social benefits, community-based services, health services and training and education programmes that will undermine the UN CRPD and further increase the level of poverty and social*

*exclusion;*

Or. it

**Amendment 41**  
**Aldo Patriciello**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4b. Encourages the adoption, through research framework programmes and other financial instruments, of pilot projects such as those relating to telemedicine, designed to simplify access for patients with disabilities to the necessary healthcare, including emergency services;***

Or. it

**Amendment 42**  
**Aldo Patriciello**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4c. Hopes, in keeping with the EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2014 – 2020, that Member States will use the ESF and other European Structural and Investment Funds to fund all measures that may help to protect the health of persons with disabilities, through integrated pathways and personalised support and advisory services, guiding them towards health and social services;***

Or. it

**Amendment 43**  
**Aldo Patriciello**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4d.** *Highlights the success of the second Joint Action on Dementia, hoping, meanwhile, that, for the following third-year period, additional funds will be disbursed by the pharmaceutical companies taking part in the Innovative Medicines Initiative.*

Or. it

**Amendment 44**  
**Miriam Dalli**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a.** *Emphasises that independent and community living are key factors for empowerment and that people with disabilities have the right to be in control of their lives, therefore, urges the Commission and the Member States to implement measures that can ensure good quality and personalised support for independent living;*

Or. en

**Amendment 45**  
**Keith Taylor**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a.** *Deplores the fact that austerity measures, such as cuts to social services and community based services, have disproportionately affected the standard of living of people with disabilities, putting up further, devastating barriers to their full participation in an inclusive society;*

Or. en

**Amendment 46**

**Nicola Caputo, Simona Bonafè, Damiano Zoffoli, Elena Gentile**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a.** *Invites the Commission to present a strategy regarding the assistance of people with serious disabilities after the death of their relatives - when these latter were in charge of their daily care (i.e. the recent adopted Italian law 'dopo di noi');*

Or. en

**Amendment 47**

**Nessa Childers**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4a.** *Encourages the Commission to follow up on the proposals to mobilise structural funding so as to train health professionals on disability awareness and specific gaps in knowledge about*

*associated conditions;*

Or. en

**Amendment 48**  
**Soledad Cabezón Ruiz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Asks for the European Commission and Member States to increase awareness of disability issues, and to promote the inclusion of disability as a component in national health policies and programmes;***

Or. en

**Amendment 49**  
**Arne Gericke**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 a (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4a. Strongly condemns late abortion practices, which are regrettably very often carried out on children with disabilities, including Down's Syndrome;***

Or. de

**Amendment 50**  
**Arne Gericke**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 b (new)**



*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4b.** *Reminds the Commission of the mental health crisis that is currently effecting the European continent; notes the World Health Organisation's estimate that mental health problems will effect one in four people at least once during their lives; believes that these issues should be addressed in parity with physical health; notes that this is particularly important as the Joint Action on Mental Health and Well-being ended in 2016; notes the importance of the EU-Compass for Action on Mental Health and Well-being for delivering a Europe wide approach to addressing Mental Health issues;*

Or. en

**Amendment 51**

**Miriam Dalli**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4b.** *Points out that the European structural and investment funds have the potential to facilitate and financially support the transition from institutional care to community and independent living, urges therefore the Commission to promote and encourage the use of these funds for giving this necessary support for people with disabilities;*

Or. en

**Amendment 52**

**Soledad Cabezón Ruiz**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4b.     *Calls on the European Commission and Member States to promote strategies to ensure that people with disabilities are knowledgeable about their own health conditions, to provide health-care personnel support and to protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities.***

Or. en

**Amendment 53**  
**Nessa Childers**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4b.     *Recommends that European structural funding for healthcare and other services be consistently steered to promote deinstitutionalisation and independent living in the community, as well as the involvement and consultation of patient organisations;***

Or. en

**Amendment 54**  
**Arne Gericke**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 b (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4b.     *Insists that medical practice should guarantee parental freedom of choice and that there should be no kind of***

*compulsion to carry out pre-natal  
diagnostic measures;*

Or. de

**Amendment 55**

**Arne Gericke**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4c. Urges the Commission to undertake a thorough analysis of the gaps between the United Nation's Concluding Observations and its own progress report specifically in relation to the health priority area of the European Disability Strategy;***

Or. en

**Amendment 56**

**Arne Gericke**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 c (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

***4c. Condemns any form of human selection and calls - particularly with regard to people with disabilities - for an actively non-discriminatory European 'culture of life';***

Or. de

**Amendment 57**

**Arne Gericke**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4d.** *Notes the difficulty with identifying tangible benefits and outcomes from the European Disability Strategy; expresses disappointment that there are no actions reported on the utilisation of the European Social Fund to promote the training of healthcare professionals on disability matters; calls on the Commission to review this particular action in order to consider how progress can be made;*

Or. en

**Amendment 58**  
**Arne Gericke**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 d (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

**4d.** *Calls for local obstetric care provision to be consistently promoted as a public service in the Member States, in order to reduce instances of disability resulting from birth complications and to ensure a safe birth for both mothers and babies;*

Or. de

**Amendment 59**  
**Arne Gericke**

**Draft opinion**  
**Paragraph 4 e (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4e. Welcomes the movement away from a health based approach to a human rights based approach to disability; believes that a crucial element of this is ensuring full inclusion in society for people with disabilities including through, where possible, community living;*

Or. en

**Amendment 60**

**Arne Gericke**

**Draft opinion**

**Paragraph 4 f (new)**

*Draft opinion*

*Amendment*

*4f. Is encouraged by the progress made in the European telemedicine sector which has the power to fundamentally change the ability of those with disabilities to access services; further believes that the roll out of 4G technology, the rise of 5G and the spread of the Internet of Things will lead to improvements in healthcare provision for those with disabilities; calls on the Commission to ensure that the European health technology sector is not burdened by excessive regulation and also has adequate access to finance;*

Or. en