



Our proposal for a European Disability Card and a European Parking card for persons with disabilities

Easy-to-read version

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People in the European Union have the right to move and live freely in any country of the European Union. For example, a person from Belgium could move and live freely in Italy.



We call this right 'freedom of movement'.

Persons with disabilities have the right to freedom of movement too.



However, in practice, it may be hard for persons with disabilities to enjoy this right like other people.

Often, their disability is not recognised in other countries.

This way they cannot get discounts or other advantages for people with disabilities when they travel or move to another country.



At the European Commission, we propose laws that could make Europe better. Amongst others, we work to make sure that persons with disabilities can enjoy the right to freedom of movement.



We have now prepared a proposal for a new law to make it easier for people with disabilities to move freely in the European Union.



This law will help people with disabilities to show they have a disability and get discounts and other advantages when they move to any country of the European Union.



With this law,
we suggest making 2 cards:

- The European Disability Card,
- and
- The European Parking Card for Persons with Disabilities.



Persons with disabilities will be able to use these 2 cards in all the countries of the European Union.

The European Disability Card

Persons with disabilities could use the European Disability Card when they travel to any country of the European Union:



- To show they have a disability,

and

- To get the same advantages in culture, sports, and other activities as the persons with disabilities of that country.



For example,
thanks to the European Disability Card,
persons with disabilities could:

- Pay less when they buy tickets for trains, metros, museums, or football matches.
- Get information in accessible ways so that they can read and understand it.



The new European Disability Card
will be used in all 27 countries
of the European Union.



The European Parking Card for Persons with Disabilities

Sometimes using a car is the only option for persons with disabilities to go where they want.

It is very important for them to be able to park their car as close as possible to the place they want to go.

That is why there are specific parking spaces where only persons with disabilities have the right to park their car. These spaces are normally marked with an image of a wheelchair.

The European Parking Card for Persons with Disabilities will help persons with disabilities who travel or move to any country of the European Union to use parking spaces for persons with disabilities in that country.

Right now, every country of the European Union has its own parking card for persons with disabilities. The European Parking Card for Persons with Disabilities will replace all other parking cards.



This way all countries
of the European Union
will use one same type of card:
The European Parking Card
for Persons with Disabilities.



So if you now use a parking card
in your country,
this card will be replaced
by the European Parking Card.

You will then be able
to use the European Parking Card
not only in your country,
but in all countries of the European Union.



What will happen next?

The **European Commission**
can only propose laws.
For the laws to happen,
2 other bodies of the European Union
must agree:



- The **European Parliament**
The people of the European Parliament
are elected by all people in Europe
to stand for their rights.



- The **Council of the European Union**
People who make decisions
in every country of the European Union
come together and make
the Council of the European Union.



In the next period,
the European Parliament
and the Council of the European Union
will discuss the proposal
of the European Commission
to make a European Disability Card
and a European Parking Card
for Persons with Disabilities.



They will decide
if they want this law to happen in Europe
and how the final text of the law will be.



Then all countries of the European Union
must work to make this law happen
in the next 2,5 years.

For example,
all countries in the European Union should:



- Make sure their laws are in line with this new European law.
- Spread the word about the 2 new cards and the rights persons with disabilities have when using these cards.
- Inform persons with disabilities about how they can get the cards.
- Make the information about the cards accessible so that persons with disabilities can easily use them.



More information

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