

**Question for written answer  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Madrid COVID-19 protocol - triage.

According to the revelations of Infolibre, on March 18, the regional government of Madrid circulated to all their retirement homes a protocol with the exclusion criteria to refer patients to hospitals, excluding the seriously ill and people with mental or physical disabilities, in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic. Between 25 and 30 March, 1.364 retirement homes' residents died in Madrid, while only 13% of them were taken to a hospital. Triage clearly goes against the principle of equality and non-discrimination stated in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights (Article 20/21) and in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Article 5). Triage opposes to the very right of everyone - regardless of age or disability - to live (CFR Article 2). As the UNCRP underlines, Member States committed to take "all necessary measures to ensure the protection and safety of persons with disabilities in situations of risk, including humanitarian emergencies" (Article 11).

Is the Commission aware of triage practices in other Spanish Regions or Member States?

Has the Commission taken further action to ensure the full compliance of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to prevent these discriminatory triages in the health systems?