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to the Commission**

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Subject: Concerns about the absence of a commissioner for equality, and the future for the rights of people with disabilities

The line-up for the new European Commission is sparking serious concern, particularly among disability associations, owing to the absence of a specific commissioner dedicated to equality – a position that proved crucial for upholding the rights of people with disabilities in the previous legislative term.

The current portfolio allocated to Hadja Lahbib spans ‘preparedness, crisis management and equality’, prompting questions as to how matters relating to accessibility, the rights of people with disabilities and their inclusion in society will be specifically addressed and by whom?

In view of these concerns:

1. Can the Commission provide assurances that the expansion of this portfolio to encompass other areas of responsibility will not result in topics relating to the rights of people with disabilities being sidelined or downgraded?
2. Can it promise specific steps and initiatives in implementation of the EU strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030?

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