



The EU Council approves the EU Disability Card and Parking Card Directive

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Today, the EU Council formally approved the final version of the text of the EU Disability Card and EU Parking Card Directive, one of the seven flagship initiatives of the EU Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030. EBU welcomes this final legislative step, which will make the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card a reality for people with disabilities by the end of 2028 the latest and strengthen their free movement across the EU.

As explained in our [previous press release on this subject](#) back in March this year, the two cards will give persons with disabilities travelling in Europe equal access in the host country to special conditions or other preferential treatment, other than social security benefits and residence based social protection or social assistance.

Alongside our umbrella group, the European Disability Forum, we will now closely monitor the implementation of the new directive while also helping the European Commission in the development of the necessary technical requirements, namely for the digital versions of the Card.

We recall that it is acknowledged in the text of the Directive that there are remaining gaps to ensuring the free movement of citizens with disabilities who move their residence to another EU country. Regarding this aspect, the EBU President, Tytti Matsinen, said: “We call on the European

Commission to address, already in the second half of the current Disability Rights Strategy, the matter of recognition of the disability status for people who are in transition between two countries.”

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