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Subject: Nomination of members and contact points under Directive (EU) 2024/2841 and Directive (EU) 2024/2842

Your Excellency,

Directive (EU) 2024/2841 establishing the European Disability Card and the European Parking Card for persons with disabilities¹ (EDC Directive) and Directive (EU) 2024/2842 extending Directive (EU) 2024/2841 to third-country nationals legally residing in a Member State² came into force on 4 December 2024. To ensure proper implementation and transposition of both Directives, we have set up dedicated groups that would allow for consultation and cooperation with the Member States:

1. The European Disability Card and European Parking Card expert group

A new informal Commission expert group has been set up to support the implementation of the EDC Directive. The expert group will assist the Commission in the drafting of delegated acts under Articles 7 and 8 of the EDC Directive, as well as support the transposition of the EDC Directive and Directive (EU) 2024/2842. It is recalled in this context that the EDC Directive contains a deadline for delegated acts to be adopted under Articles 7(7) and 8(7) regarding the digital features of the physical versions of the cards by 5 December 2025.

The expert group will consist of one full member and one alternate member per Member State. Experts are expected to belong to authorities that work on the production and digitalisation of the cards and have a mandate to carry out the tasks of the expert group. The working language of the expert group will be English.

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https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2024/2841/oj

https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2024/2842/oj

2. European Disability Card and European Parking Card Committee (Comitology committee)

Article 9 of the EDC Directive empowers the Commission to adopt implementing acts concerning the digital versions of the cards. In line with Article 15 of the Directive, the Commission is to be assisted by a committee within the meaning of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011³ laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers.

The comitology committee will consist of one full member and one alternate member per Member State. Experts are expected to belong to authorities that work on the production and digitalisation of the cards. The working language of the expert group will be English.

3. Contact points

In line with Article 12 of the EDC Directive the Member States are to designate one or more national contact points in order to facilitate the dialogue between the Member States and the Commission on the proper transposition and implementation of the Directive. The Member States are to inform the Commission of their national contact points by 5 June 2025.

Your Excellency,

With this in mind, we invite your competent national authorities to designate representatives for the above-mentioned groups and contact points in line with Article 12 of the EDC Directive.

- 1. For the European Disability Card and European Parking Card expert group, we invite you to designate one member and one alternate member, and send their contact details (organisation, function, e-mail address, telephone number and office address), to the functional mailbox JUST-D4@ec.europa.eu as well as to Hana Velecka (hana.velecka@ec.europa.eu) by 30 April 2025.
- 2. For the European Disability Card and European Parking Card Committee (comitology committee), we invite you to designate one member and one alternate member, and send their contact details (organisation, function, e-mail address, telephone number and office address), to the functional mailbox JUST-D4@ec.europa.eu as well as to Hana Velecka (hana.velecka@ec.europa.eu) by 30 April 2025.
- 3. As concerns the **contact points** in line with Article 12 of EDC Directive, you can notify us at <u>JUST-D4@ec.europa.eu</u>, as well as to Hana Velecka (hana.velecka@ec.europa.eu) by **5 June 2025**.

In view of the focus of the European Disability Card and European Parking Card expert group on implementation and transposition, the contact points under point 3 above could also be nominated as expert group members or alternate members. You are kindly invited to inform us in case any of the representatives proposed for the expert group and/or the comitology committee have also been designated as contact points under Article 12 of the EDC Directive.

³ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2011/182/oj

We expect to have the first meeting of the European Disability Card and European Parking Card expert group on 12 May 2025.

I use the opportunity to also express my gratitude for the work done by your representatives in the Council of the EU during the negotiations of both Directives.

Please accept, your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Electronically signed

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Enclosure: the Terms of reference of the European Disability Card and European Parking Card expert group.

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