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**Subject: Your letter of 19 February 2018**

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Dear Mr Sirbu,

Thank you for your letter addressed to President Juncker. I was asked to reply to your queries from my position as Head of Unit responsible for Disability and Inclusion.

I would like to assure you that the European Commission attaches great importance to the situation of people with disabilities in all Member States of the EU. In accordance with, and within the limits of, the powers conferred by the EU Treaties, the EU adopts the necessary measures for their inclusion in society and full recognition of their rights.

Unfortunately, we cannot directly intervene in this particular case. The concern exposed in your letter does not fall within the competences of the European Commission. Indeed, issues like organisation of the social security systems, including pension systems and the recognition of the disability status and benefits, remain a matter of national competence.

I would like to stress, however, that all Member States ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and are consequently under the obligation of complying with its provisions. Therefore, if you think the rights of people with disabilities are not respected, you may want to contact the national ombudsman in Romania:

**Ombudsman Office**

Avocatul Poporului  
Eugeniu Carada 3  
Sector 3  
RO-71204 Bucuresti  
Tel.: +40 21 312 71 34  
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I hope this information will be useful to you and I wish you success in finding a solution to your situation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Grange', written over a horizontal line.

Emmanuelle Grange