

**Question for written answer E-000210/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Electronic platforms - Shared transport

The generalised use of new communication technologies is encouraging the appearance of new electronic platforms in all sectors. The use of these technologies helps to simplify many procedures and makes it easier for certain services to be arranged in a simple manner.

One example is the use of electronic platforms which facilitate spontaneous contact between people who agree, without financial gain, to share the costs of a given transport journey.

In some cases, however, these platforms are being used to carry out regular trips on a for-profit basis. As with platforms for the procurement of taxi services, we believe that any for-profit business activity which does not meet certain minimum quality and safety requirements, is tantamount to unfair competition and social dumping.

1. What view does the Commission take of this type of practice?
2. What measures does the Commission believe will have to be taken in order to address this type of practice, especially in the transport sector?
3. Is the Commission going to take any initiative to tackle this problem, which is common to all Member States?