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to the Commission**

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Subject: UberPop

In several Member States, UberPop, a taxi service for individuals which competes with traditional taxis, is the subject of intense debate. Countries like France and Germany have banned UberPop. In other Member States, such as Britain, UberPop is permitted.

Former EU Trade Commissioner Karel De Gucht has published an op-ed in the Belgian newspaper *Het Laatste Nieuws*, in which he declares himself in favour of free access to the market of companies like UberPop in the name of free competition. He believes that banning UberPop is corporatist in inspiration.

Does the Commission believe that the prohibition of UberPop taxi services by some countries constitutes a breach of the principle of free competition or does it believe that the way in which the profession of taxi driver is organised must remain the responsibility of Member States?