

**Question for written answer E-001134/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Social protection in the digital, sharing and platform economy

On 19 January 2017, Parliament adopted a resolution aimed at strengthening labour protection for all workers, regardless of the type of employment relationship. This is a challenge to companies shaping the sharing and platform economy, since it is unclear whether the people supplying the services are employees or independent contractors. The resolution would categorise them as employees by default, which would drastically alter the cost structures and business models of the emerging sharing/platform economy.

1. How does the Commission intend to respond to this resolution?
2. How does the Commission assess the effect of this maximalist approach on job creation and innovation, especially with regard to the sharing/platform economy?