Question for written answer E-004790/2017 to the Commission Rule 130 Ivan Jakovčić (ALDE) and Jozo Radoš (ALDE)

Subject: UBER and similar companies - regulating activities in the EU

UBER was recently banned throughout Italy on the basis of a ruling which stated that the business constitutes unfair competition. Furthermore, some EU Member States have restricted or blocked the use of some services, such as UberX or UberPop. Given that, it is understandable that such an advanced, accessible and affordable business model that is based on the digital economy, the sharing economy and advanced technological solutions is not regulated in a uniform manner across the EU. This results in such companies having different statuses in different Member States, and it also leaves the traditional businesses that they compete with on an unsure footing.

What measures does the Commission plan to take in order to regulate and harmonise the status and business activities of such new businesses on the European Common Market?