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Subject: Collaborative economy in the EU

On 2 June 2016 the European Commission presented a communication entitled 'A European agenda for the collaborative economy', which provides guidance to help consumers, public authorities and businesses understand these business models where collaborative platforms create an open market for the temporary use of goods and services. While this type of economy creates huge opportunities for the European Union, it also presents challenges that need to be addressed.

To this end, in May 2017 the European Parliament put forward a number of recommendations and in particular called on companies to guarantee fair working conditions for their employees.

In early July 2018 delivery staff working for Uber Eats and Deliveroo called a strike in France in response to aggressive recruitment strategies, low wages and dangerous working conditions. Disputes of this kind are emerging across the European Union.

Has the European Commission looked into the economic and societal changes being wrought in this sector?

Is it considering measures to regulate the collaborative economy, while encouraging its development?