

**Question for written answer E-006448/2018
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Impact of sharing platforms in city centres

Sharing platforms were originally set up to make it possible for individuals to rent their apartments for a short period of time to, for example, tourists. The growth of these platforms has meant, however, that they have turned into a commercial market with an explosion of rentals in popular cities. Twelve European cities (Amsterdam, Barcelona, Berlin, Brussels, Cologne, Dortmund, Krakow, Madrid, Paris, Reykjavik, Valencia and Vienna) have sounded the alarm due to nearly unmanageable tourism as a consequence of, inter alia, these rentals.

1. Is the Commission aware of the negative impact that these sharing platforms have on many European cities due to the explosive growth of apartment rentals to tourists through these platforms?
2. How can this development be managed in view of existing and possible future EU legislation and what initiatives does the Commission plan to take in this regard?
3. Is it willing to meet representatives from the 12 cities mentioned above, at political level and at short notice, to discuss policies and possible legislative initiatives to address their concerns?