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Answer given by Ms Gabriel
on behalf of the European Commission
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In line with the Honourable Member's views, the Commission's Communication of 2016¹ recognises the prominent role online platforms play in supporting economic growth in the digital single market, and flags economic and societal challenges.

The co-legislators provisionally agreed on a Directive for more Transparent and Predictable Working Conditions so that workers, also in flexible employment relations, receive upfront key information on working conditions. The Directive creates minimum standards including a ban on exclusivity clauses and restrictions on incompatibility clauses, or a right to compensation for work assignments cancelled after a specific deadline.

The Commission presented a package for a fair and efficient taxation of the digital economy², pursuing a level playing field for all companies, as a necessary condition to the digital single market.

The Commission also proposed transparency obligations aimed at creating a fair, transparent and predictable business environment for businesses when using online platforms³ and improving transparency for consumers⁴.

¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/communication-online-platforms-and-digital-single-market-opportunities-and-challenges-europe>

² COM(2018) 146 final

³ Political agreement reached by the co-legislators on the Regulation on promoting fairness and transparency for business users of online intermediation services, provisionally agreed by the co-legislators
<https://ec.europa.eu/digital-single-market/en/news/regulation-promoting-fairness-and-transparency-business-users-online-intermediation-services>

⁴ Proposal for a Directive as regards better enforcement and modernisation of EU consumer protection rules
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52018PC0185>