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# **DRAFT OPINION**

of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

for the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection

on a European agenda for the collaborative economy  
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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs calls on the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions into its motion for a resolution:

- A. whereas the Commission communication entitled ‘A European Agenda for the collaborative economy’ stresses the increasing significance of the platform economy and its impact on economic and employment policies;
1. Stresses the need for a clear distinction between ‘professional’ and ‘non-professional’ platforms and to recognise activities in the platform economy that are properly categorised as ‘work’;
  2. States that all workers in the platform economy are either employed or self-employed based on the primacy of facts; recalls in this context that the Court of Justice has defined the concept of ‘worker’ on the basis of an employment relationship characterised by certain criteria such as subordination, remuneration and the nature of work;
  3. Calls for a framework directive on working conditions in the platform economy in order to guarantee the legal situation of platform workers and to ensure that all platform workers have the same social and employment rights and health and safety protection as workers in the traditional economy;
  4. Underlines the need to ensure adequate social security for self-employed workers, who are key players in the digital labour market; stresses that freedom of association and collective action are fundamental rights which must apply to all workers;
  5. Calls for more reliable data on jobs and working conditions in the platform economy and for the adjustment of related policies to create a level playing field between the platform and traditional economies;
  6. Calls for EU standards on transparency and disclosure obligations for platform operators in order to monitor tax payments, social security contributions and practices regarding the rating of work on platforms;
  7. Underlines that constant accessibility represents a serious health and safety risk in the platform economy; advocates the establishment of a ‘right to log off’.