

**Question for written answer P-010348/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Taxi services offered via internet

Over the last year problems have arisen in several cities in the EU in connection with the appearance of platforms offering online taxi-hire services.

People working in the taxi sector have to meet a series of requirements (licences, permits etc.) and must be covered by insurance, pay national insurance contributions and submit tax declarations. Any entrepreneurial activity carried out for profit which fails to meet minimum quality and safety standards constitutes unfair competition and social dumping.

National, regional and local authorities are finding it extremely difficult to prevent this illegal activity. The response from courts and authorities in the different Member States has varied widely. In view of these problems:

1. Will the Commission call for urgent, coordinated action to be taken across the EU to make it easier for administrations to combat this unfair competition and social dumping?
2. What does the Commission see as being the most suitable measures for providing an effective and proportionate EU-wide response?