

### Focus

#### Social Protection for Platform Workers



Dear Reader,

The advances of technology and the spread of the internet, which affect all aspects of our lives, are also changing the world of work beyond recognition, and our Committee is following these developments closely.

While a Working Group has been studying the future challenges of digitalisation in the workplace, we also commissioned a study on the 'collaborative' or 'platform' economy, already very much in place and growing rapidly. Its continuing rise has certainly created opportunities, but also raises important issues of social protection.

The document provided by Policy Department for Economic and Scientific Policies will be of great help both in better defining and understanding the phenomenon, and in framing our responses thanks to policy recommendations on labour law, social policy, Member States' tax policies and regulation of the platforms themselves.

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#### Social Protection of Workers in the Platform Economy

Policy Department for Economic, Scientific and Quality of Life Policies

November 2017



The rise of the 'collaborative', 'platform' or 'gig' economy has led to a renewed focus on the question of social protection for workers.

This study for the EMPL Committee discusses the growth and drivers of the platform economy, as well as benefits and challenges for its workers, reporting

findings from 50 interviews conducted with expert stakeholders in eight European countries and from an original survey of 1,200 platform workers. The report draws conclusions and makes recommendations concerning arrangements for the provision of social protection for workers in this growing sector of the economy.

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24 Jan 2018 - 17.00 to 18.00

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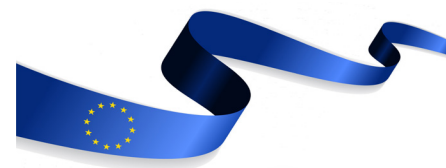
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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### Road Transport Hauliers: Social and Working Conditions

Policy Department for Structural and Cohesion Policies

October 2017



Differences in terms of labour and social market structures amongst the EU countries still exist. The study updates the 2013 analysis of the social legislation and working conditions of professional drivers engaged in the road freight transport sector. It concentrates on the fundamental social issues that arise in this transport segment, including driving times and rest periods.



### Countering Terrorist Narratives

Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs

November 2017



The EU has assumed a leading role in counter-narrative efforts through its own agencies and programmes as well as through supporting external initiatives. The study requested by the LIBE Committee provides an overview of current approaches to countering terrorist narratives. It highlights five interrelated 'lines of effort' essential to maximising the efficiency and effectiveness of counter-terrorism and countering violent extremism strategic communication.



### Financial Instruments: defining the rationale for triggering their use

Policy Department for Budgetary Affairs

October 2017



The use of financial instruments within the EU budget is becoming more and more common. The present study commissioned by BUDG committee first revises key concepts in determining the use of those instruments, before providing an analysis of the functioning and consistency of the ex-ante assessments, which are required by regulation to help identify the rationale and scope for financial instruments.



### The Joint Africa-EU Strategy

Policy Department for External Relations

November 2017



The Joint Africa-EU Strategy (JAES) is the capstone doctrine of Africa-European Union relations. The study analyses its implementation since its conception and the way ahead. The DEVE study focuses on the implementation of the Joint Africa-EU Strategy (2007), the Roadmap 2014-2017 and the Joint Communication for a renewed impetus to the Africa-EU partnership (2017). It also makes political recommendations for the way ahead after the November 2017 Abidjan AU-EU summit.



## FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

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