

**Question for written answer E-003214/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Cooperation of platforms (e.g. Airbnb) with authorities

Last year, 10 European cities asked for platforms to be legally obliged to cooperate with them on registration schemes and to supply rental data for the properties they advertise. I welcome the Commission's data-sharing agreement with vacation rental platforms Airbnb, Booking.com, Expedia Group and Tripadvisor. However, the arrangement does not require platforms to provide information on the total number of properties being rented or the ratio of whole properties to rooms in lived-in properties.

Why is this information not included in the agreement, considering that 1) these metrics could be highly relevant for cities concerned about the impact of short-term rental platforms on local housing stock and rents; and 2) it would be possible to compile aggregate property data so as not to disclose any personal data?

Will the Commission revise this agreement to ensure this information is included?