

**Question for written answer P-002924/2018**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Bus and coach services in the EU

In the light in particular of recent proposals to amend Regulation (EC) 1073/2009 and the increasing development by bus and coach services of 'platform' business models for sales and management, please can the Commission explain:

1. How it intends to prevent, and help ensure that Member States prevent, new business models of transport companies, which usually involve subcontracting services, negatively affecting the working conditions and hours of drivers and undermining the possibility for lawful collective representation and industrial action?
2. What detailed assessment it has made of the longer-term impact of 'liberalisation' of bus and coach services on passengers, especially as regards disabled and other more vulnerable people and those relying on less 'profitable' routes, on fair and stable prices and on compliance with safety and other essential regulatory requirements?
3. Whether and to what extent it acknowledges that public service obligations in relation to services should be given priority, and that provisions regarding compulsory access to terminals are often a problem for transport and other public authorities, particularly in urban areas where land values are high and terminal space is scarce?