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Meeting with EHHA and members - 28 January 2022 - minutes

Dear colleagues,

Please find below, for your information, the minutes of the meeting with EHHA, Airbnb, Expedia Group and Awaze, which took place on 28 January 2022.

Kind regards

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## Meeting with EHHA and members 28 January 2022

### Participants

- [REDACTED] EHHA
- [REDACTED] Airbnb
- [REDACTED] Airbnb
- [REDACTED] Expedia Group
- [REDACTED] Awaze
- [REDACTED] DG GROW
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### Discussion points

- EHHA welcomed the high number of responses to the public consultation and asked about preliminary results.
- GROW thanked EHHA and members for their contribution to the public consultation and confirmed that it will soon publish a summary of the results and the responses to the public consultation.

- Airbnb asked whether an EU action is likely to be adopted in June as announced in the work programme.
- GROW confirmed that the current planning foresees an adoption by 1 June 2022 and that the final decisions will be taken by the Cabinet and College.
- Expedia Group stressed the variety of actors in the sector and the existing regulations that apply to the underlying service provider and intermediaries. It pointed out to the fact that registration schemes are often addressed to the owners of an accommodation, but the entity offering and advertising the accommodation can often be a different one (a company, a professional actor). Hence there is a discrepancy between the identification of owners identified via registration schemes, and the actors active in the sector (e.g. management companies). Expedia asked whether the initiative will cover all actors (underlying service providers and intermediaries) or only certain types of actor; in other words, will it be a complement to the Services Directive only or also to the DSA?
- GROW confirmed that the broad scope of the public consultation was intended to capture the views of all stakeholders of the ecosystem. GROW is carefully assessing existing instruments such as the Services Directive, the DSA but also the GDPR or DAC7, to ensure that the initiative will fully complement these existing instruments and fill a gap.
- EHHA and members enquired about the feedback received on the fragmentation of local rules through the public consultation. They stressed the fact that fragmentation is barrier to the provision of their services across the EU. They also highlighted the need for existing notification mechanisms to be respected.
- GROW confirmed that the fragmentation of local rules on STR is a reality and that some flexibility at local level is needed.
- EHHA and members confirmed that they are ready to support the Commission in explaining to all actors the need for such an STR initiative for the sector.
- Expedia Group asked whether proportionality is an issue that the STR initiative will look into.
- GROW referred to the information published in the inception impact assessment.
- GROW made a request for information regarding existing litigation, offline intermediaries and market access requirements on hosts.

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Legal and Policy Officer



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