Our internal references to your request: Ares(2021)6940446

Dear [Name],

Thank you very much for your kind feedback and for the link that we acknowledge receipt of.

For the transparency register number, it is indeed mandatory to be registered (this means you have to get the final approval of our Secretariat-General) on the Transparency Register Portal and to get a TR number. The new procedure that entered in force on 01/07/2021 is more procedural and might take more time than the previous regulation we had -where you can publish directly your subscription. This now goes to an approval circuit before you appear as public on the TR register.

Hereby please find the contact of our Secretariat-General in case you have questions:
Transparency Register (europa.eu).
I hope it will be possible to get the TR number before the day of the meeting (Wed 24/11 at 16h30 CET) otherwise we would need to reschedule the meeting for that purpose.

Thank you for your understanding, we remain at your disposal for additional queries.
Wishing you a lovely end of the week and with kind regards,

[Name]
We truly look forward to this meeting and appreciate this opportunity. If there are questions in the interim, we are of course glad to field them, and please don't hesitate to reach out at any time.

Warm regards,

[Name]

On Thu, Nov 11, 2021 at 4:13 AM [Name] wrote:

On behalf of Mr Werner Stengg, Expert Member in the Cabinet of Executive Vice-President Ms Margrethe Vestager, responsible for ‘A Europe Fit for Digital Age’, we would like to thank you for the meeting request made to Mr Stengg’s attention and for accommodating us given the different time zones of the participants!

➢ We hereby acknowledge receipt of the timeslot for **Wednesday 24th of November, 16h30-17h00 CET /7am-8:30am Pacific Time.** It is now pencilled in the calendar of Mr Werner Stengg and Ms Mette Dyrskjot in cc of our exchange.

➢ We are happy to note that yourself and [Name] will attending the online meeting.

➢ We however would like to draw your attention on the fact that, in order the meeting to take place and in accordance with the regulation on transparency published in the official journal of the European Union (L 207/1 of 11.06.2021) as per document attached, it is an obligation for the European Commission to publish the meetings she holds with ‘external’ stakeholders who have themselves the obligation to have a Transparency Register Number (here is the link in order to register the company if not yet done https://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/ri/registering.do?locale=en ).
In case you encounter issues registering the company, we remain at your disposal for giving support and especially my colleague, Ms [redacted], in cc can reply to the questions you would need to ask.

We will be looking forward to your reply and remain at your disposal should you have additional queries.

Thank you for your kind support and with kind regards,

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]@rover.com
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 4:29 AM
To: [redacted] (HR) [redacted]@ec.europa.eu; [redacted] (HR) [redacted]@ec.europa.eu
Cc: [redacted]@inlinepolicy.com; [redacted]@rover.com
Subject: Re: Rover and the Platform Workers Initiative - Introduction and Meeting Request

Dear [redacted] and [redacted],

Thank you for your message. I spoke with our Rover team members, and we would welcome an opportunity to meet virtually on 24/11 from 16:30-17:00 Central European Time (7:30-8 a.m. Pacific Time). Both [redacted] and I are available at that time, though [redacted] might be traveling and unable to attend.

Here is a hangout link: meet.google.com/prt-wbci-qhv

Would it be helpful if I sent that link in an invitation to attendees? (If so, what would be the appropriate email address for Mrs Dyrskjot?)

Thanks again,

[redacted]

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On Tue, Nov 9, 2021 at 12:16 AM [redacted] [redacted] [redacted]
@rover.com wrote:

Dear

No worries, I perfectly understand. Happy to receive a Google Hangouts link from you. Otherwise we can organise a WebEx (as you prefer).

Looking forward to your answer (adding my colleague who will cover for me from tomorrow as I am on leave until 16/11).

With kind regards,

From: @rover.com
Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 4:18 AM
To: (HR) <R@ec.europa.eu>
Cc: @inlinepolicy.com; @rover.com
Subject: Re: Rover and the Platform Workers Initiative - Introduction and Meeting Request

Dear Ms

Many thanks for your email. We greatly appreciate that Mr Stengg is willing to meet with us and that Mrs Dyrskjot will potentially attend the meeting as well.

I am reaching out to our team members regarding the times in your email below and will follow up with you as soon as possible. I would like to apologize for any delay in my responses: We are located in Seattle, Washington (Pacific Time) and are several hours behind Central European Time.

Regarding your question about video conferencing platforms: Our platform for virtual meetings is typically Google Hangouts, though we are glad to use other platforms if that is more convenient.

Thank you again,
On behalf of Mr Werner Stengg, I would like to thank you for your message and to express his availability for a virtual meeting on the following possible dates:

22/11 - 12:00-12:30
23/11 - 11:30-12:00
24/11 – 16:30-17:00

Mr Stengg might be accompanied by his colleague Member of Cabinet Mrs Mette Dyrskjot with whom he is working on the file you mentioned.

Please communicate your preference for a suitable date and also for a video platform you would like to use.

For transparency purposes, this meeting will be published in the Transparency Register of the European Commission. Please make sure your organisation is duly registered. The Cabinet does not intend to communicate actively on the content of this meeting. However, in line with Regulation (EC) No 1049/2001, minutes can be made accessible to the public upon request (without any disclosure of protected interests).

Looking forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards,

European Commission
B-1049 Brussels/Belgium
@ec.europa.eu
Dear Mr. Stengg,

I hope this email finds you well.

By way of introduction, I am [Your Name] at Rover.com. Rover operates a website- and app-based platform used by pet lovers who want to find or offer traditional neighborhood pet care, such as pet sitting or dog walking. Our company was founded in the United States in 2011. Today, we are grateful and privileged that pet lovers are choosing to use our platform across six European Union countries, namely Germany, Italy, France, Spain, Sweden, and the Netherlands. The attached documents provide more information about Rover and the Rover platform community.

As described in the attachments, the Rover model is different from other platform models: For example, unlike the models adopted by rideshare and delivery platforms, the Rover platform functions as an online business directory with built-in tools to make communication and booking pet care easier than it would be without the platform. People who decide to book pet parent clients through the website/app choose their rates, schedules, client lists, and other aspects of the pet care they want to provide. They are not automatically “paired” with a pet parent – they choose their clients. Rover did not invent neighbourhood pet care (which will exist with or without Rover); we do however believe that our platform and the community who uses it are expanding and elevating an important community tradition.

With the upcoming EU legislative proposal on platform workers expected in December, we would greatly appreciate the opportunity to have a short meeting with you to exchange ideas for best practice regulation in this area. Given your position within the Vestager Cabinet, we would be extremely interested in hearing your perspectives on this regulation and would value the opportunity to introduce Rover’s unique business model to you. We would also be happy to share our experience of engaging on similar issues in the US; and
establish a better understanding of how the changing platform worker environment in the EU would affect Rover’s services.

I plan to travel from the US to Brussels for meetings from Wednesday 17th November to Friday 19th November along with our colleagues. We appreciate that this is short notice, but we would be privileged and delighted to organise a short meeting with you or relevant colleagues on one of these dates, if it would be possible.

Would you be able to let me know if you would be available for a short meeting on the dates noted above?

I look forward to hearing from you and I hope that we can find a time for a meeting.

Kind regards,

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