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Subject: Recap- Meeting with Blablacar 24 May

Dear colleagues,

A short meeting with Blablacar representatives was organised by our Cabinet today ahead of the adoption of the collaborative economy Communication.

Present: Fabrice Comptour (Cab Bienkowska), [REDACTED] (DG GROW) - [REDACTED] (BlaBlaCar), [REDACTED]
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Main points made by Blablacar:

- Welcome the Communication (ISC leaked version), positive tone for most sections (liability, consumer, etc).
- **Important** for them to underline that pure **cost-sharing** in "co-voiturage" is **not an economic activity** (ideally by adding an example in the Communication).
- They would prefer us to use the word **ridesharing** (co-voiturage) to refer to their type of business model and ensure that whenever we refer to "uber" type of services we make the distinction of "on-demand ridesharing" or "ridesharing for profit/remuneration". [latest SWD broadly follows this approach; the Communication only refers to ridesharing business in the Taxation part when referring to Estonia best practice without making any distinction as to profit/remuneration or on-demand].
- On **liability**, for other issues beyond illegal content, they propose to go further and for example encourage platforms to undertake voluntary actions to do checks for security reason e.g. check driver's driving licences and overall increase trust. To do this, the COM should make a call on MS to make accessible their data bases to allow verifying driving licences and criminal records. Platforms would then in exchange **offer to share their data** with national authorities, and other third parties, as long as the framework is clearly agreed with the platform and they keep control over the final use, type of data and frequency.
- On the **taxation part**- Blablacar advocates for a total fiscal exemption for money obtained from cost-compensation in co-voiturage. However, the Communication could welcome MS **thresholds** exonerating revenues from collaborative economy (e.g. Italian, Belgium and French proposal - so far proposal made by some Senators in the Loi Lemaire to exonerate revenues from collaborative economy below 5000 euro may not succeed – will most probably be included in the Loi de finance in September).

Best,
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