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Subject: Ares(2020)593306 Letter to Commissioner Breton from
Airbnb

Dear ,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 29 January 2020 to Commissioner Breton who has asked me to reply on his behalf, as the acting head of the unit leading the preparatory work on the Digital Services Act.


Let me first of all stress that the Digital Services Act is a priority for the European Commission. President Von der Leyen committed to 'upgrade our liability and safety rules for digital platforms, services, and products, and complete our Digital Single Market'. The new measures will support the digital transformation in Europe and provide for an updated framework to address the challenges accompanying today's digital services.

To this end, the Commission services are currently conducting preparatory work, including evidence collection and analysis, and the preparations for the appropriate consultation steps. A proposal will only follow a detailed impact assessment which will analyse in detail options on scope and precise measures. Many of the topics which you outlined in your letter to Commissioner Breton but also in your letter to mayors in European cities are part of our impact assessment work. Feeding into our analysis, we will organise an open public consultation likely to be launched still this spring. The start of the consultation will be announced on this page https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations_en and through the Commission's regular social media channels.

The Commission will continue to promote the balanced and responsible development of the collaborative economy in line with EU legislation. To this end, in 2016 the Commission issued guidance on how existing EU rules apply to the collaborative economy. The Commission continues to monitor the development of the collaborative economy, its regulatory environment as well as the interpretation on the application of EU law provided by the Court of Justice and national courts, and will continue to engage will all actors involved.

To summarise, I would like to thank you for your availability to constructively work with us and for informing us about recent developments related to the EU's digital single market priorities, which will feed into our work on the Digital Services Act.

Yours sincerely,


(e-signed)