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Dear colleagues,

Please find below a short debrief of what was discussed in a meeting with Uber today.

Participants : [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]), [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]), [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

Main points:

- COM informed Uber representatives about the workshops on the tourism rental services which constitute an opportunity for Member States to exchange best practices in this sector. Uber representatives were interested on having a similar project for their sector. On the question whether the Commission is thinking of organising similar workshops for the transport sector, COM replied that so far such decision has not been taken.
- Uber suggested that the Commission implements a concept similar to the 'Digital Champion' in the digital single market (Digital Champions in this respect are specific people in national administrations who lead projects related to digitisation, promote digital skills etc). In the collaborative economy digital champions could promote the development of these business models locally, helping tackle national regulatory and administrative burdens for them.
- Uber representatives referred to LI, EE, FI, PT, PL and DE as countries which have recently introduced or thinking of introducing rules or amending existing rules to a direction which would be more friendly to business models like Uber.
- Uber representatives also stressed out that in principle they are not opposed to licensing requirements imposed on their drivers (similar to VTC kind of requirements) as long as these are necessary to protect an overriding reason of public interest and are proportionate.

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