From: Sent: To: Subject:	(GROW) vendredi 12 février 2016 15:42  (GROW); (GROW); (GROW); (GROW); (GROW); (GROW); (GROW); (GROW);
Dear colleagues,	
Find below some main p morning.	oints derived from a meeting that with the International Road Transport Union this
Participants:	(IRU)
	<ul> <li>The International Road Transport Union (IRU) approached DG GROW to represent taxis but they also represents buses, coaches, and trucks.</li> <li>IRU are working closely with DG MOVE (in particular colleagues like and are awaiting MOVE's upcoming study on taxis.</li> <li>IRU, as well as their members have contributed to GROW's public consultation and they want to clearly identify and differentiate between sharing peer-to-peer models and for profit business models within the collaborative economy.</li> <li>Another area of concern for IRU is the differentiation between collaborative economy platforms and traditional providers. explained that the so called 'traditional providers' embrace the digital developments and try to also offer their services digitally, therefore not being so different from the new innovative services.</li> <li>IRU also represent a</li> <li>IRU are working closely with the International Transport Forum (ITF). ITF have worked on an impact / market assessment which also provides recommendations. will contact ITF and share the document with GROW.</li> <li>Swedish members of IRU have carried out an analysis regarding the foregone tax contributions due to collaborative economy models.</li> <li>emphasised that the criteria for their partners are lawfulness and quality. The IRU are motivating its members to improve their services</li> </ul>

No statistics have been collected by the IRU but they will try and collect some figures from their members to share with GROW. These figure include the

- percentage of people using mobile apps vis-à-vis more traditional methods of hailing taxis such as calling, the share of employment vis-à-vis self-employed, information related to compliance with the universal services obligations in countries like Finland and The Netherlands, etc.
- GROW explained that under the Better Regulations package, everything within the Commission needs to be based on evidence and therefore encouraged IRU to bring forward any statistics or figures they may have.
- The European agenda on the collaborative economy was discussed and answers were given to IRUs queries about the upcoming guidance.

Kind Regards,



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