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Invitation to meet with European start-ups and SMEs in Brussels on 18/19/20 April 2016

Dear Claire Bury,

On 18-20 April 2016 techUK and Coadec are bringing a delegation of small, high-growth digital companies to Brussels to discuss the role of 'online platforms' in the European economy. Our delegation is made up of digital entrepreneurs who run their own 'online platforms', including:

- [Hassle](#) (online platform for individuals to book home cleaners)
- [Under the Doormat](#) (online platform for authentic holiday home rentals)
- [We Are Pop Up](#) (online platform market space for renting pop up stores)
- [Yoti](#) (online platform enabling ID verification online)
- [Captain Train](#) (online platform enabling train ticket sales)
- [Vrumi](#) (online platform facilitating workplace sharing)
- [Hiyacar](#) (online platform enabling private car rentals)

These businesses would be delighted to discuss issues and perceptions on 'online platforms' at EU-level with you. Specific areas for discussion may include the liability of platforms, transparency of platforms, and data protection. techUK further has a permanent presence in Brussels and works on a [range of Digital Single Market issues](#), which we would be happy to discuss as well.

Would you be available at any time on 18/19/20 April 2016 to meet with these businesses?

techUK has been working on 'online platforms' since summer 2015, making the case that platform businesses can take all shapes and sizes and giving insights into the ways in which these platforms operate. At Coadec and techUK, we are committed to helping EU policy-makers speak to living and breathing small European businesses that may be affected by the proposals.

Coadec is the policy voice of start-ups in the UK. techUK is the trade association for the UK technology sector, representing 900 digital technology companies. The majority of techUK's members are small and medium sized businesses. Collectively, techUK's members employ more than 800,000 people, about half of all tech sector jobs in the UK.

We very much hope you will be available to meet with the delegation. If you would like to arrange a convenient time or with any questions about the delegation please contact techUK's [redacted] [@techUK.org](mailto:[redacted]@techUK.org).

Yours sincerely,

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