

**Question for written answer E-003038/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: The situation of taxis in the European Union

Passenger transport by vehicle (taxi) is an important mobility service in the EU and was an essential public service during the pandemic.

However, this public utility service is suffering a major deterioration and taxi drivers are facing increased precariousness as a result of unfair competition from private service providers and the processes of liberalisation and deregulation of the sector brought about by the common European framework. According to reports by the International Transport Workers' Federation¹(ITF), this has led to major conflicts and a loss of service quality².

In February 2022, the Commission published Notice 2022/C 62/01³, assimilating taxis with private hire vehicles with driver (PHVs), demonstrating a profound ignorance of the reality of the sector and the demands of its workers.

1. In the light of Notice 2022/C 62/01, what does the Commission consider to be the differences between the public utility service (taxis) and the provision of services by providers in the private sector?
2. Following the publication of the Uber Files, does the Commission intend to amend or correct any of the points made in the aforementioned notice?
3. Is the Commission considering providing European funds or aid to the taxi sector to enable the fleet to be renewed in line with the EU's climate objectives?

¹ <https://www.itfglobal.org/en>

² <http://www.taxi-library.org/kang0898.htm>

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52022XC0204%2803%29>