

Question for written answer E-002635/2025
to the Commission
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Subject: Planned EU harmonisation of ride-hailing regulations and its impact on national sovereignty

The Commission has announced its intention to review and possibly harmonise the rules governing ride-hailing services such as Uber and Cabify across the EU. Currently, these services are regulated at the national or even local level, allowing Member States to respond to their specific transport, labour, and urban planning realities. A centralised EU approach might risk undermining national sovereignty, increasing red tape and delivering less effective services to citizens.

1. What is the Commission's rationale for proposing the harmonisation of ride-hailing regulations across all Member States, despite differences in their legal systems and infrastructure?
2. How does the Commission intend to ensure that such an initiative does not infringe the principle of subsidiarity or create additional bureaucratic burdens for national authorities and service providers?
3. Does the Commission recognise that further centralisation of everyday policy decisions in Brussels may erode public trust in the EU and reduce service quality by disconnecting regulation from local needs?

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