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Answer given by Mr Tzitzikostas
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1. Passenger transport-on-demand services such as services offered by taxis and Private Hire Vehicle with driver (PHV) complement the local public transport offer. Taxi and PHV offer overwhelmingly local passenger transport services. Cross-border services exist, notably in border regions, but account only for a very small fraction of all taxi and PHV services. Demand for transport in one location cannot be met by an offer for transport in a location further away. The sector is therefore geographically fragmented by nature. Member States are competent for regulating the sector and choose to do so at national, regional and/or local level. In this context, any future EU legislation would need to meet the principle of subsidiarity, as defined in Article 5(3) of the Treaty on European Union¹.
2. The Commission continues to pursue breaches of EU law, notably the freedom of establishment (Article 49 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union²), one of the fundamental pillars of the Single Market. Furthermore, when solicited, the Commission advises Member States reforming their rules on PHV in line with the principles outlined in its Notice on well-functioning and sustainable local passenger transport-on-demand (taxis and PHV)³.
3. The Commission has, in the above-mentioned Notice, clarified the limits established by EU law on how Member States may regulate the sector. It does not exclude to update this Notice and/or to take another initiative, the details of which have still to be defined.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:12008M005:EN:HTML>.

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/treaty/tfeu_2008/art_49/oj/eng.

³ OJ C 62, 4.2.2022, p. 1.