Question for written answer E-000365/2024 to the Commission Rule 138

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Subject: Uber's business conduct and impact on competition in the EU market

According to the final report of the French parliamentary committee of enquiry into the Uber files¹, the company allegedly operated unfairly, claiming to be loss-making while keeping fares low thanks to investments from large financial market bodies.

This modus operandi raises concerns about fair competition in the transport and digital services sector.

In addition, the investigations reveal that Uber allegedly transferred funds to tax havens and engaged in intensive lobbying to recruit politicians all around the world, with the aim of boosting their own approval ratings and influencing political decisions to its own advantage.

Given the above:

- 1. What action does the Commission intend to take to investigate Uber's alleged breaches of commercial rules and assess the impact of these practices on competition in the European transport and digital services market?
- 2. How does it intend to ensure that big digital platforms are transparent and comply with commercial rules so as to promote fair competition and protect the interests of users and competing companies?
- 3. What measures will it take to prevent big digital platforms transferring funds to tax havens and to ensure that these companies pay taxes in the countries where they operate, in accordance with EU law?

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