

**Message from the leading ride-hailing European drivers' associations  
to EU institutions about the Platform Work Directive**

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We, representatives of drivers' associations within the European Union, are closely monitoring the ongoing discussions surrounding the Platform Work Directive. As professional drivers utilizing online platforms to connect with clients and offer ride-hailing services, we feel it is essential to express our perspective regarding the proposed reform which would impact us in the first place.

Professional driving is pursued by hundreds of thousands of people across Europe, many of whom are our valued members. We, drivers, choose independent driving for its flexibility, enabling us to work across multiple platforms, select suitable journeys, and manage our schedules in harmony with other commitments. In a nutshell, we are proud of being our own boss.

This independent approach enables us to try to maximize our earnings and economic benefits. Nevertheless, the platform work directive poses a risk of reclassifying drivers as employees, a move we find concerning.

We often have discussions with platforms on how to improve the ride hailing sector. Yet, **being reclassified as employees is not what we want, and those who claim the contrary in front of EU institutions do not represent us.**

**We therefore urge the EU institutions and EU Member States to listen to us - the drivers on the ground - and to not adopt measures, against our own will, which will force us into reclassification as employees. This is not about platforms, this is about us, the drivers.**

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