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Dear Ms Van Sparrentak,

I am pleased to respond to your e-mail of 13 July 2022 and the accompanying letter signed by 77 MEPs and city representatives on illegal short-term rentals.

The Commission is fully aware of the challenges related to short-term accommodation rentals in certain areas of the Union, notably with regard to the availability of affordable housing, and the need for public authorities to address those concerns. The Commission has been working closely with stakeholders and public authorities since the 2016 Communication 'A European agenda for collaborative economy' in order to find policy solutions to address those challenges.

Several recent EU instruments will provide public authorities with a number of tools to better address the short-term accommodation rental segment and in particular digital platforms operating in this segment. The Digital Services Act, which will enter into force shortly, will help public authorities ensure the compliance of the accommodation offers of hosts, designated as traders. It notably foresees that online marketplaces, including those who connect these traders who offer accommodation and touristic services and guests, will be required to design their services in a way that will allow each trader to clearly identify itself, the type of product or service it offers and publish any national registration number that it may have received.

As a complement to this horizontal legislation, the Commission is currently working on a specific legislative proposal to further increase transparency in the short-term accommodation rental sector, as part of its efforts to promote a balanced tourism ecosystem. The objective of this initiative is to ensure that public authorities have better data to design and enforce proportionate rules on short-term accommodation rentals. I can confirm that the adoption of this initiative is still planned for the fourth quarter of 2022.

We are very much committed to deliver on this important proposal for cities and regions in the Union. Please rest assured that my services in DG GROW remain available to discuss this topic in further detail with your team.

Yours sincerely,



Thierry Breton