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## Affordable Housing

### AirBnB and the Digital Services Act - Possibilities for regulating online short-term rental to ensure affordable housing

We want to have a conversation about **‘the AirBnB-effect.’** The expansive growth of short-term holiday rental is extracting housing from the market and driving up prices, and has a negative impact on liveability in large cities and popular tourist destinations in Europe.

This phenomenon contributes to the housing crisis in Europe by spurring on gentrification, touristification and financialisation of the housing market. Cities have been stepping in to regulate, but platforms such as AirBnB found shelter under EU rules.

We want to discuss with you and several experts on what the options are of **regulating short-term holiday rental** under the upcoming **Digital Services Act**, the package that will be put forward by the Commission on the 2nd of December, with the goal of better regulating online platforms.

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#### PROGRAMME

*16:00-16:10*

##### ***Introduction***

by **MEP Kim van Sparrentak** (Greens/EFA) and **Dorrit de Jong** (Dutch Greens), City Council Amsterdam.

*16:10-16:32*

##### ***Panel 1: The Impact of short-term letting***

moderated by **MEP Ernest Urtasun** (Greens/EFA)

Panellists:

- **Janet Sanz**, Deputy Mayor Ecology, Urbanism and Mobility in Barcelona

- **Alice Corona** ([Ocio Venezia](#)), Data activist from Venice
- **Clotilde Clark-Foulquier** ([FEANTSA](#)), Presentation of FEANTSA/Fondation Abbé Pierre report on the impact of the sharing economy on the housing market
- **Virginie Toussain** ([Union Sociale pour l'Habitat](#)), legal expert

16:32-16:42

*Q&A with public*

16:42-17:00

**Panel 2: Regulating short-term letting online under the Digital Services Act**

moderated by **MEP Marcel Kolaja** (Greens/EFA)

Panellists:

- [Zdeněk Hřib](#), Mayor of Prague
- **Andrej Savin**, [Director CBS Law](#) and DSA expert
- **Murray Cox**, Founder of [InsideAirBnB](#).

17:00-17:15

*Q&A with audience*

17:15-17:20

**Concluding remarks**

by **MEP Kim van Sparrentak** and **Sarah Coupechoux** from [Fondation Abbé Pierre](#)

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