

**Question for written answer E-002605/2020  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Assistance for taxi firms

With the onset of the COVID-19 epidemic, taxi firms, like many others, are finding themselves with their backs to the wall. Most European Union taxi drivers are self-employed or running small businesses and therefore have to meet their own costs.

In many Member States, they are required to provide a public service and are accordingly continuing to offer transport where needed, despite the risks to themselves. In addition, they have been transporting care workers free of charge or making deliveries of food and medicines to those in need.

Over the next few months, as we enter the second phase of the lockdown with progressively more people back on the move, taxis will have an important role to play.

The authorities must accordingly provide assistance for this key sector, which needs to be shielded from the economic and social fallout of the virus.

1. Is the Commission aware of the importance of supporting taxi firms and the ongoing service they provide?
2. Will it call on the Member States to act accordingly?