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# Same business, same rules for the taxi industry

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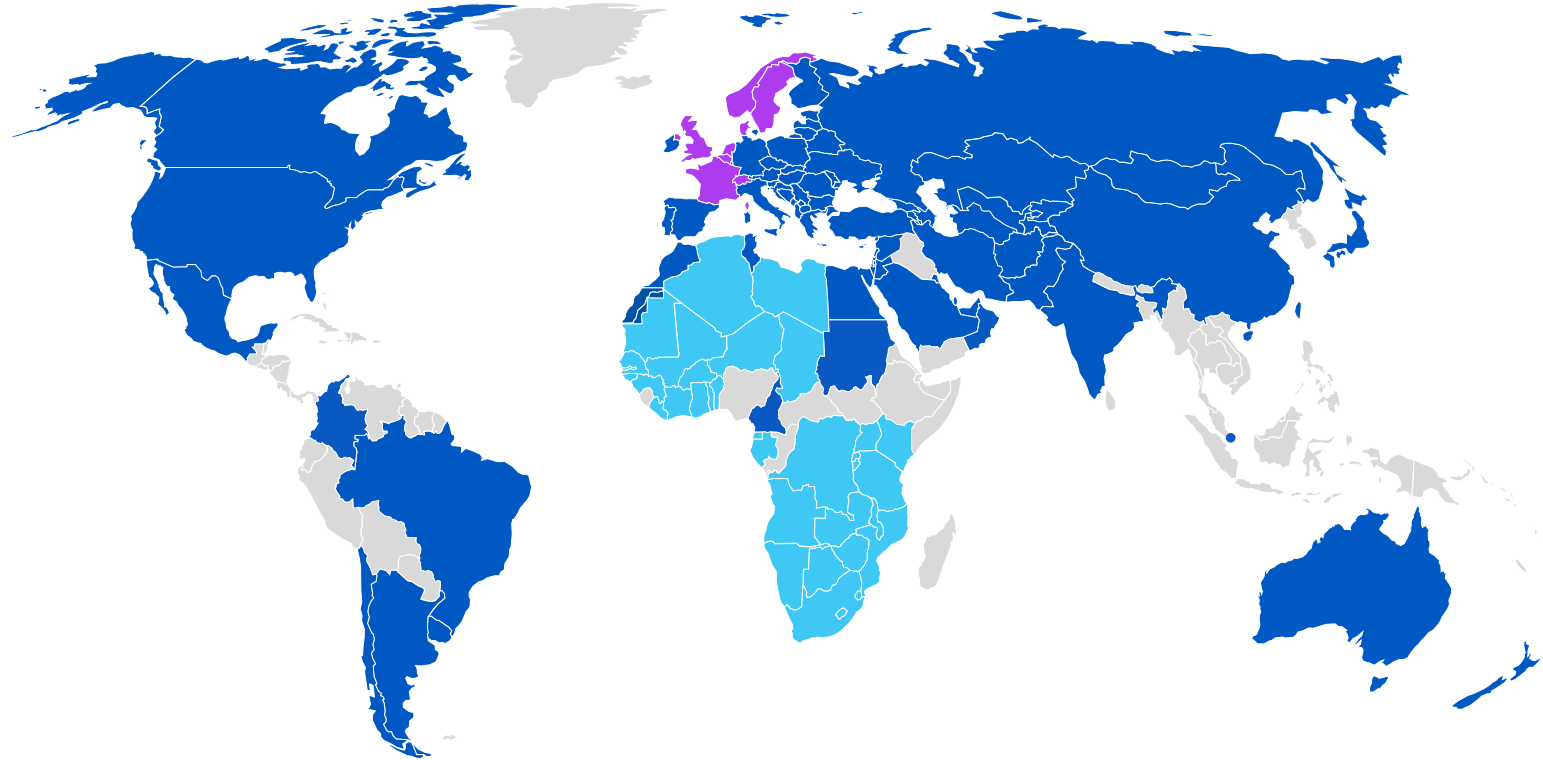
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# Challenging times

Smartphone technology and the wide use of app-based services



Transformations in the way people communicate and do business

Challenges for businesses

Challenges for regulators



Central to the challenge...

# FAIRNESS



# SAFETY



# Additional regulatory complexity

EU legislation?

National legislation

Regional or city rules





**SAME BUSINESS, SAME RULES**



sharing economy players?

car-sharing &  
car-pooling platforms

e-commerce, information society  
services or transport activities?

obligatory dispatch centers



**Same  
business?**

new commercial facilitators  
of paid on-demand transport  
services

traditional taxi operators

on-demand transport providers linked  
to new commercial facilitators

# A service in the field of transport – EU CJ definition



- Purpose of service: connect non-professional drivers using their own vehicle with persons who wish to make urban journeys
- Means to connect: smartphone application
- Type of service: remunerated



C-434/15 APET v Uber Spain

Did the EU Court of Justice solve the debate?

# IRU's action

- Set to find a common denominator
- Driven by the principle “same business, same rules”
- No tolerance for tax evasion or breaking of social rules
- No compromise on safety
- Need for EU guidance or even EU law?

IRU position on access to market and access to profession in the taxi and hire-cars with driver market in the EU

Joint IRU-ETF Statement on EU Court of Justice's decision

# What to regulate?



Objectives	Driver	Commercial Transport Intermediary (CTI)
<b>Safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Professional driver (licensed, as required by national law)</li><li>- Working time rules</li><li>- Training</li><li>- Customer protection /liability insurance</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Customer protection by engaging professional drivers</li></ul>
<b>Fairness (legal boundaries)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Income tax</li><li>- Social contributions (retirement, health)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Tax</li><li>- National establishment</li><li>- Licence (if required by national law)</li></ul>

# Conclusions



- Complexity of the taxi business/on-demand passenger transport market
- Challenges with traditional and new business models
- Challenges with legal framework
- Difficulty to find common denominator
- Necessity to find solutions to the challenges

IRU is set to lead the discussion in finding a fair regulatory solution to the changing business environment



IRU and its members are inviting businesses at the discussion table, within IRU





Thank you!

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