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Subject: Incompatibilities at the European Institutions

In public administration, and therefore also at the European Institutions, it is extremely important to maintain transparency, accountability and the integrity of employees so as to ensure that the public have maximum trust in the institutions which use public funds.

In the administrations and public services of the Member States, codes of conduct and in many cases strict rules concerning compatibilities regulate the legal status of employees, including the compatibility of their public duties with other activities.

It caused a considerable stir when, in 2012, it emerged that the Chair of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) at the same time held a leading post at the International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI), which is regarded by many as a lobbyist for big food undertakings. After the person concerned had terminated her career at the EU body, she continued her career with the ILSI as part of its management.

After the above case, what rules did the Commission introduce concerning monitoring of incompatible responsibilities of senior officials at the European Union and its associated institutions?