

ORAL QUESTION H-0113/04  
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pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure  
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to the Council

Subject: Integration of the Council secretariat in Brussels

Like the other European institutions, the Council is strongly represented in Brussels. Taking it together with the Commission, the European Parliament and the Economic and Social Committee, the number of European officials based in Brussels exceeds 25 000. The integration of these institutions into the fabric of the city requires special attention. By means of its communication concerning its infrastructure in Brussels (COM(2003)0755/final), the Commission has taken steps towards a systematic approach to the integration of the Commission in Brussels, thereby setting the other European institutions an example.

Will the Council follow the Commission's lead and draft a similar policy plan, or will it cooperate with the Commission in its efforts in this direction? How does the Council secretariat participate in consultation with the Brussels authorities, i.e. both the regional authorities and those of the towns and communities? Who represents the Council secretariat in these consultations? What measures has the Council secretariat taken to comply with the obligation incumbent upon any large employer to draw up a corporate transport plan for its staff? Do consultations take place with the other European Union institutions regarding these matters?

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