

WRITTEN QUESTION P-1846/99

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to the Commission

Subject:           Transfer of officials from Luxembourg to Brussels

The trade unions representing Commission staff in Luxembourg have informed me of their deep concern regarding the Commission's reorganisation plans.

According to the trade unions, some 100 to 140 officials and their families are threatened with forced transfer to Brussels and some 50 agency staff and service providers face losing their jobs.

The trade unions (FFPE, SE and US) stress that the Commission seems unaware that Luxembourg is one of the seats of the European Union and that it is issuing instructions and taking decisions on over hasty transfers to Brussels without having informed and consulted the staff representatives in Luxembourg.

Can the Commission state whether:

- the claims made by the trade union representatives are correct?
- if so, it has duly informed and consulted the staff representatives?
- it has launched the consultation procedure with the Luxembourg authorities in accordance with the framework agreement?

Only a clear and unequivocal answer and strict compliance with the relevant procedures would serve to clear the new Commission of the accusation of carrying out a reorganisation without prior consultation and in complete disregard of the transparency rules which it has formally laid down.