

**Priority question for written answer P-006885/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Closure of CHAFEA in Luxembourg

It is understood that the Commission is considering closing the Consumers, Health, Agriculture and Food Executive Agency (CHAFEA) in Luxembourg to establish the new 'European Health and Digital Executive Agency', in Brussels.

1. What cost-benefit rationale does the Commission have for closing CHAFEA, and how does it justify losing, in the midst of a pandemic, the experience of 30 staff members who are not able to move to Brussels and for whom the Commission has not provided any alternative employment?
2. What budgetary reasoning led to the decision to close an agency with 79 full-time jobs and open another one with 400 full-time jobs, despite the fact that CHAFEA in Luxembourg has been running smoothly for 16 years?
3. How does the Commission explain its intention to create a new agency focusing on health and digitalisation in Brussels, when digitalisation is one of the three pillars of the Luxembourg headquarters and health also plays an important role? What compensation, if any, would Luxembourg receive for jobs transferred to Brussels?