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Near You



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Dear Colleagues,

I have been with the Commission for more than 30 years, and having served in 7 different DGs (including HR and BUDG) and 5 Delegations, I believe that I can claim to know the shop inside out. In my professional career, I have seen too many things go wrong, and, despite the fact that some progress has been reached over the years, I still see the need to defending the Colleague's interests on a day to day basis.

Unfortunately, still today it happens regularly that Colleagues are confronted with problems, often with the administration (in house or at HQ). And too often, Colleagues do simply not know their rights or how to defend them. That's why I decided, many years ago already, to become a Staff representative. People are thousands of miles away from HQ, and they cannot simply go and see the gestionnaire of her/his file in MDR-C or PMO in order to discuss and sort out the problem. And the recent split into EEAS and COMM odes it's own little contribution.....

That's why we need a strong team of committed Colleagues, specialised in different fields, in order to offer help to everybody who needs help. And that is as well the reason why I joined the USHU when it was newly founded in 2008. USHU is the only trade union composed at 100 % of people coming from and working in Delegations, and thus 100% committed to Delegation Staff. We decided nevertheless to form the NEAR YOU list in a coalition with R&D and their friends, as a logic consequence after the EEAS elections, but first of all to better defend the interest of staff! We expect strength arising from this powerful coalition of OPS based in Delegations and Headquarters!

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