

Quo vadis OP: Happy new year 2017?

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Union Syndicale Fédérale Luxembourg follows closely the developments of the future of the Publications Office, an important Directorate-General in Luxembourg, and informs you regularly.

As this New Year starts let us take a look at the present situation:

- The Mercier building must be abandoned for October 2018: the OP is not included in the future JMO2, therefore there is a need to find another building and this task has been assigned to OIL. On 4th January a prospecting notice was published in the press and we greatly appreciated the fact that the Director shared this information with all the employees of the Office. The notice however does not give any information regarding the location. Nevertheless, it leads to various key issues for staff. The Union Syndicale Fédérale Luxembourg, as your representative and acting on your behalf, requested a full property prospecting notice via the email address mentioned in the announcement and we will keep you informed of the outcome of this request.
- Outsourcing of some services: The contract notice referred to (see above) does not provide for a data centre managed by the Office.
- “Cloud policy”, data centre and IT services:
In cooperation with DIGIT, “cloud” is the new privileged option and a priority for the Office (for applications or services for which it is possible). However, no new posts will be transferred.
- Traditional activities of the Office:
According to the Official Journal version S (JO-S), appears that the Office is planning a new strategy for the physical delivery of publications. For this reason, the contract with the current provider has just been extended by 2 years.
As far as storage and distribution is concerned the challenges are significant despite an outsourcing which does not seem to offer all the benefits planned (budgetary, etc.) after the closure of the Mercier building in Gasperich.
- HR Unit and ressources:
On the 1st January 2017 numerous changes were made to the organisation chart following the replacement of 5 Heads of Unit (due to retirement or change), the creation of the HR AMC* and the planned transfer to DIGIT of certain services. Will this however improve the quality of services for managing our daily problems (IT problems and lack of staff)?

Union Syndicale Fédérale Luxembourg remains keen to hear from you and will continue to keep you informed.

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