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Luxembourg attractiveness – is the boat sinking and/or heading to Brussels?

Yet another episode on the Lux Attractiveness Netflix permanent season! It looks more and more like a sinking boat where the captain continues to pretend that everything is fine and under control. So here is the latest news on that waterfront +.

Since our previous newsletter, we issued a <u>leaflet</u> about the JMOII delivery delays and the closing of canteens. It seems indeed that, like every time we think it is getting closer, the move to JMOII is fading further away. The first service (ESTAT) to move would enter the new JMO only in 2027. Besides, the move of the other services would not take place before 2028. This implies that the - diminished or lack of catering depending on the buildings - are also here to last.

On the other hand, we already communicated to you about posts "based in Luxembourg". You might indeed remember that there is a constant reduction of posts based in Luxembourg, that some Lux based posts are only formally attached to Luxembourg but not really occupied in Luxembourg and, last but not least, the increasing number of both vacant posts and Temporary and contractual agents being hired instead of Officials... in Luxembourg.

Some of these Officials posts are special and important in terms of representativity and visibility. These are the top management posts. Here is the updated count of Luxembourg Director empty posts at the time we finalize this newsletter: SANTE, OP, ESTAT, OIL. The last one is filled by an acting Director from Brussels for some time now. Is that what will happen to the other ones as well? Time will tell.

We however should be very happy that the post of the 'Specific Sites & Services' DG HR Director (HR E) is now occupied and even more that the appointed colleague, Mr Emmanuele Baldacci, is from and based in — Luxembourg. Let's hope that this will contribute to reverse the Luxembourg site weaknesses mentioned. This Director has to deal with all Commission site specific issues, both in Luxembourg and all other Commission sites. We wish him good luck and already contacted him to share our views/opinions and ideas.

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