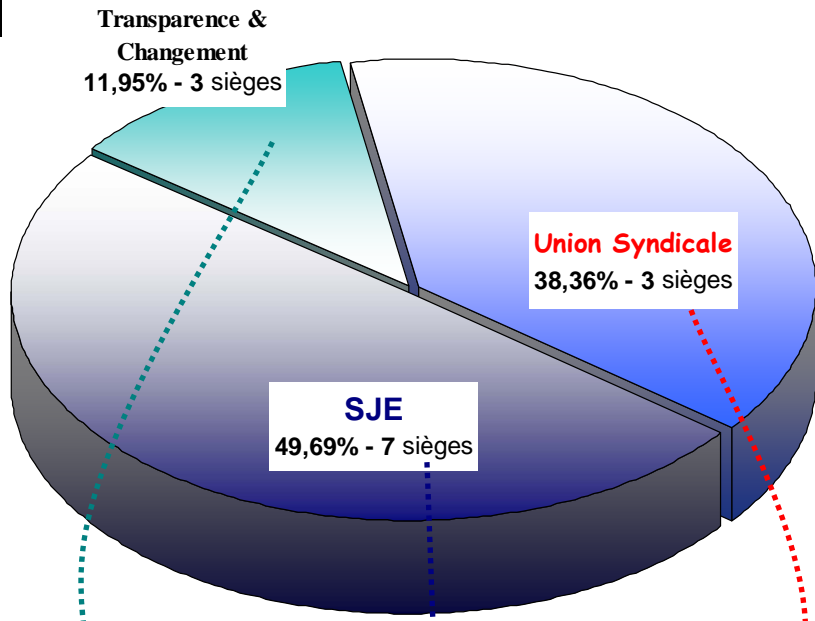


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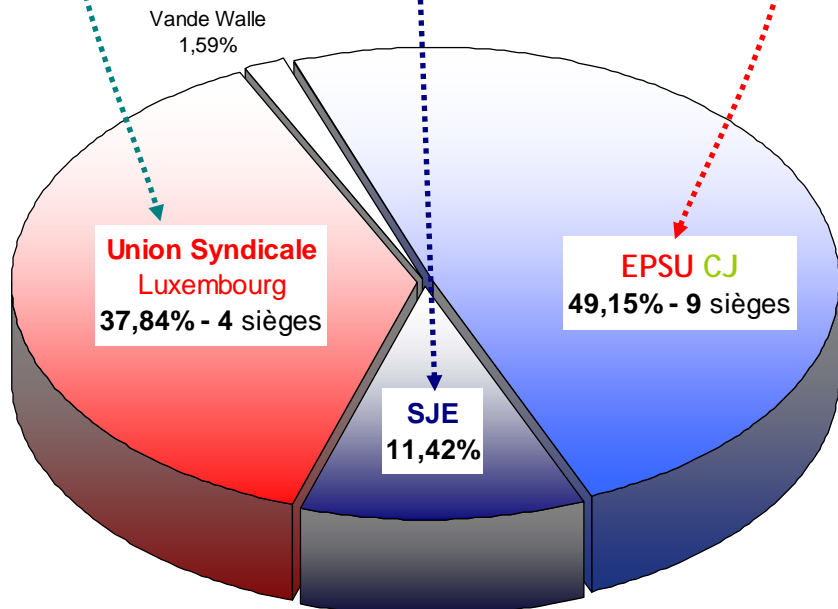
## December 2008 Staff Committee Elections: A landslide victory for EPSU

- On a turnout of 69% and with a majority of 49% of the votes cast, the institution's staff gave a majority of the seats to EPSU (9 out of 13).

**2006**



**2008**



- This earthquake in staff representation at the Court of Justice will certainly have repercussions on the other institutions.
- Top down, centralistic and authoritarian trade unionism failed. The Court's staff made its choice for true trade unionism, independent from a Commission trade union.
- EPSU, created barely 14 months ago, succeeded in sending out a clear and coherent message, and, in doing so, built a team around a program and won a clear majority, both in seats and in percentages:
  - 49% of the votes cast ;
  - the 5 elected members who topped the list;
  - 9 elected members in all, of whom 2 are contract staff and 3 are officials recruited under the new rules, who are aware of their rights.
- EPSU candidates polled on average 98 votes more than US-L candidates.

We would like to thank all our colleagues who showed their confidence in us. We are fully conscious of our responsibilities, which we shall fully discharge.

- The Staff Committee will represent all the staff and will respect the freedom to express minority views.
- We shall not resort to a fortress mentality to gag minorities. Instead, we shall rely on the persuasive force of our arguments.
- Our union is much more than an election-campaign-organising machine. It is a *living organism* with its own independent life and role to play.
- If our message appealed to you, then join EPSU so as to participate in union life and strengthen its ability to act for all!
- For a free, democratic, bottom up trade unionism, accountable to its grass roots and based on dialogue and solidarity!

Our team – Notre équipe :

Martin BAILEY – Žilvinas BREIVE – Laurent BRÈS – Monique BRETON – Attila GÁL – Calogero GALANTE – Justina JEROUVILLE-STUNGYTE – Petra OBERBECK – Martins OZOLINS – Barbara PATORA – Vassilis SKLIAS – Jimmy STRYHN MEYER – José Paulo VAZ (*those in bold were elected*)