

## What's on the Commission's table?

The Commission is currently examining a series of requests from the Council, but also from the European Parliament, with a view to present its proposed amendments to the Staff Regulations. Those proposals should be adopted by the College of Commissioners on 29 June 2011, following which they will be subject to consultation with the trade unions.

### Staff Regulations

Annex XI, Article 10	The Council has requested the Commission to submit " <i>appropriate proposals</i> " to activate the " <b>Exception clause</b> ". Should the Commission confirm the existence of a " <i>serious and sudden deterioration in the economic and social situation within the EU</i> ", it might lead to freezing the Method for adjusting pay and pensions in 2011.
Pensions	The Council has requested the Commission to present proposals for amendments to the StaffRegs ( <a href="#">read EPSU's flyer</a> ). The Commission requested the Member States to answer a questionnaire on their own public service pension schemes.
Article 5(4) and Annex IA	Linking closer responsibilities and grades; in particular limiting careers of AST officials carrying out clerical or secretarial tasks.
Article 45(1)	Ensuring greater emphasis on the level of responsibility for promotion purposes.
Annex VIII, Article 9(2)	Council has invited the Commission either to repeal the provision on <b>early retirement</b> without reduction of pension rights or to review it substantially.
Article 6(4)	The Commission has presented a <a href="#">report on the « equivalence of careers »</a> before/after the 2004 reform.  In particular, according to this report, the average remuneration for careers of secretaries/clerks under the new StaffRegs is 16% above the average remuneration of an average former C career.
Annex VII etc	Dr Inge Gräßle MEP has raised a number of issues.
Annex XI, Article 15(1)	The Method for adjusting remuneration and pensions will expire on 31-12-2012; it is to be reviewed.
Annex XII, Article 14(1)	The system for calculating the rate of our contributions to the pension scheme will expire on 30-06-2013.

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