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The Open Space project definitively dropped at the European Parliament

After years of trying to force through **open-plan offices**, a project which would go so far as removing from each staff member the right to have a steady working post, the Secretary General of the European Parliament was finally obliged to bury his favourite project (see note below).

The project, pompously named "**New world of work**" (!), which would have virtually destroyed the relationships between colleagues, goes out the window. Like any project of authoritarian inspiration designed to undermine conditions of employment, it was being propelled top down, bypassing staff representation (Staff Committee and trade unions).

It is time to sweep away once and for all an obsolete form of organising work whose harmful effects have been amply demonstrated.

It is also time for you to not leave the defence of your rights to chance, but to strengthen the legitimacy of your trade union through your active support.



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NOTE for the attention of the Directors-General

Subject: New World of Work

Dear colleagues,

As already announced on Monday, the President has decided not to continue the New World of Work programme.

Consequently the NWoW Steering Committee is dissolved and the website is no longer in use.

He has nevertheless also expressed his appreciation for the participatory and open approach chosen for the first time in deciding on the fitting out of our buildings.

DG INLO and DG ITEC will therefore continue to listen to the future users' needs and requests.

The conducted inquiry into the needs of each and every one of our colleagues will prove to be very helpfull in that process.

We will do our utmost to create the modern work environment colleagues are hoping for.

Klaus WELLE