

# COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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## COMMISSION REPORT ON THE LOCATION OF COMMUNITY DEPARTMENTS

Situation at the end of September 1987

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Article 10 of the Decision of 8 April 1965 of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States on the provisional location of certain institutions and departments of the Communities reads as follows:

"The Governments of the Member States are willing to locate in Luxembourg, or to transfer thereto, other Community bodies and departments, particularly those concerned with finance, provided that their proper functioning can be ensured. To this end, they request the Commission to present to them annually a report on the current situation concerning the location of Community bodies and departments and on the possibility of taking new steps to give effect to this provision, account being taken of the need to ensure the proper functioning of the Communities."

Each year since 1968 the Commission has presented a report to the Council in compliance with these provisions.

This report, the twentieth, describes the situation at the end of September 1987.

#### I. STAFF EMPLOYED IN BRUSSELS

1. At the end of September 1987 a total of 9 117 posts (administrative appropriations) were permanently assigned to the Commission's departments in Brussels. This total was made up as follows:

Category A	2 466	
Language Service	1 208	
Category B	1 701	
Category C	3 140	
Category D	511	
Local Staff	91	(including staff paid out of the welfare appropriations)
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2. These figures include a small number of officials from departments located in Luxembourg who have been assigned to Brussels for the purpose of liaising with departments there.

The officials involved number 99, from the following departments:

SOEC	13	
Directorate-General for Telecommunications, Information Industry and Innovation	86	(including the Esprit Directorate)
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## II. STAFF EMPLOYED IN LUXEMBOURG

1. At the end of September 1987 a total of 2 423 posts (administrative appropriations) were permanently assigned to the Commission's departments in Luxembourg. This total was made up as follows:

Category A	408	
Language Service	329	
Category B	698	
Category C	751	
Category D	168	
Local Staff	69	(including staff paid out of the welfare appropriations)

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2. The posts assigned to the Directorates-General and other departments located in Luxembourg break down as follows:

- (a) The Statistical Office: 327 posts (123 A, 116 B and 88 C); (1986: 316 posts) (Note: a further 13 officials - 4 A, 5 B and 4 C - are assigned to the Liaison Office in Brussels).
  - (b) The Health and Safety Directorate (V-E) of the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Education: 65 posts (29 A, 17 B and 19 C); (1986: 66 posts).
  - (c) Directorate-General XIII (Telecommunications, Information Industry and Innovation) is located in Luxembourg but has departments in both Luxembourg and Brussels. As expected, the merger decided upon in 1986 has improved integration of the activities carried out in Luxembourg into the Commission's priority programmes concerning:
    - the development of the information market;
    - the overcoming of language barriers;
    - the exploitation and utilization of research findings;
    - the transfer of technologies and innovation.
- A total of 141 posts are currently assigned to Luxembourg (50 A, 31 B, 55 C, 5 D); (1986: 136 posts).
- (d) Directorate-General XVIII (Credit and Investments): 101 posts (37 A, 41 B, 23 C); (1986: 94 posts).
  - (e) The Euratom Safeguards Directorate (XVII-F) of the Directorate-General for Energy: 230 posts (61A, 119 B and 50 C); (1986: 229 posts).
  - (f) The Commission/European Investment Bank Liaison Office, attached to the Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs: 2 posts (1 A and 1 C); (1986: 2 posts).

- (g) The Luxembourg Information Office (Directorate-General for Information): 3 posts (1 A, 1 B and 1 C); (1986: 4 posts).
- (h) Administrative departments belonging to the Directorate-General for Personnel and Administration: 1 127 posts (82 A, 329 LA, 177 B, 380 C, 107 D and 52 local staff - including staff paid out of the welfare appropriations); (1986: 1 053 posts).

3. A number of departments located in Brussels have assigned staff to Luxembourg to improve contacts with the departments located there or to take up duty with bodies based there. A total of 30 officials are posted on this basis:

Secretariat-General	10
Legal Service	2
Security Office	5
Directorate-General for Budgets	3
Directorate-General for Financial Control	8
Directorate-General for Development	1
Directorate-General for the Internal Market and Industrial Affairs	1
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These figures are included in the table in II.1.

4. Pursuant to Article 8 of the Decisions of the Representatives of the Governments of the Member States an Official Publications Office of the European Communities was located in Luxembourg. Under a decision taken by the Community institutions on 16 January 1969, the Publications Office is directed by a Managing Board consisting of representatives of the six institutions and bodies.

The posts currently allocated to the Office break down as follows:

Category A	16
Category B	188
Category C	120
Category D	56
Local Staff	17
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These figures are also included in the table in II.1.

COMMISSION PREMISES IN BRUSSELS - SITUATION AND PROSPECTS

1. In May 1986 the Commission concluded a leasing purchase agreement with Coopération Ouvrière Belge for the 55 500 m<sup>2</sup> Breydel office building at the junction of the avenue d'Auderghem and the rue Belliard. This is the first time the Commission has acquired an office complex by such means.

With the acquisition of the Breydel complex, the Commission will own two large office buildings, since it has also purchased the 120 rue de la Loi building, which it is extending. Work on that building should be completed in 1987 to give a complex with about 53 000 m<sup>2</sup> of office space. The foundation stone was laid in September by Mr Christophersen and Mr De Clercq.

2. In 1987 the Commission also rented a new building in the rue de Trèves for the RACE programme.

In 1986 the Commission rented 7/9 Square Frère-Orban to house various translation divisions. It plans to conclude an agreement with the owner to acquire the rest of the block to be built on the site so that the entire translation service and related services such as the library and the historical archives can be brought together.

3. Now that the three major complexes - 120 rue de la Loi, the Breydel building and the Frère-Orban building - are available, it should be possible to plan future needs for premises more accurately and, provided staff numbers remain constant, to terminate the leases on certain smaller buildings. However, there is a danger of the plans being upset by the highly complex works to be carried out in the Berlaymont.

4. In association with the other institutions in Brussels, the Commission is continuing its search for new premises for the crèche and after-school child-minding service to enable the present buildings, which are not in every respect suitable, to be replaced or renovated and to meet the growing needs arising from enlargement. For this purpose, a building on rue Philippe Le Bon has been rented to replace the old building on rue W. Wilson.

COMMISSION PREMISES IN LUXEMBOURG - SITUATION AND PROSPECTS

All the Commission's departments in Luxembourg have been housed in two buildings since April 1981:

- the Jean Monnet building, comprising three blocks, A, B and C, and an annex housing the new Computer Centre.

One floor of block C of the Jean Monnet building (140 offices) is currently sub-let to the Court of Justice. The Commission expects to be able to move back to this floor early in 1989 if the Court is able to complete its annex on time;

- the "CUBE" building, previously occupied by the data-processing departments. Work on the conversion and extension of this building began in August 1985 and is now nearing completion. The Euratom Safeguards Directorate will be able to move there before the end of 1987. However, because the staff in this Directorate has increased since the decision to refit the "CUBE" building was taken, one unit (some 30 people) will remain in the Jean Monnet building.

Because of the general increase in the Commission's staff in Luxembourg and extra needs generated by the complexity of the work being carried out, particularly rapid computerization, the space available in these two buildings has become insufficient. Since last year, the Commission has rented 28 offices in a building previously occupied by the Publications Office's commercial department. It has looked for further property to rent and will take over the Wagner Centre previously occupied by the European Parliament from 1988. This will of course enable it to vacate the 28 offices rented on avenue de la Liberté.