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Dear colleagues! My name is Christoph Sorg. I am 40 years old and will soon celebrate my 10 year anniversary of service in the Commission, out of which one year actually refers to service in the EEAS. Apart from some years in the private sector, my professional background is that of a customs officer and I have worked so far in DG Enterprise and DG Relex, more precisely in unit K5 which is in charge of Local Agents. Currently I am posted as Head of Administration to the EU Delegation in Kyrgyzstan and it is only normal that I am involved with all kinds of staff matters. Since long ago, one of my professional aspirations has been to serve in the EU external service. Like many of you, I therefore had great expectations with the creation of the new and ambitious service called EEAS. However, one year later, with many top positions being filled, I have somewhat the feeling that career prospects and job opportunities for ordinary staff have not improved but rather deteriorated. The EEAS seems to be ill-fated from the start due to a lack of financial and human resources. Where there are scarce resources, the door might open to unfair competition and unequal treatment. It is therefore vital that staff representations can play an important role vis-à-vis the Administration and have a strong basis to act in the interest of all staff. During my time in Relex K5 I have gathered first hand insight into career interests of local staff, such as salaries and aspects of social security. I would now like to engage myself further and make my humble contribution in order to render the EEAS into a successful EU institution where all colleagues, no matter what their status might be, are proud and happy to work.