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I am an Assistant in the EU Joint Situation Centre.

I started my career in the GSC in 1999 after having worked in the European Headquarters of two major multinational corporations. I also contributed to the start-up phase of the Belgian section of Médecins Sans Frontières and worked five years in the Tacis Programme Procurement Unit.

I am Belgian. My first job in the GSC gave me the opportunity to understand the Interinstitutional relations. In 2002, I chose to join the newly created DGE 8 (now CMPD) where I participated in the very first joint civil/military exercise but also to the setting up of the first EU CSDP Operation « Artémis » in Ituri. My next assignment was at the EUMS, where I spent three years within the Intelligence Division, one of my best work experiences. Then I moved ahead to a newly created Field Security Division, dealing with security matters and personnel training in hostile environment for the EU civilian missions. I joined the Situation Centre in 2009.

The way we have been and still are treated following the setting up of the EEAS convinced me that « things cannot go on like this and something needs to be done to change them».

I would like to see that we get back, with well-defined objectives and stronger guidance, to a working environment where values defended by European Public Service - Respect, Attentiveness and Dialogue, Justice, Altruism - are again taken into account and adopted in a Chart of Good Conduct, at all levels of the EEAS.