



## **R&D** and social policy at the Commission: Overijse sports ground, centre for retired staff

### Re-equipment of Overisje:

Only 5 years ago, Kinnock wanted to sell the centre at Overijse. **R&D** was firmly opposed to this because the centre is able to accommodate open-air, after-school activities (several hundred children) and a sports ground accessible to colleagues.

In the context of the distribution of funds outside the budget, **R&D** has had €500,000 set aside for installation of a third-generation surface (allowing omnisport usage) and lighting for night-time use. Finally, **R&D** has asked for equipment to allow handicapped colleagues to use the centre. The new surface should be available for use in the next few months.

### Centre for retired staff:

The number of our retired colleagues increases regularly, and numerous pensioners, having made their life in Brussels, remain there, but do not have a place available to them, such as La Rotonde in the past, to meet one another.

**R&D** has been insisting for months for the creation of such a social centre. Europe was built by men and women: they have given their lives and their passion for this great idea and today a centre for retired staff could become a place for meeting each other, for reminiscing, for meeting between generations, but also for discussing future projects. Europe seems to have mislaid the signposts that have guided its construction and its successes, and the transmission of older colleagues' experience could be of benefit to the younger generation.

**R&D** has succeeded in getting acceptance for a centre to be set up at the VM2, close to the bridge club premises, with furniture, PC, telephone, etc. Numerous activities should be possible. **R&D** is grateful to Giuseppe Adurno for having had the idea and for bringing it to fruition.

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