



## Will the OIB give up on its own responsibilities?

In spite of its status of Office and its massive reliance on contractual agents, the OIB still wants to outsource parts of its operations under the pretext of making savings. The experience of the crèche Clovis and that of the Institution's Analysis Laboratory demonstrate – as if it needed to be – that outsourcing costs much more to the European taxpayer than does sourcing internally. In spite of this evidence, there still persists the vague desire to privatise the post-van service, the postal sorting service and receptionists. The OSPs signing this document are asking the DG Admin to apply to itself the recommendations made by the Commission to Member States, and to quash this proposal, in order to allow the OIB to concentrate on improving its services to staff and to the Institution while ensuring a straightforward management of its staff. Before proceeding to any tender exercise and subsequent outsourcing in the area of the postal sorting service or of the post-van, the signatory OSPs are requesting presentation of the cost-benefit study carried out by the OIB.

### Benefit from past experience by stopping profiteering by private companies...

The process of internally sourcing the crèche Clovis established that the integration of a hundred or so colleagues employed under Belgian law would allow the Institution to make **substantial annual savings** of more than one million Euro. In spite of the evidence, the OIB proposes to continue privatisation of other activities in its sector such as the post-van and the postal sorting service, for a higher cost and without any at least equivalent guarantee of service. Certain companies have in addition decided not to work with the OIB because the tempting conditions promised to these firms by the Commission were in the long run perfectly unsustainable. The best example is that of the staff shop which was privatised to a company which was itself forced to close the shop after three years, finding itself unable to fulfil the conditions it proposed in order to win the tender.

### The OIB is unable to produce the numbers for its outsourcing proposals

It is obvious that before starting out on any process of outsourcing, it is necessary to be able to demonstrate substantial savings, that security and confidentiality requirements will be fulfilled, that the legal obligations of the contractor will be carried out, etc. Up to now, the OIB has not produced any financial basis. The **outsourcing projects** of the other services (analysis laboratories, restaurants, cafeterias, personal and building security, post, shuttles, telephone operators, etc) should be reviewed to assure ourselves that the cost-benefit analyses undertaken under the former rules are still valid today.

### **Continue to waste... can the DG Admin allow it to happen?**

The signatory OSPs ask the DG Admin to shine a light on the contracts signed with external companies and on the supposed savings generated by outsourcing. By going along with the fashion of **outsourcing our internal services and technical services**, the Commission has lost the detailed oversight of these matters. It is obvious that our colleagues in these outsourced services would gain greatly in stability and in purchasing power rather than living in the uncertainty of change of employer according to the whim of public procurement procedures which look only for the cheapest without worrying about service quality or staff working conditions.