

Ispra, 2nd October 2014

TO THE ATTENTION OF
MR J.C. JUNCKER – PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

Subject: Role and positioning of the Joint Research Centre within the Commission

Dear Mr Juncker,

Yesterday we received the reply to our letter of 11/9/2014 sent by Mr Selmayr on your behalf; we were disappointed to find that it failed to provide answers to the fundamental concerns of Joint Research Centre (JRC) staff.

Yesterday we also followed the hearing of our proposed new Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Citizenship. His interventions, combined with your reply - which unfortunately missed the opportunity to clearly explain the implications of the new arrangement - haven't contributed to reassure JRC staff about their future role.

Therefore we urge you again to provide concrete answers to the following questions:

- Can you confirm that the JRC will remain a Directorate General of the Commission, with a continuing mission to provide in-house scientific support to EU policies?
- What are the differences and the relationship between the role of the Chief Scientific Advisor and that of the JRC?

Not less importantly, can you guarantee that the financial and human resources earmarked to the JRC until 2020 will not be reduced or shared with other European entities?

We strongly believe that answers to these questions are due to JRC colleagues to keep them correctly informed and motivated.

Kind regards,

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