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NOTE TO THE ATTENTION OF MR D.C. CHIRONDOJAN  
DIRECTOR OF THE ISPRA SITE

**Subject: Bus Transport from European School of Varese to Ispra Garderie**

Dear Mr Chirondojan,

We wish to come back to the issue of the bus transport from the European School of Varese to the Ispra garderie, for which an acceptable long-term solution still needs to be found.

Already many months ago, some staff representatives exchanged messages urging all parties involved to sit at a table **together with PMO** in order to identify a solution that, according to our understanding, could have been relatively easily achieved. To our knowledge, this meeting **with PMO** was never convened.

We wish to draw your attention to the information published on [MyIntracomm](#) about education allowances where it is clearly stated that *"...your child is attending one of the European Schools (primary or secondary level) and using the school transport service. In this case, it is imperative that you introduce an education declaration via SYSPER each year **to enable the PMO to pay the organisation administering the school's transport service directly on your behalf.**"*

There is no doubt that PMO is indicated as the entity being in charge of paying transport fees directly on behalf of Commission staff; no derogation for Ispra or the JRC is mentioned.

Assuming that PMO cannot pay for the transportation from the school to the garderie conflicts with the provisions of [Commission Decision of 16 December 2013](#).

Declaration of transportation to the garderie is available in Sysper (see annex), and this service is commonly available in Brussels (see for instance the rules of bus transport of the following schools: [UCCLE](#), [WOLUWE](#), [IXELLES](#), [LAEKEN](#)).

Following an inquiry to PMO, we have received further confirmation that the route *home → school → garderie* is fully covered by PMO itself for parents who are entitled to receive an education allowance from the 1st primary year onwards, without any need for these parents to make any financial contribution.

We understand that in the absence of any other solution at Ispra a proposal to charge the costs of this bus transport onto parents benefiting from this service – via an **OIB increase of garderie fees** - is under discussion.

As R&D, we strongly regret any deviation from standard practices applied in the rest of the Institutions, and we would regret even more a solution resulting in additional unjustified costs for parents at Ispra – further penalising Ispra staff compared to the rest of Commission staff, and reducing the Ispra site attractiveness.

For the reasons above we urge you, once again, in your capacity of Ispra site Director and President of COPAS, to make immediate contact with PMO and identify a real and permanent solution, within the current framework of Commission rules and practices, and without any unjustified budgetary impact on concerned staff.

Kind regards,

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