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Dear Jivka,

We would like to inform you of the following. For many years, the Commission has published on the 'Who's who' managed by the office of publications and available on the internet the names and contact details of all members of staff, without distinction. This practice which was taken for transparency motives, is today having negative effects as a number of colleagues are directly addressed by external stakeholders when they are in charge of delicate/sensitive files – we have cases where colleagues in charge of the rule of law files, or BREXIT, or defence, or relations with Ukraine, have been approached directly by external stakeholders, sometimes in an unpleasant fashion. In addition, some colleagues are exercising their individual right to privacy and have asked to be omitted from the Who's who publication.

Interestingly, this practice was never followed by the Council nor the European Parliament which for years have limited the publication of contact details to all staff occupying management functions (e.g. heads of unit and above). I have received written confirmation of this from my colleagues in both institutions.

For all these reasons, Ilze and I consider necessary to revisit our approach and to limit the publication of names and contacts details of colleagues occupying management functions on the 'Who's who'.

Unless you have a different view, we'll reach out to the office of publications to implement this new approach.

Best,
Pascal