



Chers membres de l'AIACE Belgique

Je vous prie de trouver ci-dessous le courriel que j'ai adressé le mercredi 21 octobre à Madame **G. INGESTAD**, Directrice générale de la DG HR & Sécurité de la Commission européenne, au sujet de la COVID - 19, une pandémie qui préoccupe tous les citoyens de l'UE et du monde et en particulier les anciens de l'UE que l'AIACE représente.

Je vous remercie de votre confiance, de votre soutien et de votre intérêt dans cette année 2020 si extraordinaire.

Erik Halskov

Président



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Objet : Covid-19

Dear Director General

Dear Gertrud,

We were very pleased to learn that you will honor us with your presence at the opening of our AIACE International Management Board, 'virtual', meeting on October 28. On behalf of the Belgian section, I wish to express our sincere thanks for all the support we have received from DG HR throughout this whole period of corona crisis.

The situation in Europe, and not least in Belgium, is currently worsening, in what is frequently named the second wave. The availability of a efficient and secure vaccine is obviously strongly on everybody's mind, and not least on the minds of the population that we represent, very much in line with the appreciation expressed by Mr. Jens Flosdorff in his reply on behalf of President Ursula von der Leyen to my letter of April 2020

At this point of time, uncertainty is still surrounding the question of availability of an efficient and secure vaccine, in particular in terms of the timing. However, it does not seem premature to engage into considerations as to the Commission's approach in this respect vis-à-vis active and retired staff, including a potential involvement of the the Commission's medical services in Brussels, Luxembourg and Ispra, and taking account our retired colleagues in all Member States.

We are all, active and retired staff, covered by the Joint Sickness Scheme of the European Union, and in these exceptional times, we are very much looking forward to a continuous communication from the European Commission on the prospects and availability of a vaccine that could, substantially, contribute to change the life-conditions for all of us.

Thank you for your attention.

Best regard

Erik Halskov

AIACE Belgium section President