

**Question for written answer E-004382/2025
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Worrying state of affairs at the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union

An article published on 29 October 2025 in *Paperjam* magazine on the Translation Centre for the Bodies of the European Union (CdT)¹ raises serious concerns as to the well-being of translators at our institutions.

In March 2025, an internal survey was conducted of 184 permanent staff at the CdT. A questionnaire, to which 73% responded, reveals that 77% of respondents consider their workload to be unsustainable, often four to six times higher than what is considered normal. This appears to be causing widespread physical and psychological fatigue.

Many staff are reportedly on sick leave and the atmosphere at the CdT is described as ‘toxic’. Several employees are reportedly considering leaving due to opaque management practices, favouritism, conflicts of interest within key committees, unfair promotions and biased recruitment based on nationality.

The management's response to this situation is seen as unsatisfactory.

1. Can the Commission confirm the veracity of the content of this article?
2. If so, what specific measures does it propose to remedy the situation?

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¹ <https://paperjam.lu/article/cdt-de-lue-surcharge-de-travail-burn-out-et-mecontentement>