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Martyr Andreassen

How to Climb Out of the Grand Canyon

« Sur proposition de M. Kinnock, en accord avec M. le Président, la Commission décide de suivre la recommandation du conseil de discipline et adopte la décision reprise au document SEC(2004) 1257/2, imposant à Mme Marta Andreassen la sanction de la révocation sans réduction des droits à pension. »

The outgoing Commission has decided to fire Marta Andreassen. Without going deeply into the details, this decision threatens our rights under Articles 1, 11, 20, 30, 41 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights. Yes, "our" rights, not just "her" rights. If the Director in charge of the accounts can be mistreated that way, what can they do to an "ordinary" colleague? **When we defend her, we defend ourselves.**



Michael Ashbrook

The "anti-fraud policy" of the old Commission quickly lost its credibility because, under "zero-tolerance" Prodi, it did its very best to support the defence of "colleagues" against whom well-substantiated evidence had been presented, while attacking critics and whistleblowers as though they were guilty of wearing turbans and long beards.

We are defending the new, incoming Commission from falling into a credibility gap the size of the Grand Canyon, like its two predecessors did. Marta will appeal the illegal decision of the outgoing Commissioners to take revenge on her. **This provides an excellent opportunity for the new Commissioners to demonstrate their respect for the our fundamental rights and regain lost credibility and support.**

Michael Ashbrook
Secretary General



There are still some threats to critics and whistleblowers, as there were in the past. Those colleagues who discover evidence of irregular activities on the bosses' part are well advised to be prudent and circumspect. You are invited to ask us for advice on how to minimize risks and still do your duty to help eliminate criminals from the upper echelons of the European Civil Service.

Ça suffit !

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