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Dear Mr P. Nikiforos Diamandouros,

My name is Timo Allgeier working for the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights based in Vienna. Please note that I do not represent my employer and that my initiative is personal.

I would like to contribute to the Public consultation on the draft statement of public service principles for EU civil servants.

You indicated in your consultation that the overall objective is to "increase citizens' trust in the EU administration". I fully subscribe to this approach and would like to add that the trust in the EU administration should be as unequivocal as when a citizen trusts a medical doctor's diagnosis for the health of her/his child.

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My inputs are short and straight to the point:

1) Ethical values must be a duty and an obligation for all staff members of EU institutions, other bodies and agencies.

2) Ethical values must be also materialized by having an Ethical officer in each EU institutions, other bodies and agencies. This Ethical officer will have the following duties: a) information on ethical values, b) formation on ethical conducts, c) propositions on improving ethical conducts, d) available for consultation by any staff on ethical values and conducts, e) warning mechanism to the respective institution, other body and agency AIPN as well as to the European Ombudsman on critical situations.

3) A European institutions, other bodies and agencies platform of Ethical Officers must be created in order to share, develop propose ethical concepts.

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4) The EU institutions could liaise with the International Anti-Corruption Academy to promote ethical conducts and make understand the cost (financial, human, intellectual etc.) of unethical conducts.

5) The EU must have a "European Union day on ethical conducts" or at least a "European Union year on ethical conducts".

I hope that my contribution will be useful for the improvement of ethical principles for EU officials.

Cordially,

Timo Algeier