



## AIACE

International Association of Former Staff of the European Union

*13.000 members – open to former staff of the EU institutions and all bodies*

The Secretary General



Following a complaint lodged by a pensioner with the EDPS (European Data Protection Supervisor, the supreme body in this field)\*, DG HR is no longer allowed to send the VOX magazine to non-members of AIACE as they have not given their explicit consent to receive it. By joining AIACE, members agree to receive information from their association, in accordance with the Privacy Charter on the AIACE website; their consent is therefore implicit. From now on, only members will receive the VOX. The only way for non-members to still receive the magazine is to join AIACE.

\*This pensioner in question, having received the VOX magazine at his home address, complained that the AIACE had sent it to him and that it had therefore become aware of his personal data. In doing so, he showed a lack of awareness of the factual situation, since the AIACE is not involved in the dispatch of the VOX magazine; it is OIB that handles it on the basis of the PMO lists. AIACE International does not manage any distribution lists. So, this whole affair is the result of a misjudgment at the outset, but has far-reaching consequences.

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