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Dear Colleagues,

As I have informed you at the staff meeting of 29 November 2022, following the amendment of our Rules of Procedure, which entered into force on 14 November 2022, and in view to align ourselves with other EUIs, I have decided to establish a new function of 'Head of the EDPS Secretariat' at the level of a Secretary-General.

I take this opportunity to recall the considerations that went into this decision:

- Firstly, the responsibilities of the EDPS and the size of our organisation have grown significantly over the last years. The establishment of a function of 'Head of the EDPS Secretariat' at the level of a Secretary-General will allow us to ensure that our administration is managed at the most appropriate level,
- Secondly, it became crucial that the EDPS most senior official, which, as you know, has currently been ranked at Director level, is on equal footing with peers from EU and other institutions in the frequent inter-institutional and external representation tasks,
- Finally, the upgrade will also allow me to share responsibilities with the new Head of the Secretariat where possible and appropriate, and prepare the EDPS for growing number of tasks, related, among others, to new legislation.

Following the publication of the vacancy, the selection procedure took place, with senior officials from EU institutions as members of the selection panel.

**I am glad to inform you that, on 15 June 2023 I have signed a decision appointing Leonardo Cervera Navas for the position of Head of the EDPS Secretariat at the level of Secretary-General. The decision will take effect on 1 July 2023.**

I wish Leo all the best in his new role, being strongly convinced that his skills, experience, and attachment to the EDPS mission will bring us all a lot of success.

Yours,  
Wojciech



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