When the alarm rings, you must leave!

What happened
A fire alarm went off recently in one of the CERN restaurants at lunchtime. When the Fire Brigade arrived on the scene, they observed that hardly anyone had actually evacuated the building.

The consequences
Luckily, on this occasion the alarm was not the result of a serious incident. Yet, if a fire had really broken out, thick, toxic fumes would have rapidly spread throughout the premises. This would have represented a major risk for anyone who remained inside the building or was slow to react to the alarm, and could have led to fatalities.

What you must do
When an evacuation alarm goes off:
- I must leave the premises immediately and follow the evacuation signs;
- I must encourage anybody else present to do the same;
- I must make my way to the nearest muster point;
- I must await instructions from the Fire Brigade.

Moreover, if you have not already done so, familiarize yourself with the evacuation plans in your building to locate the emergency exits and muster points. If there aren’t any plans or if you have any questions, please get in touch with your TSO. Remember that only the Fire Brigade are authorized to assess the level of seriousness of an alarm.