



ATCEUC ACTION DAY

Notice to Travellers

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WHEN? On the **10th of October**, **several countries** will have their air traffic control service severely affected due to ATCEUC Action Day.

WHY? European Air Traffic Controllers' top priority is to **provide safety to more than 10 million flights each year** and to make sure that you, the passenger, have a safe and on time journey across the European skies. This objective is being achieved through the involvement of staff in the continuous improvement of the air traffic system, in coordination with all other stakeholders. Such success is clearly shown by the 45% reduction of delays between 1990 and 2010, despite the fact air traffic increased more than 80% during the same period.

Unfortunately, the **European Commission is now breaking the long-time fruitful cooperation** between all the stakeholders and is not taking on board several strong appeals made by social partners and the industry in order to change their purely economic approach where safety is taken for granted.

The new **European Commission project "SES2+" is going to undermine the existing safety chain and degrade service quality** provided by Air Traffic Control organizations. The European citizens must be alerted that the result will be catastrophic.

AIR PASSENGER RIGHTS:

<http://europa.eu/youreurope/citizens/travel/passenger-rights/air/>

ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE ACTION DAY:

<http://actionday.atceuc.org/>

WHAT? If you have a flight scheduled for the 10th of October there is a high likelihood of it being delayed. **Strong delays and some cancellations** are expected all over Europe but particularly in those countries where the industrial actions will take place such as **Germany, France, Spain and Portugal**. The air-space over Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and France, whose air traffic control service is provided by Eurocontrol, will also be strongly affected. **Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Ireland, Italy, Macedonia, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Switzerland** will also join this ACTION DAY.

HOW? For further details and information on possible flight cancellations or rescheduling you should contact your **Travel Agency or Airline Company**, particularly if you are planning to fly, from/to one of these affected countries.

WHO? ATCEUC represents more than **14 000 Air Traffic Controllers from 26 European Countries**.