



*"[air navigation control, [...] is a task involving the exercise of public authority and is not of an economic nature, since that activity constitutes a service in the public interest which is intended to protect both the users of air transport and the populations affected by aircraft flying over them".
(Extract of decision C.364/92 of the European Court of Justice).*

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PRESS RELEASE – ATCEUC ACTION DAY

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Today, after a call from ATCEUC for a European Action Day, ATM professionals all across Europe are sending a clear message to the European Commission (EC). At this point we want to highlight that this is not just a workers' claim, but that the rest of the actors of the Air Traffic Management system (both Air Navigation Service Providers and Member States) are also concerned with the EC's roadmap.

We, as air traffic controllers, are proud to serve European Union citizens, delivering a safe, efficient and on time service, 24 hours day, 365 days a year, as we have already been doing for decades. The path taken by the EC is putting this system at risk.

After a long and disappointing process where unions and professional representatives have been constantly ignored, the promises made by the EC that our views and contributions would be taken on board have come to nothing, and after meetings, position papers and written statements to show our arguments defending a safer Air traffic Management System, we have arrived to this stage. This has been a long time consuming process after which we have come to the conclusion that our voices can only be heard this way. This has been our last resource, and if the EC continues to choose this path, we will be forced to continue to show our disapproval.

ATCEUC strongly believes that the time to act has arrived. With strikes, strict adherence to flight plans, discussions with Members of the European Parliament and demonstrations in Brussels, we are fighting so that safety is taken into account in the future of European ATM and against the loss of more than 10.000 jobs. We, as always, will be ready to contribute for a better and sustainable Single European Sky, but we will not tolerate that professionals and safety are put aside.

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ATCEUC wants to express its deep gratitude to all the unions that, today, have made this Action Day possible

ATCEUC represents 28 unions and it's the voice of 14000 ATCOs across Europe.

Volker Dick
ATCEUC President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Dick', is centered below the printed name. The signature is fluid and cursive.