



*"[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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Dear Sirs,

ATCEUC would like to raise its concerns about the non-compliance by the Greek authorities to the adopted Regulation N° 549/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council dated of 10 March 2004.

ATCEUC, Air Traffic Controllers European Unions Coordination involved in social dialogue and professional matters at European Commission level, is representing more than 12.000 controllers. Our member union from Greece has repeatedly attracted our attention to the delay incurred to the separation between service provision and regulatory over-sight. This situation was discussed extensively during our last two plenary meetings in Warsaw and Bucharest.

This situation has reached an unacceptable level and can not continue.

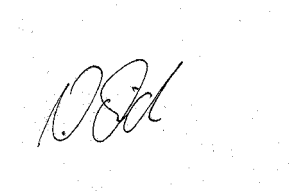
We can not tolerate that our Greek colleagues have to currently still suffer from this situation, that it could extend into Greece being singled out by the European Commission and potentially being fined for not having complied with this regulation in time.

The foreseeable impacts such deficiencies have both on the travelling public and our members force ATCEUC to urge you to take the necessary measures in order to correct the situation and to comply with the European Union legislation in the most adequate and prompt manner.

ATCEUC would also like to warn you of the possible disruption of the ATM provision due to this lack of separation between the Air Navigation Service Provider and the Regulatory Authority. Any possible loss of revenues linked to this disruption would certainly be much greater than the financial issues being addressed at the moment. The travelling public deserves a Safe, Continuous and Efficient service; service that is paid for.

ATCEUC will support any action deemed necessary by its Greek member.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Dick', enclosed within a faint, circular dotted border.

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President ATCEUC