



*"[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 Mr Barrot,
Dear Mr Calleja,

ATCEUC is really pleased to have been invited to the Workshop held last September on the future of ATM in Europe and we of course consider very important to think now about our future.

Following all the discussions and presentations that were proposed, we have however noticed a lack of professional expertise regarding the main actors of this everyday "show".

Then, you can understand that it is with great interest that we welcome the intention to set up a "wise man group" as a follow-up to the workshops.

It is our understanding that CANSO, IATA, ACI and some European DGCA's are taking part in this group. In line with this, ATCEUC believes that the professional expertise of ATM personnel is paramount to the success of such an initiative.

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Therefore, ATCEUC considers it essential to be a member of this group in order to bring its professional expertise to the discussions.

We look forward to a positive answer.

Yours sincerely,

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