



*"[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).*

## Final Communiqué

ATCEUC held its spring meeting in Kos, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> may 2008

### SES II

The second single sky package is well under way. Bearing in mind the tight timeline and the challenging objectives set by this new legislative package, ATCEUC outlines the need for full involvement of aviation staff in general and of controllers in particular. It welcomes the open attitude of the European Commission in the early stages of the preparation of the regulation. ATCEUC urges the commission to be extremely cautious with the compulsory implementation of economic regulation measures. If not adapted, that regulation could be detrimental to safety, because of excessive importance granted to cost-control related issues.

### Social Dialogue

ATCEUC considers that the European Social Dialogue in Civil Aviation is extremely important, and is committed to participate actively in all ATM related matters addressed in that forum, bringing its expertise and the representativity of its members.

ATCEUC took good note of the current proceedings, and will discuss its participation in the civil aviation sectoral committee with its partners, and now with ETF.

ATCEUC is committed to a rapid and successful conclusion of the current situation.

### SESAR

ATCEUC maintains its involvement in the SESAR development phase. Despite the clarification brought by the establishment of clear timelines in the latest deliverables, some objectives are still unrealistic.

ATCEUC will bring its expertise wherever necessary, and will work to ensure that controllers are considered as system users and as clients for whom the systems are developed.

### Greece

ATCEUC was informed of the appalling situation of the Greek controllers; it urges the Greek government to take all appropriate measures to implement a transparent and efficient institutional set-up. ATCEUC expects the recognition of the ATCOs' responsibilities at the top of this future management structure of the Greek ANSP.

ATCEUC will support its Greek members in any action they may decide to take.

### SEEFABA

ATCEUC welcomes the new orientation taken by the SEEFABA and is pleased to see that the European Commission and the Stability Pact in south east Europe have taken into account the concerns expressed by ATCEUC and have stopped forcing States to set up a Functional Airspace Block against their will.

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