



*"[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).*

Aix en Provence, Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup> 2008

Object: Blue Med Project

Dear Sir,

The Air Traffic Controllers' European Union Coordination (ATCEUC) represents the majority of Air Traffic Controllers affected by the Blue Med Project.

Until now, our organisation and our members have been put aside and kept in the dark about the whole project. If this situation persists, ATCEUC will not be in a position to provide its input and professional feedback for the successful implementation of the project.

In addition to this situation, we are very worried by the following issues:

- What will be the social impact on air traffic controllers once the Blue Med Project will have reached its implementation phase?
- How will ATCEUC (and/or national unions) be involved and at what stage?

ATCEUC hopes that unions will not be presented with a fait accompli at a very late stage of the whole exercise in order to avoid any undesired show stopping.

We are ready to work closely with you to solve the above-mentioned issues and to provide you any technical support that would be needed if a second phase in this project would be launched.

Yours truly

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