



"[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 on Germanwings accident

ATCEUC, the Coordination of the European Air Traffic Controllers' Unions, is deeply touched by the tragedy of today's Germanwings flight from Barcelona to Düsseldorf. We express our condolences to the families of the victims, passengers and cabin crew alike, and everyone affected.

We express as well our solidarity to the Air Traffic Controllers, witnesses of the accident, and to all the ATM professionals working for this flight.

Safety is at all times the main goal of all Air Traffic Controllers. The ATCEUC Committee Meeting, starting tomorrow in Rome, will reflect on this tragedy as a tribute to everyone affected.

ATCEUC represents 28 Unions and more than 14,000 Air Traffic Controllers across Europe.

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