



"[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

STOP THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE IMMEDIATELY!

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"War is never an option. Dialogue, even in the worst moments of the relations among Peoples and States, has to be the only way to settle disagreements" says **Mr. Volker Dick**, ATCEUC President.

"We have worked years to build a community of States and Peoples based, after centuries of wars, on peace, mutual respect and exchange of positive behaviours and we are now horrified by the latest news from Ukraine" continues **Mr. Volker Dick**.

"We think Aviation should only be used to enhance cohesion among people everywhere in the world, and the use of it to bring death and destructions hurts our feelings" says Mr **Xavier Wirth**, **ATCEUC Vice President**.

"ATCEUC is proud to have been joined a few years ago by ATCTUA, the Ukrainian Union of Air Traffic Controllers, and stands in solidarity with them and all the Ukrainian. The behaviour of the Russian Government is both criminal and stupid, and violates all international laws signed by the Russian Government too, trying to destroy not only the Ukrainian military and civil institutions but the European spirit itself. This behaviour is against all the European people, including Russians, which we want to be part of our community, and this shall not succeed" ends **Mr. Volker Dick**.

ATCEUC supports the Polish and Romanian ATCOs' Unions and Foundations in their active help to the Ukrainian ATCOs' families and stands with European institutions in their effort to bring back peace in Ukraine and establish a real dialogue among States.

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