



"[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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ATCEUC would like to point out that crucial information in The Times' story published on 6 July 2023 regarding alleged Air Traffic Controllers' strikes affecting flights in Europe is simply wrong.

The story mixes up political strikes in France with the possibility of strikes by employees of the Network Manager of EUROCONTROL, who are doing an important job in Air Traffic Management but are clearly not Air Traffic Controllers.

This story can quite possibly mislead readers into believing that the Air Traffic Controllers working in the Maastricht Upper Area Centre might be on strike during the summer, when no such action is planned.

We would expect that an esteemed newspaper as The Times would double check its facts before reporting inaccuracies that damage the image of thousands of Air Traffic Controllers across Europe, who will continue to do their best to ensure safe and efficient air transport for millions of holidaymakers.

Representing 14,000 Air Traffic Controllers in 30 European countries, ATCEUC remains at your disposal for any clarifications required.

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