



*"[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 COMMITTEE MEETING AUTUMN 2015 FINAL COMMUNIQUE

ATCEUC welcomes the signing on 1st October 2015 of the European Corporate Just Culture Declaration, organized by the European Commission with the participation of several stakeholders in aviation. Air navigation service providers, air traffic controllers, air traffic safety electronics and flight data specialists, airlines, airports and aircraft engineers worked hard to develop guidance and industry best practices material to assist Just Culture implementation by organizations in the various aviation sectors.

Despite not legally binding, this Declaration is a milestone in the effort to actively foster mutual trust and respect and promote support and cooperation across the organization. Staff should be educated in Just Culture principles and all relevant documentation should be made available. Having this in mind, it is disappointing and regrettable that IATA (International Air Transport Association) and ELFAA (European Low Fares Airline Association) chose not to sign the declaration. Airlines following atypical employment need to apply Just Culture urgently, if they have not already done so, in order to encourage pilots, engineers, cabin crew and all staff to freely and fully report events that affect or could affect aviation safety, to facilitate their investigation and the implementation of lessons learnt. Stakeholders not following Just Culture are the weakest link in the safety chain.

During the ATCEUC Committee Meeting in Marseille, members approved the development of the principles of a possible ATSEP branch of ATCEUC. The Working Group tasked with this effort will prepare a final proposal to be presented and voted on during the next Committee Meeting.

ATCEUC welcomes our 30th member, the Finnish union FATCA that was accepted in Marseille. We also accepted the Greek union HACU as observer.

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