



*"[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 to stop all activities linked to DG MOVE in ATM field over unacceptable attacks to jobs and working conditions

After several DG Move statements, it is clear that Director-General for Mobility and Transport, M. Henrik Hololei and Head of unit of Single European Sky, Mrs. Christine Berg are directly pushing ANSPs to further attack their employees' working conditions. In the context where numerous colleagues are already suffering from massive salary reductions, layoffs and stopping of recruitment, ATCEUC finds this behaviour totally inappropriate.

These attacks must stop immediately. ANSPs staff will not be made scapegoats especially when they are providing an uninterrupted and flawless essential service. Thus, allowing the repatriation of European citizens and maintaining the States crucial supplies of essential medicines and goods.

First of all, ATCEUC questions the right of the European Commission to make such statements. The European Commission has absolutely no jurisdiction nor right to interfere in the working relations between employers and employees.

Secondly, many States have decided to put in place protective measures for employees of all sectors even private ones during the Covid19 crisis. Why are these two European officials in full contradiction with States' policies?

Thirdly, ANSPs have been facing a total absence of revenue since the beginning of March while at the same time maintaining 24/7 services. ANSP's and their employees are hard hit and well aware of the situation. There is no need for additional interference from the European Commission to amplify the already worrying social situation.

As a consequence, ATCEUC is stopping his cooperation with DG MOVE in the field of ATM.

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