

"[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).

42nd ATCEUC meeting – Larnaca Final communiqué

ATCEUC held its autumn meeting in Larnaca on the 4th and 5th October 2012

In the context of the performance scheme and with the preparation of RP2, ATCEUC confirms its concerns regarding the obvious lack of vision of the Air Navigation Service Providers (ANSP) and the European Commission (EC).

ATCEUC members reaffirm their willingness to give the best services possible to airspace users but they need the means to achieve it.

How can ANSP think that they will be able to continue to decrease the costs and match the traffic increase foreseen in the coming years? ATCOs are seeing their working environment deteriorating day after day. And as usual, safety is left aside to the profit of reducing costs and increasing capacity.

By closing the eyes on the interdependency of those areas, the EC jeopardizes the stability of the system.

ATCEUC reaffirms its support to the SESAR International Validation Team. We consider it to be the only logical approach to ensure that the developed projects will be the best ones for ATCOs.

ATCEUC will continue to assist its members in any possible way, at National and European levels and in these very difficult times, we, ATCOs, remain united in Europe.

ATCEUC has elected his new Executive Board.

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