



"[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 PRESS RELEASE ON NEW REGULATION OF SES II+

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ATCEUC will continue to defend flight safety and to oppose the new Regulation on the "Implementation of the Single European Sky" adopted by the European Parliament in plenary session on 12 March 2014.

While it is true that some of the EP amendments to the Regulation constitute an improvement compared to the EC draft, the fact remains that the Single European Sky 2+ is almost only about reducing air traffic management costs while ignoring all the safety implications this measure will have on the ATM system. This is a radical and unfounded change with unpredictable effects and it is scheduled to take place despite the fact that the previous package (SES 2) is not yet fully implemented.

European air traffic controllers have been working at different levels to demonstrate their concerns to the Members of the European Parliament and also to the national politicians. On 29 January 2014 the ATCEUC Action Day took place, with a demonstration in Brussels and many other national actions with operational impact, drawing particular attention to the threats of the new Regulation:

- Member States are going to be kept away from the decision making process because the EC is proposing to be empowered to adopt delegated acts;
- Economic regulation is going to be established with full powers to the Performance Review Body and consequently to the EC regarding the setting of cost reductions;
- Costs will be borne by taxpayers instead of airspace users;
- The so called "support services" are not considered anymore as part of the safety chain; and
- The new European Union Aviation Agency is going to bring more costs to the airspace users and taxpayers.

ATCEUC will now focus its effort on the EU member states providing them with arguments for the rejection of this Regulation and for putting the safety of European citizens above all other interests.

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