



*"[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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The ATCEUC General Assembly in Odessa, Ukraine, held on 11-13 October 2017, was a turning point for our organization. For the first time in its long history, ATCEUC, as a European Union-recognized social partner, is now representing not only Air Traffic Controllers (ATCOs) but Air Traffic Safety Electronics Personnel (ATSEPs) as well.

As the challenges in Air Traffic Management increase, both in number and in intensity, it is only natural that the staff involved form partnerships and join forces. We look forward to working together with ATSEPs under ATCEUC to protect our common interests, achieve our set goals and better manage the many changes facing our interlinked professions.

Holding the ATCEUC General Assembly in the Ukraine allowed ATCOs from all around Europe to experience first-hand the great difficulties in managing air traffic that our Ukrainian colleagues face every day due to the continuing unrest in the south and in the east of the country. It is a real achievement that Ukrainian ATCOs manage to work in such difficult conditions, doing their best to ensure that passengers and aircraft will continue to fly safely and efficiently.

We urge all the countries involved to work urgently to resolve this unacceptable situation that endangers the safety of flights and impedes the growth of air traffic in this strategic area of Europe.

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