



*"[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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59th ATCEUC Committee Meeting Final Communiqué

It is with great pleasure that ATCEUC held its 59th Committee Meeting in Zagreb, Croatia, during 2-4 November 2022.

Unfortunately for our three colleagues in Albania, the wind has shifted and not in a good direction. The high court of Albania decided that there were procedural mistakes made and probably the whole process might have to start from the beginning. More than ever, ATCEUC remains focused and dedicated on the next steps and still has the aim to fully reinstate our colleagues in their rights and positions. ATCEUC believes that the easiest solution for such situations lies in dialogue and mutual understanding.

In Denmark, a new CEO was nominated August the 1st and it seems that our colleagues there will face better days despite the remaining lack of trust.

In Croatia, the management and the ATCOs have finally reached a collective agreement that is valid until the end of 2024. ATCEUC remains focused on the outcome of the case of seven colleagues that are under investigation and more especially on the four of them that were fired by the ANSP.

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Finally, Poland is regaining a normal social dialogue level after the battles they have been through and their will showed to the aviation community that solidarity is the key to win over unilateral decisions.

Today, the European network reached 89% of traffic levels compared to 2019, and the different forecasts, either short-term, medium-term or long-term, show that traffic numbers will exceed the 2019 figures in 2023 in most of the Member States. Summer 2022 was a good call for our near future and revealed an added complexity and the arising of new bottlenecks in airports at ground levels. Disruption will only be avoided if lack of social dialogue and low staff numbers are mitigated.

Once again, ATCEUC would like to point out that solidarity and unity by all stakeholders are mandatory to maintain the highest level of safety in the interest of all European citizens.

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