



*"[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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Dear Sirs,

Air Traffic Controllers European Unions Coordination (ATCEUC) represents 12.000 active ATCOs and the major part of the staff included in the FAB Central area.

ATCEUC was very pleased to have been invited to the first FAB Central Stakeholder Forum, confirming our will that staff is considered as an entire part of this project.

However, we were expecting a social dialogue consultation part as staff representatives were invited but it happened that contrary to a social dialogue consultation, the whole meeting was more a social monologue.

We will not accept social issues to be considered as a risk when they are a success factor, but we are ready to co-operate.

We can assure that professional staff experience is a right step towards success, which was not understood by the CEATS project representatives.

We then ask the FAB Central Group to reconsider its position vis-à-vis staff representatives and to set a proper staff involvement. A first important step would be to include ATCEUC in the Steering Group of the Feasibility Study.

Then, in a second step as a professional organisation, we would like to see our members, involved in the project, to be actors in the working groups.

Yours sincerely,



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