Question for written answer E-001221/2023 to the Commission Rule 138

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Subject: European air traffic control system

While I respect French workers' right to industrial action, it is clear that the current European air traffic control (ATC) system requires consolidation and reform.

According to some sources, over three million consumers were affected by recent strikes by French ATC workers. Only a small percentage of them were actually travelling to France; most were simply transiting through the country's airspace.

As this issue affects not only consumers' rights but also one of the fundamental rights guaranteed by Article 21 of Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, namely freedom of movement:

- 1. Is the Commission planning to create and enforce a unified set of essential minimum ATC service standards across the Union?
- 2. Will the provision of the necessary ATC services to enable overflights be included in these essential minimum standards?

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