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Subject: Rule of law and workers' rights for air traffic controllers in Hungary

In the summer of 2021, talks collapsed between the Hungarian union MLISz and its employer, Hungarocontrol. The union then sought and received a court decision that allowed its members to strike. However, that same day, the Hungarian Government passed a law that restricted the right to strike, which made it impossible to take effective industrial action. This decision was made despite the fact that the national courts had permitted the strike. The decision was made under COVID-19-related emergency laws and represents a violation of both the right to strike and the rule of law.

We share the European Transport Workers' Federation's call for the Commission to take immediate action to stop this breach of workers' rights. We expect leadership from the Commission on this matter. Rule of law violations in Hungary have been reported by the Commission itself in its rule of law report and in the European Semester's recommendations.

While the Commission does not consider the right to strike to be under its jurisdiction, workers' representation and employers' recognition of organised labour is a key component of democracy at work and the social dialogue that the EU promotes.

What is the Commission's view on the breaches of the rule of law concerning air traffic controllers in Hungary and how does it intend to intervene?