

**Question for written answer E-001280/2023**  
**to the Commission**  
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Subject: European airspace constraints

Following the COVID-19 pandemic and now that air-travel restrictions are a thing of the past, the European continent's aviation market has bounced back. Forecasts indicate that, in 2023, both the number of trips to and from Europe will easily reach pre-pandemic record levels.

Although 2023 will be the golden year for aviation, old obstacles continue to worry operators and, as a result, directly affect thousands of citizens when travelling. In recent months, as a result of strikes in French airspace, thousands of passengers have been affected by flight cancellations or delays. Such restrictions are felt particularly in the outermost regions, as they are dependent on air connections and their economies are dependent on tourism.

1. Does the Commission consider it important to intervene and put in place a legislative framework that ensures minimum services during such situations?
2. Does the Commission envisage allowing air traffic controllers to manage flights over the airspace of other Member States in exceptional situations, in particular with regard to flights which merely fly over the affected territories?

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