



## Cockpit News

### EU's National Parliaments Reject Monti 2 Regulation – What Next?

For the first time in EU history, the Member States have used the “orange card procedure” - an alarm mechanism that allows national Parliaments to stop an EU initiative. The suspension of the so called Monti 2 Regulation concerning the exercise of workers' collective trade union rights pleased many people as the proposal had been widely criticised. However, what will happen now? The status quo is not acceptable as it is eroding the European citizens' access to their rights.

**The collective negative** decision of the National Parliaments suspends the procedure for the adoption of this Regulation. According to the EU Treaties, the Commission now has three options: withdraw the proposed regulation; modify the proposal; or maintain it, if the European Parliament and the Council still support the proposal.

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### ECA Releases its new website

On 2 July 2012, ECA launched its new website! It is now more interactive, dynamic and user-friendly! Visit it now: [www.eurocockpit.be](http://www.eurocockpit.be).

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*Nico Voorbach, President*

### ECA Conference

On 27 and 28 June ECA held its Conference in Brussels. 22 Member Associations were represented and several important issues were discussed.

Of course our continuous battle to get safe and science based flight time limitations rules was discussed. The EU timeline is delayed once more and it now seems it will not be finalised before June 2013. Our Austrian member reported on a [recent survey among pilots](#) in Austria which confirms – yet again – that fatigue is not a theoretical problem, but a reality is Europe's cockpits already today. And our British association gave a presentation about the outcome of a [report of the UK Transport Select](#)

## Ryanair Pilots Supported by their European Fellows

At the ECA June Conference, ECA and its 38 Member Associations, representing over 38.000 pilots in Europe, voted in favour of offering support to Ryanair pilots to exercise their rights to be organised within a trade union and to effectively negotiate and maintain their collective rights.

**The current situation** in Europe imposes multiple challenges to workers of trans-national airlines – i.e. a company with bases across multiple countries – to organise themselves and have one single voice to negotiate with their management. This situation is even more complex as the EU legal framework allows a company to fragment its workforce.

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## Transport Security Expo, 14-15 November 2012, London

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## Next Meetings

4-6 July: IFALPA Aircraft Design & Operations Committee, Cancun, MX



The European Cockpit Association is the representative body of European Pilots' Associations. Based in Brussels, ECA represents over 38.000 pilots from across

Committeethat clearly states: "The Government should seek to ensure that scientists have a more central role in further work by EASA as it finalises its flight time limitations proposals". We hope that EASA and the European Commission will finally listen to what experts on fatigue think about the flaws in their proposals as they are currently drafted.

Furthermore, as you can read elsewhere in the Cockpit News, we discussed the struggle from Ryanair pilots to organise and get recognised by their management to collectively discuss their labour agreements. The ECA Conference clearly stated they will keep on supporting Ryanair pilots in their efforts.

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4-5 July: EASA Safety

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Committee, Cologne, DE

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11-12 July: SAGAS Meeting,

Brussels, BE

17-18 July: ECA Executive

Board, Brussels, BE

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