



"Initiative for sustainable security and safety in air travel and for the avoidance of aviation accidents – ensuring high security and safety standards through the aircraft ground handler"

As the chairman of the works council I not only regard it as beneficial, but actually as a duty of the works councils at German airports to do everything possible to explain the wider context, the dangers and their impact that may result from **inadequate training of aircraft handlers!**

The focus on employee training cannot be placed exclusively on highly qualified staff, particularly when it comes to ensuring that high security and safety standards are met, but also with regard to the improvement of vocational and career opportunities of the workforce at large.

As the German government rightly stated in its DRAFT AIRPORT CONCEPT 2008, greater efforts must be made particularly in the area of careers that do not require university education in order to improve vocational and career opportunities.

We are therefore demanding binding legislation at the European level that will require all providers of ground handling services to meet a uniform quality standard.

This will ensure that competition in ground services is always subject to the same conditions, and that security and safety standards are met.

Moreover, ensuring that sufficient numbers of well-trained staff are available in all spheres of activity will help to secure Germany's position in the global aviation sector for the future.

Support the Flight Safety Initiative by taking part in the survey at <http://www.flightsafetyworld.eu>!

Kind regards

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