Summer of ATC Strikes: This weeks update

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European Air Traffic Controllers are striking in a fight against changes emanating from labour reform and the Single European Sky initiative. Curiously, Greece – normally a big fan of ATC strikes during the summer – has remained off the radar.

Here's the latest, and it's a growing list:

France

- Ongoing ATC Strikes the latest ended on 06JUL at 0400Z. Nothing else on the horizon for now.
- French overseas territories are also included in these strikes so Tahiti, New Caledonia, Martinique, Guadeloupe have all joined in the action when it takes place.

Italy

- Strike announced for 23JUL, affecting Area Control Centre's and Airports in Italy. Normally Italian strikes permit overflying traffic without restriction.

Iceland

- Ongoing sporadic strike action affecting BIKF, BIRK airports, and BIRD Oceanic FIR. Occasional entire closures of the airspace except for Emergency and scheduled flights. Eastbound Traffic from the US/Canada to Europe not accepted during these closures unless destination is in Scandinavia, the Baltics, or Russia.
- Since first week of July, westbound traffic is also not accepted in BIRD during strike periods. Check BIRD Notams.

Portugal

- Strikes announced for **every Friday in July** were cancelled last week

We'll keep this page updated as we get updates.