

# Nationwide French ATC strike on Jan 9

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This week's nationwide French ATC strike looks to be going ahead as planned. It will run from 1800z on Weds Jan 8, until 0530z on Friday Jan 10; but the worst of the delays will happen during the day on Thurs Jan 9.

At LFBO/Toulouse, airlines have been requested to reduce their scheduled flights by a third from 0500-2300z on Thurs Jan 9; but that's the only airport which has issued this kind of restriction so far.

Eurocontrol's Mitigation Plan can be found [here](#).

We expect this strike will be much the same as the five French ATC strikes we had in December – big delays at the major airports and for overflights, busy Tango Routes with traffic avoiding French airspace in the west, and Algeria/Tunisia will most likely let you fly through their airspace without special permission if you want to avoid French airspace in the south.

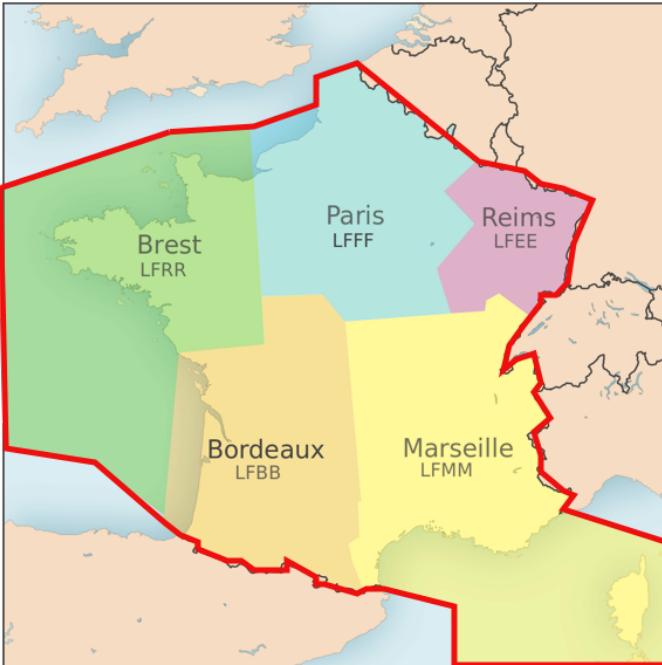
For the latter, just make sure to add the right AFTN codes on flight plans! That means – as well as filing your FPL to the normal Eurocontrol addresses, you must also include those for Algeria (DAAAZQZX and DTTCZQZX) and Tunisia (DTTCZQZX and DTTCZRZX) – and make sure these are included for any subsequent DLA messages as well.

For real-time updates of any airspace issues once the strike has started, keep an eye on this handy French ATC webpage: <http://dsnado.canalblog.com/>

And check out our article for everything else you need to know about how to survive French ATC strikes!

# French ATC strike updates

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**Several ATC unions have called for a national strike, affecting French airports and airspace from Monday evening at 1700UTC (Oct 9) through Wednesday at 0400UTC (Oct 11).**

All FIRs are experiencing high delays.

Impact expected to the FIR's per current (10OCT) information are as follows:

**LFRR/Brest** Experiencing high delays

**LFFF/Paris** All sectors experiencing delays with highest delays in the west. Situation is starting to show signs of improvement.

**LFEE/Reims** All sectors experiencing delays with highest delays in the East and North

**LFBB/Bordeaux** Some high delays and with no ease forseen

**LFMM/Marseille** High delays all around. Regulations will be in place until a least 2359UTC

The following routes are available:

Tango 9 Global and Tango 213 Global, UM30 and UZ180 are fully available.  
T9 is still dealing with a lot of delays.

## Airports:

LFPG/Paris DeGaulle and LFPO/Paris Orly are experiencing delays and there is a 30% capacity reduction in both airports plus at the following airports:

LFOB/Beauvais, LFLL/Lyon, LFML/Marseille, LFMN/Nice, LFBO/Toulouse and LFRS/Nantes  
LFSB/Basel - unconfirmed as of yet but may be used as an alternate

LFPB /Paris-Le Bourget will not be affected.

Expect high impact. Ops over or to France are best avoided today.

We will continue to post any further information here as soon as received.

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## Cayenne FIR: ATC gives up

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**SOOO/Cayenne FIR:** French Guiana ATC has finally given up the ghost - they've now implemented their contingency plan for their airspace, due to continued strike action.

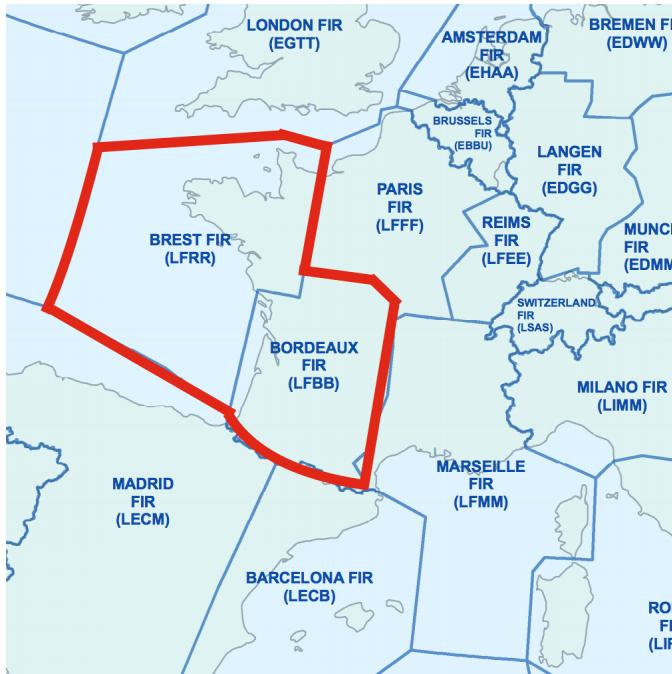
If you want to cross this bit of airspace, there are now very specific routes and levels you have to fly at. Once you're inside the airspace, don't change your speed or level. All the details have been published in the Notams - check these carefully!

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## Week-long ATC Strike announced: France

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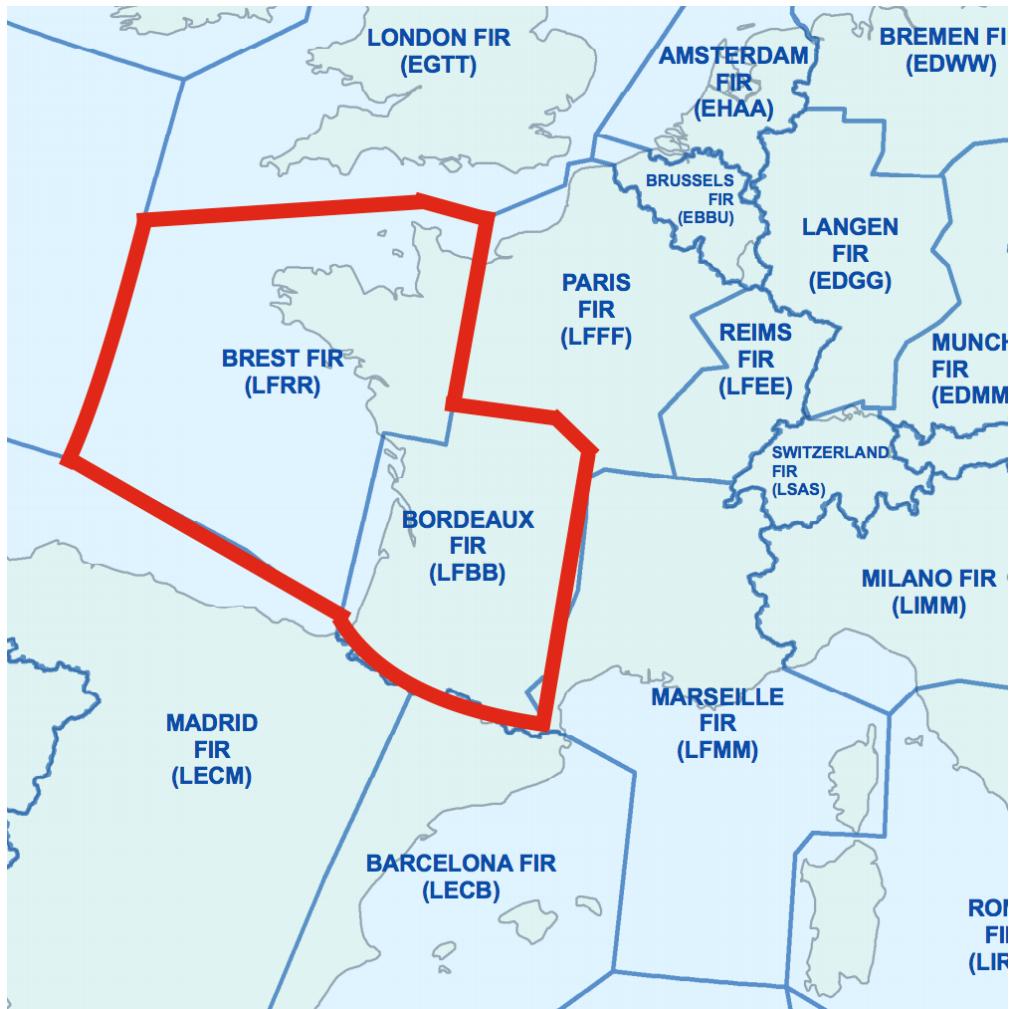


**This is different to last years Summer of Strikes** – where we had 12 French ATC strikes, but almost all were for 48 periods. **This new strike is posted for a Monday-Friday**, starting at 6am on Monday 6th March and running through to Friday evening, taking out the LFRR/Brest and LFBB/Bordeaux FIR's.

Brest and Bordeaux FIR's cover the west of France, meaning this will squeeze the offloaded traffic into Paris, Reims, and Marseilles FIR's. As usual, our advice is to avoid overflying France if possible. We look forward to the day we can announce French Strikes are over (like the joy that Iceland brought us) but for now ... no end in sight.

So, if you want some different options for getting around the Bordeaux FIR:

- For north-south flights The Tango Routes – via Shanwick
- For east-west flights try to file further north, into Belgian/Eurocontrol/German airspace, or come south into Barcelona/Marseilles
- Read the Eurocontrol NOP for any relief routes accepted by other ACC's
- And, here's a map :



### Reroutes via Tunisia, Algeria

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- Algeria (DAAA FIR): Overflight permit **not** required during this strike but copy FPL to DAAAQZX and DTTCQZX

### Reroutes via Shanwick Airspace

Read our earlier post on this: <https://ops.group/blog/the-three-sisters-shanwicks-tango-routes/>

A teleconference will be held by DSNA (in French) on Wed 1st March at 1400 UTC.

Login details:

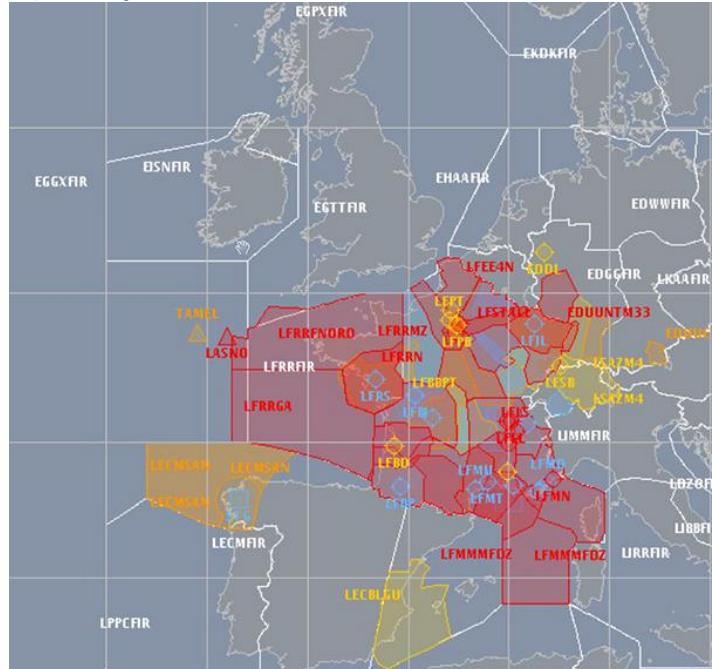
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Keep an eye on the Eurocontrol NOP for updated info.

## French ATC strike this weekend - Number 8

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Notification has been given by French ATC Unions of a **Three Day Strike** this coming weekend from Friday-Monday, starting at 0400Z Friday 03JUN. This is Strike number 8 this year, and if it goes ahead, promises to be a disruptive one.

As with all previous strikes, reroutes if you are overflying will be important.

## Highlights:

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