

POSITION PAPER

RYANAIR: WHAT WILL POLITICIANS DO?

After an historic year of social convulsion in Ryanair, many Trade Unions signed agreements with the Irish Airline to implement local legislation in their contracts of employment.

Those agreements now in place have not been honoured by Ryanair in many European countries as they insist on disputing the local legislation with the Unions, imposing negotiations with the objective of lowering the imperative legal and constitutional requirements.

On September 2018, the European Commissioner, Marianne Thyssen, stated:

“Respecting EU law is not something over which workers should have to negotiate, nor is it something which can be done differently from country to country(...).The internal market is not a jungle; it has clear rules on fair labour mobility and worker protection. This is not an academic debate, but about concrete social rights of workers.”

The European aviation market is growing rapidly and multi-national companies like Ryanair are seizing the opportunity to undermine basic workers’ rights.

We call on all the Governments, People Representatives and Competent Authorities to take action to ensure that social justice, progress and imperative legal entitlements are protected and the European Union values are respected.

Ryanair workers are European citizens and are entitled to their Human dignity, to their freedom, to an equal treatment and to the rule of law.

They ask no less and they deserve as much.

As European Elections approach, what will politicians in Europe do, if elected, to protect the core values on the European Union?

On a national level, will governments respect the mandate given by their citizens and enforce the law in their own country?

Or will they remain blind and mute to the social dumping that Ryanair is currently imposing?

A **public** political statements on these matters is urgent and we demand a strong response from you all to end this abusive practices and the lack of respect towards workers in general but, particularly, towards the governments and the citizens they should represent.

Are you ready to do what is necessary?

Because we are!

The Unions:

SNPVAC – Portugal

USO – Spain

SITCPLA – Spain

CNE/LBC – Belgium

SNPNC-FO - France