

Clearly, however, in a liberalised market the airlines' choices will be dictated by the requirements of profitability. Nonetheless, Member States have the option of imposing public service obligations on certain links.

The aim of the 'Single European Sky' scheme is to unify the various air traffic control systems of the Member States in order inter alia to improve control capacity and at the same time reduce the number of delays currently occurring in airports.

(¹) OJ L 240, 24.8.1992.

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by Camilo Nogueira Román (Verts/ALE) to the Commission

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Subject: Unemployment in Galicia

The latest statistics indicate that 15,80 % of the working population in Galicia is unemployed, double that of the Navarrese Autonomous Community, which is the lowest in Spain, and of the majority of European countries. Does the Community support framework for Spain make provision for effective specific action to solve this major problem facing Galicia, taking account of its Objective No 1 status?

Answer given by Mrs Diamantopoulou on behalf of the Commission

(19 July 2000)

Having presented the regional development plan for Objective 1 regions in Spain, and with a view to establishing the Community Support Framework (CSF) for the period 2000-2006, the Commission is currently negotiating the strategic guidelines and objectives of this CSF with the Spanish authorities.

The Commission can assure the Honourable Member that it is taking account in these negotiations of the labour market situation in Spain's Objective 1 regions, particularly the lack of qualifications among human resources and rates of employment and unemployment.

The objectives of the Community Support Framework for Spain's Objective 1 regions in the period 2000-2006 will include growth in employment, provision of skills for the workforce and reduction of the unemployment rate.

These objectives will take account of the employment pillars and guidelines implemented by the national action plans and of the priority areas defined by Regulation (EC) No 1784/1999 of the Parliament and of the Council on the European Social Fund, the main financial support instrument for the European Employment Strategy (¹).

The Commission will forward the Community Support Framework to Parliament as soon as it has been adopted.

(¹) OJ L 213, 13.8.1999.