



# VIRAL

Varieties of Industrial Relations in Aviation Lockdown

## Turbulence: The e-Newsletter of the VIRAL Project

### Coordinator's Corner



Dear Reader,

Welcome to the first issue of "Turbulence," the e-newsletter covering the EU Commission-funded research project Varieties of Industrial Relations in Aviation Lockdown or "VIRAL." The purpose of this newsletter is to keep the general public up-to-date on our activities, as aviation and air transport affect us all in significant ways.

The goal of VIRAL is to understand how the air transport sector was impacted by, and responded to, the COVID-19 pandemic. Ultimately the project aims to provide crucial advice to policymakers and social partners around best practices for relaunching this important part of our economy.

To accomplish this, we are taking a transnational approach to the work, [pulling together a core team](#) of researchers from 12 universities, research centers and social partners to examine the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on aviation in 7 EU countries (Denmark, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Spain and Poland).

In addition to the comparative nature of this project, VIRAL is unique because it considers:

- 1.) the *entire* air transport value chain, and not just a segment, like airlines or airport management, and
- 2.) the different ways in which the *industrial relations systems* in each country responded to the crisis.

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**Fasten your seatbelts, as we are about to take off!**

Best,

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### Project Updates



#### Grounded: Aviation in Freefall

On the eve of the first lockdown, the air transport sector was coming off a decade of continuous growth.

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#### Partner Spotlight

Interview with Prof. Michael Doherty, Head of School, Law and Criminology, Maynooth University. [READ MORE](#)



#### VIRAL in your Country: Local Dissemination Events

["Air Transport at a Crossroads: The Role of Industrial Relations."](#)

This engaging seminar, hosted at the prestigious [National Council of the Economy and Labour](#), brought together Italian social partners and experts in the sector for a lively debate. [VIEW HERE](#)

["Le dialogue social dans l'aviation civile entre les deux crises \(2010-2020\). L'expérience française dans une perspective européenne"](#) a discussion with Christelle Auster, Syndicat National du Personnel Navigant Commercial and Marie-Claude Amphoux, Syndicat National des Pilotes de Ligne, moderated by VIRAL researcher Marco Rocca.

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### Aviation in the News

[Lo scontro Volotea-Aeritalia su Olbia-Roma danneggia la Sardegna](#)

[Strike to cause 152 Ryanair flight cancellations in Belgium this weekend](#)

[EU approves France's short-haul flight ban—but only for 3 routes](#)

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