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Eurochambres believes that over-regulation of air passenger rights undermines competitiveness, connectivity and jobs

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“Excessive regulations on passenger rights jeopardise the competitiveness of EU airlines vis-à-vis airlines from third countries, as well as the economically important connectivity within and outside the EU – and also jobs in the airline sector”, said Eurochambres, the association of European chambers of commerce and industry, on Wednesday 17 September.

In its position on the review of the Air Passenger Rights Regulation, currently under inter-institutional discussion (see *EUROPE* [13654/1](#), [13666/14](#)), *Eurochambres* argued that over-regulation could lead to burdensome compensation schemes and restrictions on no-show policies. *“The latter risk reducing competitiveness, raising fares, and further straining airlines already facing high costs from the European Green Deal”,* added the association.

It also pointed out that these restrictions could discourage intermediaries from developing multimodal services, thereby limiting the range of travel solutions available to consumers. *“Ultimately, this change would decrease competition among carriers, leaving customers with fewer options and likely higher prices”.*

Read the position: <https://aeur.eu/f/ihp> (Original version in French by Anne Damiani)