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## **Kept in the Dark?**

Dear Member,

As you probably know, an ad-hoc Provisional Council meeting was held at the end of March to discuss the outcome of the Deloitte study with the Member States. We would have expected the Director General to have the decency to communicate on the outcome with his staff - other than saying in his Easter update that he noted "*positive remarks and guidance*".

Despite his commitment in the same update to provide staff with more details after Easter, this has still not materialised. A 90-minute meeting is scheduled for next week (11 May), leaving "plenty of time to discuss" before the PC meeting in June – NOT! Quite how the Director General will make good on his commitment to respect the Social Dialogue process is completely unclear at this stage.

To add insult to injury, we learned that he eagerly gave a high-level briefing to a number of external partners on April 19<sup>th</sup>, which gave extensive details on how Deloitte scored with (some of) the Member States. In the attachment, you will find this presentation. As you will see, the 'overwhelming support' from the States is somewhat put in perspective: about 1/3 of the States did not respond, but this is not reflected in the numbers. This skews the numbers and paints a very misleading picture.

Behind the scenes, extensive work is being done on providing a convincing Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA). Based on what we have seen so far, it is even more fictional and unconvincing than the original Deloitte report. There is clearly no limit to what a consultant will come up with as long as you pay their exorbitant fees. What is more, for the separation of MUAC from EUROCONTROL, it ignores the dramatic cost increase for the airspace users, for an estimated yearly saving for the Agency of €100.000 by 2030!

Quite how long the Member States will allow this charade to continue is anyone's guess...

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