

Air Traffic Controllers in France are on Strike

France's largest Air Traffic Controller union, SNCTA, has called for a two-day strike from April 8 - 9, 2015 in a protest over the restructuring plans that is said to threaten the air navigation service in France.

To cope with the disruption, France's civil aviation authority, DGAC, has called for airlines to scrap about 40 percent of the 4,000 services going in and out of France. Air France expects to operate half of its medium-haul flights to and from Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport while full operations are expected on long-haul flights. However, long delays may occur on all flights. Ryanair has announced the cancellation of more than 250 flights with further cancellations expected, while Easyjet has cancelled 118 flights, so far. As a result of the strike action, most of the airports in France have reported delays ranging from 20 minutes to 3 hours.

Further strikes have been planned for April 16 - 18, 2015 and April 29 - May 2, 2015, coinciding with the spring school holidays in France.

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