

Europeans for Fair Competition Talking Points

What is Europeans for Fair Competition?

Europeans for Fair Competition is a coalition composed of Europeans- airline employees, passengers, companies, and many others who are fighting for European aviation jobs by advocating for fair competition.

Who is funding/behind E4FC?

E4FC's support spans industry, labor, and national boundaries. All the members of our coalition work together to support E4FC's efforts through engagement and amplifying the message and principles of fair competition.

What is your organization's relationship to E4FC?

We are supporters of the organization. All efforts we extend on its behalf are the actions of our organization acting in a support capacity, not as official spokespeople for the organization.

How did E4FC come to be?

For the past 10 years, the excessive state-subsidization by Qatar and the United Arab Emirates of their state-owned airlines has begun to impact the aviation market through effects like share-shift and seat dumping, without any meaningful correlating growth of the market. Realizing this, concerned industry members began communicating about the impact these illegal subsidies are having and worked to come together to engage in finding solutions to this market distortion.

What is E4FC looking to accomplish?

The goal of the coalition is to establish a level playing field with countries that excessively subsidize their airlines in violation of European air service agreements, more specifically, the United Arab Emirates and the State of Qatar.

We are calling on our individual nations and European Union governing bodies to enforce international aviation and trade rules, ensure competition is fair, and end market distortion as a consequence of excessive state subsidies in the Middle East.

This includes the enactment of the "European Aviation Strategy" as currently proposed by the European Commission, as well as the inclusion of the *oversight and enforcement procedures* necessary for any future air services agreement to be concluded between the EU and third countries, notably the State of Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, where massive government subsidy distortions are already wreaking havoc in the European aviation market.

How can we learn more?

Visit the E4FC website at E4FC.EU- there we have extensive information about this issue as well as news coverage. E4FC is also on Facebook and Twitter. Further questions can also be asked of E4FC via PRESS@E4FC.EU.