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## Position Paper

### Toxic fumes in aviation: a pressing occupational health and safety issue

The recent article in The Wall Street Journal highlights the presence of toxic fumes on board aircraft and their potentially severe impact on both crew and passengers.

For EurECCA, this is not merely a health concern – it is a matter of occupational safety with direct implications for flight safety. Cabin Crew are at the frontline of exposure, and any compromise to their health inevitably affects their ability to safeguard passengers and ensure the highest standards of in-flight safety.

EurECCA has long been engaged on this issue. We have consistently advocated for:

- The recognition of the aircraft as a workplace under European legislation;
- The adoption of robust monitoring and preventive measures against toxic air contamination;
- Stronger occupational health and safety protections for Cabin Crew across Europe.

Protecting Cabin Crew from such hazards is not optional; it is a prerequisite for safe and sustainable air transport.

We therefore call on policymakers, regulators, and industry stakeholders to prioritise this matter and take decisive action.

As the largest independent European organisation for Cabin Crew, EurECCA will continue to contribute through its position papers, campaigns, and policy work to ensure that the voice of Cabin Crew is heard at European level and remains fully committed to defending their health, safety and working conditions.

Read the article [here](#): WSJ – Air Travel Toxic Fumes

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About EurECCA: established in Brussels in 2014, the European Cabin Crew Association, EurECCA, represents, protects and develops the rights and needs of cabin crew all over Europe. It is composed of cabin crew unions from European Union Member States as well as accession and bordering states and represents some 50,000 cabin crew in Europe. EurECCA has no political connections. EurECCA's work is around Cabin Crew working conditions, wages, social protection and health and safety at work.

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