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*Financing Air Traffic Management: Is there a need for
a new approach?*

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How are ATM services to actors delivering services in the general interest being financed?

How are these financed in other network industries?

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Air Transport services provided for General Interest

The case of Greece:

- specific geographical features
- public service obligations
- air navigation services: funding, providers, performance plan, search and rescue

ATM services

A balance between the 'user pays' principle and the responsibility of States to undertake the provision of air navigation services and facilities

- Air navigation service providers and the 'user pays' principle
- Crucial Services and essential Infrastructure to fulfil the obligation of ICAO Member States to keep their airspace and airports accessible (Article 28 of the Chicago Convention)
- Infrastructure and service provision (core services) in the general interest
- Mechanisms established to face future crises

New financing options

Highly automated air traffic management systems and safety issues (covid-19 pandemic, military aggression etc)

- Solidarity, stability, innovative funds
- Limited State funding for "minimum services" - Core Services of General Interest

Conclusion

No need for radical regulatory changes. Frameworks for strong, fast responses in crisis are essential.

The financing of air navigation services should unfailingly be robust enough to provide the aviation industry with sufficient stability, resilience, adaptability and flexibility for potential risks.

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