



Is Europe giving up on its airline industry?

In the past days the EU has taken decisions that favour third country carriers to the detriment of EU jobs. These cases show that Europe is giving up on one of its key industries.

First case: Following the takeover of TNT by FEDEX, the European Commission is allowing this US-American Express Cargo operators to use “virtual fifth freedom” rights to expand their business to Europe, flying the routes that were flown before by Belgian based pilots. [Keep reading +](#)

by Capt. Dirk Polloczek, ECA President

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