

German cabin crew join Ryanair strike, nearly 250 flights cut

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Ryanair employees have been striking for higher pay and contracts that will let them access local benefits

German cabin crew said they would join pilots in Europe-wide strikes

against Ryanair on Friday, as the airline announced it would have to cancel nearly 250 flights.

The crews' [union](#) Verdi said Thursday that after another four rounds of negotiations with the airline, "Ryanair did not submit a satisfactory offer".

Travellers in Spain, Belgium, the Netherlands, Portugal and Italy will also be affected by Ryanair walkouts.

Germany's Cockpit union (VC) had already said late Wednesday that its pilots would stage a strike in the protracted dispute.

The Dublin-based carrier warned on Tuesday that 190 flights would be cancelled, affecting 30,000 passengers, before revising the figure downward a day later to 150 flights.

After German [staff](#) announced they were joining the strike action, Ryanair increased the number again.

"We have pre-cancelled some more flights (under 100) tomorrow (Fri 28) due to a short notice [strike](#), called by the VC union in Germany," it tweeted.

Ryanair said the vast majority of its 2,400 normally scheduled flights would be unaffected by "these unnecessary strikes".

All affected customers have received email and text message notifications to advise them of cancellations and options, Ryanair said.

Staff have been seeking higher wages and an end to the practice whereby many have been working as independent contractors without the benefits of staff employees.

Another key complaint of workers based in countries other than Ireland is the fact that Ryanair has been employing them under Irish legislation.

Staff claim this creates huge insecurity for them, blocking their access to state benefits in their country.

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