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Dear <<First Name>> <<Last Name>>,

Last Friday a record number of airlines attended the hearing at the Authority for Consumer and Market (ACM).

Also present were the International Air Transport Association (IATA), Air Cargo Netherlands (ACN) and of course your very own BARIN, Board of Airline Representatives In the Netherlands. More than 30 people in total. All appealed against the absurd increase of airport charges for the period 2025-2027.

The meeting started at 9am, and ended at 17:30.

The same day the Royal Schiphol Group presented her financial results 2024. We congratulate Schiphol as it showed a fine recovery with almost € 400 million more revenues, and a net result of € 291 million.

As important, especially for our members..... 91% of the passengers passed security control within 10 minutes, whereas Schiphol ranks second amongst hub airports in punctuality. Well done!

Coincidentally..... this very same day the ACM turned up the heat against Schiphol and fired many questions on the process of pre-consultation, and consultation, on the 41% increase for the upcoming year (versus FRA +4,5% & CDG +4%), on the settlement in 2025 of Corona losses (any restaurant owner wished he could do the same), on the absurd, prohibitive charges for air cargo operators, etc etc. BARIN also shared the conclusions of a KPMG report of October 2024, in which Schiphol received some fierce criticism. KPMG concluded that “the legal framework in its current form places relatively many risks on the airlines”. And it appears to “experience limited incentives to manage the risks it invests”.

Summarizing, it's obvious that there is an unbalance between Schiphol and her users. BARIN asked the ACM to have a realistic assessment of the behaviour of Schiphol versus the aviation act, which based on the above cannot be interpreted too strictly.

To be continued, take care!

Marnix H Fruitema,
Chairman



Airlines and aviation industry bodies appeal at Authority Consumer & Markets on Schiphol Airport charges

On Friday 14th February last, a number of airlines and industry bodies, amongst which also BARIN joined a hearing at the ACM (*Autoriteit Consument & Markt*) in The Hague on the charges proposal by Amsterdam Airport Schiphol for the period 2025-27. Main focus of BARIN was on the fact that the majority of the risks of the airport investments come down at the shoulders of the airlines and the lack of efficiency incentives for budget overruns. Furthermore the fact that an airport operator can

still recuperate losses from the COVID pandemic years later, is a major irritator to BARIN.

Please [click here](#) to download the statement made by BARIN.

Schiphol
Amsterdam Airport

Royal Schiphol Group publishes financial results 2024

Last Friday, 14th February, the Royal Schiphol Group published her annual financial result for 2024. Last year, some 66,8 million passengers travelled via Schiphol to 301 direct destinations, which was an improvement of 8% vs. last year. The consolidated airports SPL, RTM and EIN carried a combined number of 75, 9 million passengers in 2024; an improvement by 5 million or 7%. Schiphol saw 473.815 air traffic movements vs. 441.969 in 2023. The net financial result was € 291 million but with a huge investment program this resulted in a negative cashflow of € 405 million.

Please [click here](#) to download the press release by Schiphol.



2 New members elected in the BARIN Executive Board

During the BARIN General Assembly held on the 12th of February, 2 new BARIN Executive Board members (BEB) were elected. Due the fact that Victoria Bubmann of the Lufthansa Group who held a seat in the BEB has been promoted to Head of Network Strategy based in Frankfurt and the fact that there was still another position vacant in the BEB, 2 new members were elected; we welcome [Victoria den Haring](#), Legal Counsel of FedEx and [Serafettin Ekici](#), General Manager at Turkish Airlines to the Executive Board.

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- Please [click here](#) to download the Up in the Sky article 'Onverklaarbaar verschil tussen Schiphol en andere luchthavens'
- Please [click here](#) to download the FD article 'Schiphol- en luchtvaartstrategie op crucial keerpunt'
- Please [click here](#) to download the De Telegraaf article 'Elektrisch vliegtuig kan zelf de trein verslaan op klimaatimpact'
- Please [click here](#) to download the Duurzaam ondernemen.nl publication 'Onderzoek wijst uit "Batterij elektrisch vliegen is beste luchtvaartalternatief waar mogelijk"'



IATA Updates

- Please [click here](#) to download the IATA's publication 'Aviation Environment & Sustainability Policy Update January 2025'
- Please [click here](#) to download the IATA's publication 'Joint Industry Letter SAF Book & Claim'

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BARIN is the industry association representing the interests of airlines in The Netherlands.

BARIN Member Airlines are represented by the most senior executives representing their companies in The Netherlands in the case of foreign based airlines, and hold senior executive management positions in the case of the Dutch-home-based airlines.

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