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

Unfortunately we were left with no other option than to summon the Dutch State to court....!

A next logical step, after the 440.000., the 460.000..., and now the 478.000 ..air traffic movements (6000 below the 484.000 historical slots and 22.000 below the since 2015 applicable 500.000 movements).

Last Monday 14th April, the Aviation Sector - represented by Air Transport Association of America (A4A), IATA, BARIN, ACN and carriers KLM-Group, Delta Airlines and TUI- summoned the Dutch State and the Royal Schiphol Group (RSG) to the District Court in Haarlem to challenge the decision of the Minister of Infrastructure and Watermanagement, Mr. Barry Madlener to continue with the implementation of the reduction of air traffic movements (478.000) at Amsterdam Schiphol Airport as per November 2025 (W25/26 season). The lawyers of the airlines argued that the Balanced Approach procedure was not carried out correctly

and the Ministry has constantly ignored the 3 comments of the European Commission. Although the Ministry does not formally need the approval from the EC, the airlines, in accordance with European rules, argued that a capacity reduction at an airport should only be a '*last resort*' and state that not all (operational) measures have been explored to the fullest which would make a capacity reduction redundant. The Netherlands would be the only country in the world, where reduction would be the end result. The lawyers of the State claimed that the Balanced Approach procedure was followed correctly and is now formally concluded. The argument is that there is no need to adapt any policy intentions and there is still ample time for the sector to adapt to reduced number of movements. The lawyers from the RSG argued that they had not needed to be summoned as RSG is simply executing the prevailing law; if an intermediate Air Traffic Decree (LVB) would stipulate 478.000 movements (of which 27.000 night movements), they would request the slot coordinator to declare the capacity likewise. If there would be no intermediate LVB by May 8th (deadline publication CapDec W25/26), she would request a Capacity Declaration based on 500.000 (32.000 night) movements from ACNL. The judge will rule no later than Monday, April 28th. Hereafter we will analyse the consequences of the decision.

Another pending case is being reviewed by the Authority for Consumers and Markets (ACM). The ACM prevents companies from abusing their market power and oversees a.o. our transport sector. Many airlines have strongly objected against the increase of the Schiphol airport charges, with 41% for coming year. We have been informed yesterday by the ACM they need more time to conclude, due the "complexity" of the various subjects. We expect their decision before May 27, 2025.

Take care,

Marnix H Fruitema,
Chairman



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[Click here](#) to read his article.



Petra Lugtenburg appointed as new Director-General Aviation and Maritime at Ministry of I&W

Interior Minister Judith Uitermark has appointed Petra Lugtenburg as new Director-General Aviation and Maritime Affairs at the Ministry of Infrastructure & Watermanagement. Mrs. Lugtenburg held the position of Director-General State Budget at the Ministry of Finance as of August 2018 after having held various positions at the Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Social Affairs. She now makes the switch to Infrastructure and Watermanagement.

"Ik heb heel veel zin om aan de slag te gaan in deze mooie functie. De opgave voor het directoraat-generaal

Luchtvaart en Maritieme Zaken is complex en belangrijk. Ik zie er erg naar uit om als directeur-generaal Luchtvaart en Maritieme Zaken samen met alle collega's en in goede samenwerking met alle betrokken partijen in de sectoren te blijven bouwen aan een veilige, duurzame en economisch toekomstbestendige lucht- en scheepvaart", says Mrs. Lugtenburg.

Please [click here](#) to download the publication.

We look forward to a fruitful cooperation.



BARIN Preferred Partner Up in the Sky publishes interview with BARIN Chairman Marnix Fruitema

On April 4th, Up in the Sky, BARIN's Preferred Media Partner published an interview with Marnix Fruitema, in which he gives a good look in his past (foreign) career in the aviation sector and which now gives him an openminded view on the polarisation in the aviation debate currently ongoing in The Netherlands.

Please [click here](#) to download the interview.



2nd Edition of the Climate Exam takes place between May 15th and 30th

Last year the 1st edition of the Climate Exam took place in Utrecht at which some 400 (amongst whom BARIN Secretary-General Joost Hasperhoven) people participated. This exam aims to make people aware not only of what is happening with our global climate but also of their own carbon footprint (without being pedantic). The aim of the organizers is clear: "using the power of education to make a sustainable

impact”.

Are you one of the participants this year?

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- Please [click here](#) to download the Up in the Sky article ‘XR-activisten voorlopig niet welkom achter de douane’
- Please [click here](#) to download the The Guardian article ‘Boarding Passes and Check-in could be scrapped in air travel shake-up’



IATA Updates

- Please [click here](#) to download the IATA LinkedIn publication ‘Solving Spare Parts Challenge’
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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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