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

Roller Coaster.

A roller coaster, according to ChatGPT, is “an amusement ride of a track with tight turns, steep slopes and sometimes even loops. They are popular for the adrenaline and the excitement they provide”. We can compare the aviation industry in the Netherlands with a roller coaster; 440.000 movements, 478.000 movements, night ban, transfer tax, frequent flyer tax, ticket tax, Lelystad open, Lelystad closed, Lelystad undecided, Schiphol charging airlines in 2025 for Corona losses, increasing airport charges with 41%, nature permit granted, nature permit annulled, etc, etc. One correction it's not amusement, it's a sad ride, with possible dangerous consequences.

Our industry is depending on a long term vision. Investments in infrastructure and fleet are done for

many years to come. Often 10 , 15 years, and more ahead.

It cannot be A one day, and B the next day.

One year we define a responsible path of growth, respecting the environment, local residents, less noise. Another year we are confronted with less flights, increase of taxes? No.

Stability and predictability are key elements for a healthy aviation industry. Likewise they are key for our investment climate.

The direct relationship between Schiphol and its airlines on one side and our investment climate on the other side is obvious and evident.

The roller coaster has to come to a stop, and can't depend on the colour of a government.

Take care,

Marnix H Fruitema,  
Chairman



## **Authority Consumer and Markets rejects industry claim on increase airport charges Schiphol**

Following a claim from the aviation sector at the ACM (*Autoriteit Consument & Markt*) on the proposed increase of 41% in 2025 (cumulative 37% over 2025-2027), the ACM has ruled that Amsterdam Airport Schiphol followed the correct procedures to come to this tariff-setting. The ACM's reasoning is that since the airport is only 'covering the costs and not making a profit' the increase of 41% is justifiable. Nowhere in her statement was mentioned that the Aviation Act in which is stipulated that the airport is allowed to recoup previous losses in future years was never intended for a dramatic occasion such as the COVID-19 pandemic where the entire world is confronted with financial losses..... except this airport. BARIN would have expected a more critical note on this.

One can ask itself when the ACM declares an increase “unreasonable”.....!

Please [click here](#) to download BARIN's public media statement on this verdict.



## **Judge declares Nature Permit for Amsterdam Airport Schiphol annulled**

In a court-case by environmental interest groups such as Mobilisation for the Environment and others, the judge in The Hague ruled that the nature permit for Schiphol which was granted by the previous Minister of Environment in 2023 is unlawful. The judge stated a.o. that insufficient research has been done in noise pollution and the consequences thereof for animal species with regard to three nature reserves”.

This does not mean that immediately flight movements will be reduced at the airport since the current (non-missionary) Deputy Minister of Nature, Rummenie declared Schiphol of (inter)national importance. The issue is mainly related to NOx-emissions and buying of emission-rights by Schiphol. In a reaction the Airport stated that the submission of the Nature Permit for the larger part was done correctly, however that the rules for buying the emission-rights have only been stipulated after submission of the nature-permit request and this requires a national government solution. Schiphol has also stated that they will appeal to the ruling.



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the Netherlands

## **Largest coalition party PVV leaves Cabinet and new national elections are imminent**

The PVV who won the last national elections in November 2023, blew up the current coalition Cabinet by stepping out of it and having all PVV Ministers and Deputy Ministers resign. This led to the fall of the entire (4-party) Cabinet, making new

elections necessary. These will be held on October 29<sup>th</sup> next. What the impact is on the various files related to the aviation sector, such as the new Aviation Act or opening of Lelystad Airport and which files will be declared “controversial” or not will be discussed in a Parliament session on 18<sup>th</sup> June next.

## Interesting to read

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- Please [click here](#) to download the Up in the Sky article ‘Luchtvaart zonder Minister na vertrek PVV’
- Please [click here](#) to download the Up in the Sky article ‘Airlines op Schiphol krijgen opnieuw nul op rekest’
- Please [click here](#) to download the Up in the Sky article ‘Airlines ontgoocheld door nieuwe EU-regels’



### IATA Updates

- Please [click here](#) to download the LinkedIn article ‘Airline Profitability to Strengthen Slightly in 2025 Despite Headwinds’

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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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