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

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez has announced an investment of €13 billion in Spain's airports, calling it "a necessity to meet growing demand."

"Airports are vital for tourism and the economy; they will help drive growth across the rest of our economy," he said. As a member of the Spanish Socialist Labour Party, Mr Sánchez underlined that, as Prime Minister and representative of the labour party, he sees airports as essential not only for Spain's economy as a whole but also for the prosperity of the workers he represents.

Meanwhile, the Dutch government has introduced a new long-distance tax, applauded by many political parties, as well as by the airports Zaventem and Dusseldorf.

I would urge The Hague to look carefully at developments beyond our own country. In Spain –

and likewise in the UK, Hungary, India, Sweden and elsewhere – there is a clear recognition of the close link between airports and economic growth.

Take care,

Marnix H Fruitema,
Chairman

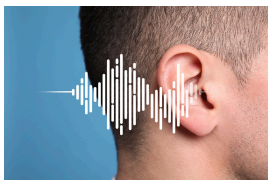


Government of
the Netherlands

Opening Parliamentary year “Prinsjesdag” on Tuesday 16th September

Last week Tuesday, 16th September, King Willem Alexander traditionally opened the Parliamentary year by reading out loud the King’s Speech (*Troonrede*). In this speech he reflects on the political and public debate and looks forward at the intended new policy of the government in the upcoming year. After this ceremony, the Minister of Finance presents the annual budget (*Miljoenennota*) to the House of Representatives. This year, one of the budget announcements is a further increase of the aviation tax as per 01 January 2027, in which the tax will become depending on the distance flown. There will be 3 categories: The current € 29,40 for destination below 2.000 km, for destinations between 2.000 and 5.500 km the tax will be € 47,24 and for distances flown above 5.500 km the tax will be € 70,86. There are exemptions e.g. to the (former) Dutch overseas areas in the Caribbean. To download the decree and see a list of destinations, please [click here](#).

The proceeds of this tax will be fully used to cover the national budget instead of reinvesting the amount in helping the aviation industry to reach her sustainability goals. For the government climate is not leading here as with an increased ticket tax in The Netherlands, we expect more and more passengers to drive to Germany and Belgium since tickets taxes are considerably lower there.

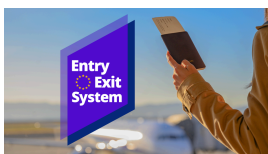


New system of Measuring Aircraft Noise

The Ministry of Infrastructure & Watermanagement is in the process of designing a new methodology to measure aircraft noise around Schiphol and 4 regional airports. The aim is that in future the volume of air traffic is not determined strictly by aircraft movements but by noise produced. In principle a good idea, since the goal is to reduce noise and not air traffic movements.

However, the way it is now in the design process gives much reason for concern; Each year the Minister of I&W can determine the noise level which will lead to uncertainty for all (sector and inhabitants). New measuring points in a wider area around Schiphol than current with new noise levels will undoubtedly lead to new political discussions and public debate. BARIN will continue the dialogue with the policy makers of I&W to come to a workable and future-proof system in which all interests are warranted.

Please [click here](#) to download an excerpt of the plan published by the Ministry.



Start of Entry/Exit System (EES) at Schiphol from 3 November 2025

On 12 October, Europe will launch the digital Entry/Exit System (EES). As explained during the EES information meeting for airlines on 16 September organized by Schiphol, the rollout will take place in phases over a six-month period. In the Netherlands, the government will begin implementing EES on 12 October at two maritime border posts. Schiphol will follow from 3 November. In order to ensure that the introduction at Schiphol takes place in a controlled manner, Schiphol has agreed on a phasing with the government to gradually expand to 100% EES registration.

For more information, please [click here](#).

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- Please [click here](#) to listen to the BNR “Zakendoen met” interview with Marnix Fruitema on vliegtax and other aviation issues (actual interview starts at 59:50)
- Please [click here](#) to download the Up in the Sky article ‘Nederlanders gaan fors meer betalen voor vliegticket’



IATA Updates

- Please [click here](#) to read the IATA Press-release ‘IATA Appoints Thomas Reynaert to Lead Global Advocacy’

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