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

Singapore and The Netherlands are comparable in many ways; small in size, large in ambition. Resulting in an impressive GDP per capita!

Both countries are dependent of foreign investments and have created an aviation sector that supports this. Interesting to learn that Singapore has a different attitude towards the airlines related to taxes. No one talks about a transfer tax, as its airlines and airport are very dependent of this traffic.

At the same time as of October 2026 Singapore will impose a sustainable aviation fuel levy on departing passengers varying from Singapore \$1 to \$ 41, based on distance and travel class. This tax aims to achieve Singapore's target of sustainable aviation fuel constituting 1% of jet fuel by 2026 and 3-5% by 2030. It will be funded by the revenues of the sustainable aviation fuel charge.

Two observations / differences compared to The Netherlands:

- the Singapore tax revenues benefit SAF directly. In The Netherlands the revenues of the long distance tax will disappear in the deep pockets of our Minister of Finance to cover the national budget.
- Singapore has a far more realistic target of SAF than the Netherlands. In The Netherlands we aim for a target off 13% by 2030.

Not that long ago Singapore learned its lessons from The Netherlands; today it should be the other way around!

Another example of a different approach is our neighbour Germany. They cancel the planned increase of their aviation tax!.

BARIN is deeply concerned about the government's intention to introduce a so-called long-haul tax. This is especially worrying now that Germany has decided to reverse the increase of this tax. With this decision, Germany is clearly advocating tax relief for airlines and underlining the importance of aviation for the German economy and its investment climate. BARIN calls upon all political parties to - push for realistic SAF targets - aviation taxes should be used to incentivize production & consumption of SAF - don't introduce the long distance tax that will disappear in the pockets of Finance and last but not least don't even think about a transfer tax.

Take care,

Marnix H Fruitema,
Chairman



Government of
the Netherlands

Kick-off Cabinet Formation by 'Scout' Wouter Koolmees

Last week 'Scout' (*Verkenner*) and former Minister Wouter Koolmees presented his advice to the Chairman of the House of Representatives after having consulted the leaders of all elected political parties. As there are various options on the table to form different coalition governments being either centre-left or centre-right, the Scout advised the two major winning parties D66 and CDA to continue bilateral talks in order to come to a first agenda on main strategic political topics such as the Nitrogen-debate or the housing-issue. Under the supervision of former Minister Sybrand Buma (CDA), talks will continue in the next couple of weeks. Time will tell which other parties are inclined to cooperate in this new coalition cabinet.



Updates on Entry & Exit System (EES)

As of 3 November, the Entry/Exit System (EES) has been introduced at Schiphol with a soft launch. This EU system registers third-country nationals entering or leaving the Schengen area. The EES toolkit on the Schiphol website has been updated accordingly. Additional information is now available on what EES means for crew members.

Please [click here](#) for more information.



All Instrument Landing Systems at Schiphol renewed

As of 7th November 2025 the possibility for all aircraft to land on the Buitenveldertbaan under all weather conditions has been made possible again. The completely renewed Instrument Landing System (ILS) of Air Traffic Control Netherlands (LVNL) is ready

for use. Herewith the last ILS-renewal at Schiphol has been completed. The next renewal is only foreseen for the year 2050!

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



Icon4Us.com: New Preferred Partner in the Picture

Recently a new Preferred Partner joined the ranks of BARIN: [Icon4Us.com](https://icon4us.com).

After having lived abroad in Singapore and Mexico, Marco Slingerland returned home to The Netherlands. Arriving at Amsterdam Airport Schiphol he only saw this tall empty tower and did not get that warm home-coming feeling. Back at home he projected the tulip on the air traffic control tower and here it was: That warm feeling of coming home! And this was the beginning of the company [Icon4Us.com](https://icon4us.com).

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Fewer trains to and from Schiphol due to maintenance works

Due to large maintenance works at the Dutch railways there are fewer trains to and from Schiphol Airport in the period 15 November up until 7 December. Please always check the actual train schedules at the website of the NS via [this link](#) or in the NS-App when planning your journey.

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- Please [click here](#) to download the Up in the Sky article 'Duitsland zegt 'NEIN' tegen dure vliegtickets'
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- Please [click here](#) to download the McKinsey & Company publication 'Deploying Agentic AI with Safety and Security'
- Please [click here](#) to download the AviationA2Z article 'Most beautiful airport terminals in the world 2025'
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- Please [click here](#) to read the IATA publication '2025 Global Passenger Survey Results released'
- Please [click here](#) to read the IATA publication 'Policy Briefing for Stronger Aviation in The Netherlands'

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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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