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Dear Léon Jansen ,

Fifty-three years ago, the 1973 oil crisis forced the Netherlands into 10 car-free Sundays. We even reduced the maximum speed to 100 km/hr to save fuel... With the Strait of Hormuz under pressure, Europe once again faces geopolitical vulnerability in its energy supply. The aviation sector is responding pragmatically: rerouting flows, tapping into global markets, and we are closely coordinating each week with our government. Strategic reserves remain untouched, while supply from the US and Nigeria has increased significantly.

Yes, prices are high. And yes, some capacity has been reduced. But let's keep perspective: cancellations represent roughly 2% of total capacity —hardly a systemic shock.

At the same time, the industry is asking for targeted flexibility, for when the situation will deteriorate. Through a joint letter to the European Commission, addressed to EU Commissioner Apostolos

Tzitzikostas, and on the initiative of BARIN we have called for a temporary EU slot waiver. In a market under pressure, rigid adherence to the 80/20 slot rule risks inefficiency and unnecessary flights. But beyond short-term measures, this moment demands something more strategic. If anything, this crisis underlines a structural dependency we can no longer ignore. Sustainable Aviation Fuel and electric flying are not just climate ambitions—they are instruments of energy security, economic resilience, and industrial leadership. The Netherlands should become frontrunner; we have the expertise, the knowledge, but we also need the financial commitment from The Hague .

So yes—never waste a good crisis. Because the real question is not how we manage this disruption, but whether we use it to accelerate the transition we already know is inevitable.

Take care,

Marnix H Fruitema,
Chairman



European BAR's send letter to EU-Commissioner Tzitzikostas to plea for slot-flexibility

In light of the Middle-East crises and the subsequent threat of jet-fuel shortages, BARIN sent a letter on behalf of the European Board of Airline Representatives with a plea to EU-Commissioner for Sustainable Transport and Tourism Mr. Apostolos Tzitzikostas to make the 80/20 slot-use rule more flexible and at the same time ease the anti-tankering provisions. During the Transport Council with the European Ministers of Transport held on 21st April, no decision on such mitigation was taken yet. However, we deem it of utmost importance to have these agreements in place in order to be ready when

the need to drastically reduce air traffic movements arises.

You may [click here](#) to download the letter.



Oliver Wyman publishes report on winter operations Schiphol

Last week, the long expected report by Oliver Wyman on the disruptions at Schiphol Airport due to heavy snowfall in January was published. It is obvious that the situation was not handled well and improvements need to be made in logistic cooperation between the airport and her clients (the airlines). Also the 'passenger care protocol' needs to be improved in order to service passengers better in any such future situation. Together with airlines and ground-handlers a task-force is being set up to be better prepared for next winter. We will continue to monitor the progress of this task-force closely.

You can [click here](#) to download the entire report.



Schiphol offers temporary discount on daytime Landing and Take-off Charges

In the wake of the Middle-East crisis, Amsterdam Airport Schiphol has decided to temporarily reduce daytime LTO-charges by 50% for the period of 27th April 2026 up until 31st March 2027. Operations scheduled between 23:00 and 06:00 are exempt from this discount. By reducing the LTO-charges by 50% a reduction of costs for most airlines of 10% is realized.

To read more, please [click here](#).



Minister of I&W sends reaction on advisory commission on Redesign Dutch Airspace

Minister Vincent Karremans of Infrastructure & Watermanagement has sent a reaction on the publication of a study to the Redesign of the Dutch Airspace.

The redesign is twofold. On one hand, a larger practice area for the F-35 military aircraft is needed. On the other hand the project 'Higher Approach' is looking at approaching civilian airports with a steeper angle in order to reduce noise on the ground. The Minister suggests to follow both recommendations. At the same time the commission also looks at integrating Lelystad Airport as a military and civilian airport when the F-35 will be stationed there and 10.000 commercial air traffic movements may be operated in the future.

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IATA updates

- Please [click here](#) to read the IATA publication 'March passenger demand up by 2,1% but sharp regional differences'
- Please [click here](#) to read the IATA LinkedIn post 'Safety, Emissions Tools' & 'An Interview With Luis Gallego'
- Please [click here](#) to read the IATA LinkedIn post 'How have air cargo and passenger markets been impacted by the disruption in the Middle-East?'

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