

Internet consultation by Dutch Government - Taxation on aviation

The previous ticket tax in the Netherlands has shown that posing a national tax on air travel will lead to an increase of transport by road or rail of (business) travellers to foreign airports such as Liège, Brussels, Dusseldorf and Frankfurt. Therefore a national tax will not generate environmental benefits and may cause damage to export opportunities for Dutch entrepreneurs, the business climate and employment.

The NATM supports the European Collaboration variant in order to maintain the level playing field within Europe. A national tax only causes a shift of flight movements abroad and, according to research by CE Delft, hardly yields any environmental benefits. The introduction of this national tax will not create awareness in the business sector for more sustainable travel.

To make sustainable (business) air travel more successful this national tax should be refunded to;

- a) the airlines and/or its biofuel distributors to cover the cost for the more expensive biofuel and to help innovation by bringing the production of biofuel to a lower level of production cost; or
- b) the business community and the private traveller to compensate for the higher costs for (business) travel when supporting sustainable air travel.

The national tax should not be used for other purposes than any effort to support and drive sustainable (business) air travel financially to a next level.

As this is not the starting point of the Dutch government, NATM does not support this option but will continue to give its support to the European approach via its EU lobby by means of the GBTA Advocacy lobby group.

The NATM is open for reflection on any topic related to the impact of business travel on behalf of its corporate members in the Netherlands.

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About the NATM | Netherlands Association of Travel Management

NATM is the non-profit association and the leading professional organization for travel managers, buyers, managers and suppliers of business travel and meetings services in the Netherlands. Founded in 1972 and as of 2010 founding partner of GBTA-Europe in the Netherlands. In this respect NATM is also a member of the GBTA Advocacy Group.

NATM Direct Members and its organization

NATM direct (buyer) members are not only dedicated professionals engaged in travel management and their travellers - they are decision makers with final authority over significant travel budgets. NATM direct members represent more than € 300 million of expense for business air travel from the Netherlands and more than € 300 million in hotel expenses, transportation and other business travel-related product categories. This expenditure does not include meeting management.

NATM industry members are professionals engaged in selling their companies product(s) related to travel like air, train, credit card, hotels, accommodation, meetings, GDS, TMC, OTA's, travel expense management companies and more.



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