

# Strengthening your position on aviation towards your government

Questions for you and your government



# How to attend this webinar

There are three ways to attend this webinar:

1. Shout 'hurrah' if you recognize a method you already use and look forward to spot more
2. Softly say 'wow' to yourself in admiration when you hear something you didn't know
3. Use each point in this presentation to ask yourself if you've tried every suggestion to the fullest yet



# Exchanging experiences

- I will present some aviation myths and ask questions about them
- Questions about how you can be cheated by the government, research institutes and the aviation sector
- We are not going to try to answer all questions tonight: they are homework for all of us!



# How much traffic does your airport need?

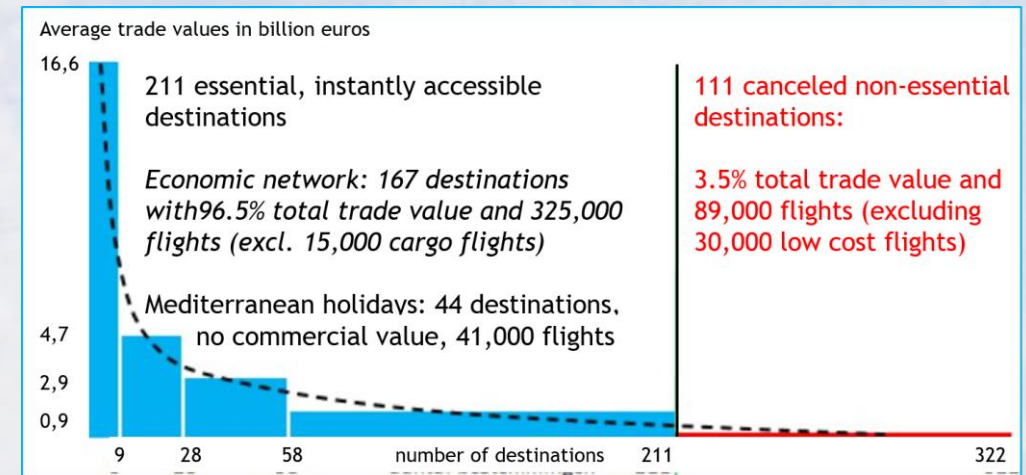
- Aviation has to grow for the benefit of the nation
- Who benefits from that growth?
  - The country / the region / you
  - Private interests as airline companies, export firms, tourist industry
  - Is there a **careful consideration** with public interests as noise limits, health, safety, nature, climate and housing?
- How about working towards a growth stop?
- Is it possible to talk about less flights because of the reduction in business passengers after corona?
- What is the importance of night flights (if any)?



# What are meaningful destinations?

## ➤ A large network is essential for the economy

- What is the network quality of your airport?
- Is the basic premise: the more planes, the better?  
The more destinations, the better?
- Has it ever been investigated what the economic value is per destination?





# Is employment an argument?

- In the Netherlands, even the trade unions believe that the number of flights should be reduced, partly because of the poor working conditions
  - Is there no better work to be done?
  - How are employment conditions in your region?
  - What are the working conditions at your airport?
  - Has there been made an independent SCBA for your airport?

Good to know:

- In an economically limited region, more flights might lead to regional economic growth
- In a metropolitan region, growth in the number of flights creates demand (people there want to fly more often)

# How about legal protection?

➤ There are many legal exceptions for aviation: have they ever been tested?

- Are there any laws you can rely on?
- Does your government comply with European laws and regulations?
- Does your government take initiatives to change rules?
- Does your airport meet all licenses?
- Do major suppliers have all permits?





# Bound hand and foot

- ‘We cannot do anything because of European or ICAO rules’
- What instruments are there to regulate aviation? Slots, taxes, human rights, laws
- Do you have an independent advisory board of the ministry of transport?
- If yes, does this advisory board work internationally?





# Are you well prepared?

## ➤ Are you being heard by the policy makers?

- Do you know all the examples where citizens are in dialogue with their governments?
- Has the relationship between the government, research agencies and the aviation sector ever been exposed?
- Are there independent journalists who can help you, if necessary using examples from abroad?
- Have you tried to get financial or logistical support from medium-sized companies?
- Do you use all social media to get support for your vision (video, twitter, presentations, etc)?
- Do you have contact with members of parliament?

# This last slide is actually the beginning

- Realize: Complaining doesn't help...
- Try to **help** your government push the boundaries
- But first find the weak spots in your country

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# Bonus slide



**Trend break: cabinet wants significant reduction of Schiphol airport  
'because of noise nuisances'**

**Health risks around Schiphol due to ultrafine particles**  
... increased risk of death from cardiac arrhythmias ...  
... increased risk of preterm birth

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## **'Gezondheidsrisico's rond Schiphol mogelijk groter dan elders door ultrafijnstof'**

Omwonenden van Schiphol hebben door ultrafijnstof van vliegverkeer mogelijk een verhoogde kans om te overlijden aan hartritmestoornissen. Ook is er mogelijk een verhoogd risico op andere hart- en vaatklachten. Dat schrijft [De Telegraaf](#) op basis van een RIVM-rapport dat later deze week openbaar wordt.

Verder zijn er aanwijzingen, maar geen bewijs, dat blootstelling aan ultrafijnstof bij aanstaande moeders rond Schiphol een nadelige invloed heeft op 'geboorte-uitkomsten'. Zo is er mogelijk een verhoogde kans op vroeggeboorten.

# Summary

- Detect and challenge the myths your government uses to support the aviation sector
- Expose and entangle too close links between your government, research and aviation
- Detect and obtain support from potential allies, media and from within the civil service
- Try to help your government with good arguments
- Go for the weak spots to win!

