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## Foreign investors: Tallinn Airport is becoming a marginal airport

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**Tallinn needs good international air connections to attract foreign investments, says Foreign Investors' Council in Estonia (FICE), writes Äripäev.**

A delegation of FICE that met recently with Prime Minister Andrus Ansip discussed areas where rapid changes are required.

"For instance, it is important to stop the trend of Tallinn Airport becoming a marginal phenomenon. Landing fees and other airport fees must be lowered to attract more direct connections between Estonia and Europe's largest cities," said Martin Breuer, chairman of FICE

Members of the FICE delegation also urged Ansip to give more support to small and medium-sized enterprises. Both parties agreed that simple tax system, flexibility and readiness to make changes during the current economic downturn are the preconditions that could attract more foreign investors into Estonia.

Among others, Breuer said that it was time to stop looking for the elusive Estonia's own "Nokia" and take the necessary steps to make Estonia a modern and attractive paradise for small enterprises in this region.

"By attracting small enterprises into Estonia, Estonia will receive more human capital, knowhow and experience. Small enterprises are important employers and are catalysts for development. Estonia should make itself attractive for both new and existing companies looking for more favourable business climate," he said.

The Prime Minister thanked the FICE delegation and said: "In comparison with its neighbours, Estonia is in a relatively good position. We are ready to make the necessary changes and cut costs to bring the country out of the recession. Estonia can!"

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