



RESTAURANT AND TOURISM INDUSTRY WAS FORGOTTEN IN THE 2021 BUDGET

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What have happened?

16.09.2020 the 2021 budget of Finland was unveiled.

The proposed rate cuts would lead to a VAT reduction on restaurant food and alcohol to 10% for the next year.

The Finnish Hospitality Association MaRa think, that government forgot about restaurant and tourism industry.

Restrictions on travel and assembly have a very negative effect on this sector. Companies and their employees are in difficult situation.

MaRa think government have not taken these factors into account in any way in its budget decisions.

Finland's tourism and restaurant industry currently employs 142,000

Why it have happened?

All economy now is in crisis. A lot of people have lost their jobs of have had less salary. Large quantity of sick required places in hospitals, doctors, medicines and service. A part of budget was used for development of medicine and pharmacology. Now government still need to support residents of the country and business companies, and also find a way to restore budget. This is why they can not give a lot of money for restoring some sectors of business like tourism and restaurants, which are not so important for country as medicine, transport, energy supply and others.

What will be the result?

1. A lot of people will lose their job, or will work for a scanty salary.
As a result - increase in the number of unemployed and decline of the quality of life.
2. Destruction of tourism industry, which was built for years. It can worsen relationships with other countries, for example, with Russia.
3. Hit for the restaurant and bar industry.
4. After all government will need to find money to restore this sector of business and to pay off unemployment benefits. To do

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The Finnish Hospitality Association MaRa – is a leading national trade and labor market association in the hospitality industry in Finland. It represents a wide range of companies in the hospitality sector: hotels, restaurants, amusement parks, tourism businesses, congress organizers, and wellness service providers, to mention a few.