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Maryland Gov. William Donald Schaefer left last night on an eight-day European trade mission to promote foreign business investment in Maryland and to tout the port of Baltimore.

Schaefer, who has been criticized in the past for taking large contingents of state officials and business leaders on trade trips abroad, this time kept the delegation small: six members.

Before returning June 5, Schaefer will visit Slovenia, Britain, Germany and Italy. In Germany, he will deliver a commencement address to graduates at the University of Maryland University College's Heidelberg campus.

In Slovenia, Schaefer has a meeting scheduled with Prime Minister Janez Drnovsek and other government and business leaders. Schaefer, the first U.S. governor to visit the country since it declared independence a year ago, said he hopes to persuade officials to employ a Maryland-based firm, Westinghouse, to install an air traffic control system.

The governor's agenda also includes a visit in Italy to Genoa Expo '92, where he will promote the port of Baltimore for business and tourism.