

CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION FOR BUSINESS EVENTS

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Within the scope of its activities, ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber organizes events and enables international business partners of Austrian companies to participate under the following conditions:

1. SCOPE OF VALIDITY

- 1.1. These conditions of participation apply to foreign (non-Austrian) companies that attend events organized by ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber abroad. By registering for an event, the participant agrees to these conditions of participation and is bound by them.
- 1.2. By participating in the event, the participant declares his or her consent to comply with the respective event and building regulations of the organiser.
- 1.3. As the events are planned in the long term, the event program is subject to change (speakers, dates, event location etc.) If the minimum number of participants is not reached, the event will be cancelled.

2. PARTICIPATION

- 2.1. Eligible to participate are representatives of local companies, institutions or business partners of Austrian companies whose participation is relevant to the event, as per the event invitation.
- 2.2. Registration for the event must be made in writing or via the designated online registration form before the registration deadline. All registrations are binding. Austrian companies must refer to the respective event page on wko.at for details on event participation and associated costs and use the designated online form to register.
- 2.3. Persons who register a third party for an event expressly declare that they are authorized to make this registration and to submit a corresponding declaration of consent under data protection law.

- 2.4. Registrations will be considered in the order in which they arrive and according to available spots. Registrations received after the registration deadline can only be considered if there are still available spots.
- 2.5. Even if registrations are submitted on time, admission to the event cannot be guaranteed.
- 2.6. The registration becomes binding only upon acceptance by ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA. This acceptance is made by way of confirmation in writing.
- 2.7. De-minimis aid: With their registration, the participants confirm their compliance with the **de minimis guidelines**
- 2.8. For **online-events**, the following applies: It is the participant's responsibility to ensure the technical requirements for the event are met before registration and are in place for the event. Double-checking access at least 5 minutes prior to the start of the event is highly recommended. First-time participants should check access at least 30 minutes prior to the start so technical support is still available. The organizer is not liable for refunds if technical problems, connection difficulties, or lack of required technical equipment on the part of the participant occur.
- 2.9. Attendance at an event may be subject to certain conditions (e.g. compulsory registration). These will be communicated separately and must be fulfilled by the participants.

3. COST OF PARTICIPATION

- 3.1. Depending on the type and program of the event, a participation cost **per participant** is payable as specified in the respective event announcement.
- 3.2. If a validly registered participant does not participate or does not participate in the entire program, the entire participation cost is still to be paid.
- 3.3. In case of cancellation for organizational reasons (e.g. illness of speakers), there is no entitlement to the event taking place, and the participation cost will be refunded. Refunds for any additional expenses of any kind (e.g. travel costs, loss of earnings, travel and/or accommodation expenses, etc.) are not possible.

4. DATA PROTECTION

- 4.1. The **Data Protection Rules of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber** apply.
- 4.2. Events can be organized with cooperation partners who are mentioned in the program and in the invitation to the event. In this case, participants give revocable consent for their personal data (especially email address and phone number) to be shared with and used by these cooperation partners for the purpose of transmitting marketing, advertising, and informational materials. This consent can be revoked at any time by sending a simple email to the organizer. The organizer is obliged to immediately forward the revocation to the affected cooperation partners so that they can implement it.
- 4.3. If the conference is financed by **go-international**, it is organized and financed jointly with the Austrian Federal Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism (BMWET). In such cases, the BMWET will therefore also receive the data you provide for the purposes of organizing the conference. In addition, the BMWET and the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber will use the personal and

company-related data provided by you for the further development of the go-international initiative and for the evaluation of the economic effects of the funding measures. In doing so, we rely on our legitimate interest in accordance with Article 6(1)(f) GDPR. If you do not wish your data to be processed in this way, please let us know by sending an email to go-international@wko.at. This corresponds to your right to object in accordance with Article 21 GDPR.

- 4.4. In certain cases, ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA will use external applications to improve the interaction among participants during events, such as: B2Match (scheduling meeting), Slido (audience interaction) and Superevent (digital support and interactive design of events). Should additional consent for data processing be required, you will be asked to provide it during the login process for these applications.
- 4.5. Photos, audio and video recordings may be made during events of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA. While respecting the rights of those affected, photos, audio and video recordings may be processed by ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA on channels of the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber such as print media, social media (e.g. YouTube), television programs as well as on websites and in information material of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA. The processing takes place based on a legitimate interest of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA in accordance with Article 6 Paragraph 1 lit f DSGVO. The legitimate interest of ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA is the documentation of events relevant to the public as well as press and media work.

5. EXCLUSION FROM PARTICIPATION

- 5.1. ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA has the right to exclude any individual or company that does not comply with the conditions of participation.
- 5.2. A company that is in arrears with the payment of fees for the event in question or other events organised by the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber will be excluded from participation at events where costs are charged.
- 5.3. Companies for which a restructuring process has been initiated, with or without self-administration, can only take part in the event if the participation cost is paid immediately, along with a deposit for additional expenses and special services.
- 5.4. ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA may charge companies that have been excluded for the costs incurred up to their exclusion.

6. CANCELLATION, NON-PARTICIPATION

- 6.1. Cancellations will only be accepted in writing. The timeliness of the cancellation notice is determined by the date it is received by the organizer.
- 6.2. If a participant is unable to attend the event, cancellation is possible free of charge up to 14 calendar days before the start of the event. For later cancellations, 50% of the participation cost will be charged.
- 6.3. For cancellations received on the day of the event or in case of no-show, the full participation cost will be charged. It is possible to nominate an alternative participant. The same terms and conditions apply to the alternative participant.
- 6.4. If a registration has been validly cancelled, the organizer will refund any payments already made without delay, but no later than 14 days from the date the cancellation was received.



7. EXCLUSION OF LIABILITY

- 7.1. The organizer accepts no liability for participants' personal items.
- 7.2. The organizer shall only be liable for damages in the event of intent and gross negligence, except for damages to persons. The existence of slight or gross negligence must be proven by the injured party, unless it is a consumer transaction. Compensation for (consequential) damage and pure financial losses is excluded for companies. No liability can be accepted for the correctness of the event content and related documents as well as the actions of business partners referred at the event.

8. VALIDITY OF THE CONDITION OF PARTICIPATION

- 8.1. Should any individual provisions of these conditions of participation be or become invalid, the validity of the remaining provision shall not be affected.
- 8.2. The **current version of the conditions of participation** is available online.
- 8.3. ADVANTAGE AUSTRIA reserves the right to amend the conditions of participation.

9. APPLICABLE LAW AND JURISDICTION

This contract is governed by Austrian law. Jurisdiction is the factually and locally competent court for the Austrian Federal Economic Chamber, Wiedner Hauptstraße 63, A-1045 Vienna.