

COVID-19 Safety Measures

Note that the set-up of all events and sessions will be in line with the COVID-19 measures in force by the Belgian government at the time of the meeting. The current regulations imposed are:






COVID-19 MEASURES DURING THE ISPA CONFERENCE

General COVID-19 measures:

In Belgium, the coronavirus barometer has been installed to determine the COVID-19 measures. The coronavirus barometer has three phases that reflect the level of pressure on healthcare:

- Code yellow: the epidemiological situation and pressure on hospitals are under control
- Code orange: increasing pressure on healthcare system, intervention needed to reverse this trend
- Code red: high risk of overburdening the healthcare system

As of March 7, CODE YELLOW applies in Belgium which means we can organize the meeting in person with almost no restrictions.

		INDOORS DYNAMIC		
		Guests are standing up, walking around, interacting strongly. Includes standing conferences, events involving dancing, staff parties.		
		CODE YELLOW	CODE ORANGE*	CODE RED*
FACE MASKS		FFP2 advised for medically vulnerable people	Mandatory for staff	
COVID SAFE TICKET		No CST	Mandatory + optional rapid test (RAT)	
AIR QUALITY		CO2 meter, risk assessment & action plan	Target value 900 ppm (40m ³ ventilation) Air purification from 1200 ppm Limit value 1500 ppm (18m ³)**	banned
CROWD MANAGEMENT		/	Mandatory (optional compartmentalisation)	
CAPACITY		No restrictions	Limits are possible 60%-90% occupancy***	

* Consultative committee decides whether code orange – red has to be applied from 100 – 200 participants.
 ** After the limit value is exceeded, capacity must be restricted starting from the next activity, to stay within the limit value.
 *** Deviating from the occupancy capacity and limit is possible if the air quality norm is respected.

Note: hospitality function must follow the hospitality industry rules.

In CODE YELLOW, a Covid-19 certificate is no longer needed to enter the congress venues. Face masks

are only mandatory in healthcare and public transport but no longer in the congress venues and restaurants/bars/shops in the city. A Passenger Locator Form (PLF) is no longer needed within the EU.

Responsibility of our attendees:

In order to organize a safe meeting, both organizers and participants need to assume a **joint responsibility** to follow the safety measures.

TRAVELLING TO LEUVEN, BELGIUM

The Passenger Locator Form (PFL) must be filled in by everyone who, directly or indirectly, travels to Belgium from a country OUTSIDE the European Union or Schengen area that is not on the white list (which you can find [here](#)), by train, bus, boat or plane. The PLF document can be found [here](#)) and must be filled in maximum 48h prior to your arrival in Belgium. In all other cases, you may fill in the PLF, but it is not mandatory.

All participants should adhere to the governmentally issued travel restrictions and guidance issued by the Belgian authorities and the region you are travelling from.

- For all latest **GENERAL INFORMATION** concerning COVID-19 in Belgium, please check: <https://www.info-coronavirus.be/en/>.
- Participants travelling to Brussels from **EU COUNTRIES**: for information on the various measures in place, including quarantine and testing requirements (in various languages), please check: <https://reopen.europa.eu/en/>.
- Participants travelling from **OUTSIDE OF THE EU**: for information regarding travel requirements (e.g. COVID-19 vaccination approval & testing) and visa application, please contact the Belgian embassy or consulate in your country.

Please note that in CODE YELLOW, the PLF is no longer needed within EU.

EU DIGITAL COVID CERTIFICATE

In CODE YELLOW, a Covid-19 certificate is no longer needed to enter the congress venues.

If the meeting will be organized in code orange, all persons entering the congress venues need to present a Covid-19 certificate that certifies the person:

- been vaccinated against COVID-19 (at least 14 and no more than 150 days have passed since the last dose of the primary vaccination series or the person has received a booster dose)
OR
- received a negative PCR test result (no more than 72 hours before travelling or a negative rapid antigen test obtained no more than 24 hours before travelling)
OR
- recovered from COVID-19 (no more than 150 days have passed since the date of the first positive PCR test result)

National health authorities provide information on how to obtain the certificate. Find more information here: https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/coronavirus-response/safe-covid-19-vaccines-europeans/eu-digital-covid-certificate_en

COVID-19 PCR TEST IN BELGIUM

If you need to take a COVID-19 PCR test in Belgium, please find herewith an overview of the test centres:

- PCR-travel or -event testing without CTPC testing in private test centres
 - [Brussels](#) (Brussels Midi railwaystation a.o.): 41 euro
 - [Brussels Airport](#): 67 euro
- PCR-travel or -event testing in public test centres with CTPC (Covid Test Prescription Code): 50 euro
 - step 1: create your CTPC. This can only be done by yourself. Your GP or the test centre can't assist you on this.
 - [non residents or those without electronic access to their online personal health platform](#)
 - step 2: book your [online appointment](#)
 - mark that you have a CTPC, that you request a travel or event test appointment and that you don't have symptoms
 - select a test centre near the conference venue ([Heilig Hart Hospital Leuven](#), Naamsestraat 105, 3000 Leuven), give your CTPC and book your appointment
 - step 3: get tested
 - step 4: receive your test result
 - in your [online personal health platform](#) under "mijn testresultaten*"
 - via your [CTPC](#) and 4 last digits of your mobile number
 - in your [EU COVID Health Certificate](#)