

UPDATE

INTERNET WORLD EXPO 2020 is postponed

Dear exhibitors, partners and friends of INTERNET WORLD EXPO,

On Friday evening at 19:24, we received the decision of the Department of Health and Environment of the City of Munich on the current coronavirus situation, which in our view unfortunately contains conditions that cannot be fulfilled.

Among other things, it states that every exhibitor* must submit a negative test result with a smear test for SARSCoV-2 to the Department of Health and Environment one day before participation in the event, not older than two days at the time of submission. Participation in the event is only possible if the test result is negative.

In addition, every visitor* to the Internet trade fair must prove to the Internet trade fair that he/she did not travel from a risk area defined by the Robert Koch Institute or South Tyrol, that he/she did not stay there in the last 14 days or that he/she had contact with a person suffering from COVID-19. If this is not the case, visitors* must be excluded from the exhibition.

Until Friday we did not receive a negative decision from the City of Munich, which would have spoken against holding the trade fair - not even under conditions. To date, Messe München has not imposed any restrictions whatsoever. After receiving the decision, we as organizers immediately contacted the Department of Health and Environment in order to implement the conditions together. Yesterday, despite the ongoing discussion, it was important for us to inform you at short notice. At the moment we are of course checking the legal situation and possible measures, but we have to assume that in view of the time it will no longer be possible to change the requirements or that the Department for Health and Environment will ban the event completely.

Despite the lively exchange of information and contrary to our expectations, the City of Munich has not promised us any support in implementing the conditions. We are therefore forced to postpone INTERNET WORLD EXPO and are currently checking dates at a later date. We will discuss and find a new date in close coordination with you.

My team and I deeply regret these circumstances. For us, INTERNET WORLD EXPO is a platform for our partners' business. We want to ensure this in the future as well. However, the health of the participants and exhibitors remains our top priority. As the organisers, we are appalled by the late delivery of the notice of condition by the Department of Health and

Environment of the City of Munich. The imposed conditions are neither feasible nor reasonable for us as organizers at such short notice.

At this point, we hope for a clear line and a strong signal from the government, which clearly defines how major events are to be implemented in the future. Merely making recommendations and leaving the responsibility to the respective organizers with short-term, unacceptable conditions is not a solution for us.

I assure you that we will work with all partners concerned in the coming weeks to find an adequate and accommodating solution and to provide communication measures that will ensure successful marketing and sales activities.

Important: Please inform your stand constructors and service providers independently and immediately about the postponement of INTERNET WORLD EXPO.

If you have any questions, please contact the Exhibitor Service Department directly:

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Cordially

Your

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