

General Terms and Conditions (GTC) for Industry Exhibitors

DGBT Congress 2026

1. Scope of Application

These General Terms and Conditions apply to all contracts between DGBT gGmbH (hereinafter referred to as the "Organizer") and industry exhibitors (hereinafter referred to as the "Exhibitor") in connection with the industry exhibition of the DGBT Congress 2026. Deviating terms and conditions of the Exhibitor shall apply only if they have been expressly acknowledged in writing by the Organizer.

2. Registration and Conclusion of Contract

2.1 Registration for participation in the industry exhibition must be submitted in binding form in writing or electronically via the registration form provided on the website ***. By submitting the registration, the Exhibitor submits a binding offer.

2.2 The contract is concluded upon confirmation by the Organizer. For validity, confirmation must be at least in text form.

3. Subject Matter of the Contract, Allocation of Exhibition Space

3.1 The subject matter of the contract is the provision of exhibition space by the Organizer to the Exhibitor.

3.2 Allocation of exhibition booths shall be determined by the Organizer, taking into account spatial conditions as well as thematic, organizational, or other objective considerations. There is no entitlement to a specific location.

3.3 The Organizer reserves the right to make changes to the location, size, or equipment of the exhibition space for organizational or technical reasons, provided such changes are reasonable for the Exhibitor.

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4. Sponsorship Fees and Payment Terms

4.1 The amount of the sponsorship fees is set out in the exhibitor price list attached to these GTC. All prices are exclusive of statutory value-added tax (VAT).

4.2 Invoicing shall take place after confirmation of the registration by the Organizer. Payment is due within 14 days of receipt of the invoice.

4.3 In the event of late payment, the Organizer is entitled to charge default interest and to claim further damages for delay in accordance with statutory provisions.

4.4 If payment is not made when due, the Organizer is entitled to withdraw from the contract without notice. For validity, the Organizer's declaration of withdrawal must be at least in text form.

5. Withdrawal / Cancellation by the Exhibitor

5.1 Withdrawal from the contract by the Exhibitor after conclusion of the contract is generally excluded. In justified exceptional cases, cancellation may be approved by the Organizer. Such approval requires text form to be valid.

5.2 In the event of cancellation by the Exhibitor that has been approved by the Organizer, the following cancellation fees apply:

- up to 10 weeks before the start of the event: 30% of the total costs
- up to 8 weeks before the start of the event: 50% of the total costs
- up to 6 weeks before the start of the event: 75% of the total costs
- less than 6 weeks before the start of the event: 100% of the total costs

5.3 The decisive date for calculating the deadline is the date on which the written cancellation request is received by the Organizer.

6. Exclusion of Ordinary Termination

6.1 The right of the contracting parties to ordinary termination is excluded. The contract may be terminated by either party only for good cause in accordance with statutory provisions (§ 543 German Civil Code – BGB), by extraordinary termination without notice.

6.2 Good cause exists in particular if facts arise which, taking into account all circumstances of the individual case and weighing the interests of both parties, make continuation of the contractual relationship until the agreed end unreasonable for the terminating party.

7. Force Majeure, Cancellation of the Event

7.1 The Organizer is entitled to terminate the contract if good cause exists. Good cause exists in particular if the event is cancelled or can only be carried out with substantial restrictions due to force majeure, official orders, or other reasons beyond the Organizer's control. "Force majeure" includes in particular strikes, lockouts, war, terrorist attacks, natural disasters (e.g. earthquakes, floods), and disruptions due to statutory, regulatory, or other sovereign measures in connection with an epidemic or pandemic in Germany (e.g. COVID-19).

7.2 In such cases, the Exhibitor shall have no claim for damages. Payments already made will be refunded on a pro rata basis after deduction of costs already incurred.

8. Setup, Event Operation, and Dismantling

8.1 The exact times for setup, event operation, and dismantling will be announced by the Organizer in due time and must be strictly observed.

8.2 The booth must be fully set up and staffed at the beginning of the event.

8.3 Dismantling may only take place after the end of the event. Early dismantling is prohibited and may be subject to a contractual penalty.

8.4 Booth construction must comply with the technical regulations of the venue, in particular with regard to fire protection and safety.

8.5 The exhibition space must be returned in the condition in which it was handed over and must be cleaned. Any damage or alterations must be reported and, if necessary, compensated.

9. Advertising and Promotion

9.1 Advertising is permitted only within the rented booth area.

9.2 Acoustic or visual advertising measures must not disturb other exhibitors or participants.

9.3 Distribution of advertising materials outside the booth requires the prior consent of the Organizer.

10. Photo, Film, and Audio Recordings

10.1 The Organizer is entitled to make photo, film, and audio recordings throughout the entire exhibition area for documentation and public relations purposes and to publish such recordings. Any objection by the Exhibitor must be submitted in writing prior to the start of the event.

10.2 The creation of photo, film, and audio recordings on the exhibition grounds by the Exhibitor must not infringe the rights of third parties and is permitted only with the consent of the Organizer.

11. Liability and Insurance

11.1 The Organizer shall be liable only in cases of intent or gross negligence. There shall be no liability for indirect damages, loss of profit, or consequential damages. This limitation of liability also applies to the Organizer's vicarious agents.

11.2 Guarding and supervision of the exhibition booth is the responsibility of the Exhibitor. The Organizer assumes no responsibility in this regard and in particular accepts no liability for damage to or loss of exhibition goods or booth equipment.

11.3 The Exhibitor is obliged to take out adequate public liability and theft insurance for its booth and to provide proof thereof upon request by the Organizer. The Exhibitor shall be liable for all damage caused by itself, its employees, or third parties who enter the event premises at its instigation, to the event premises and its facilities.

12. Compliance with Legal Provisions and Official Requirements

12.1 The Exhibitor undertakes to comply with all applicable statutory and safety regulations as well as the specifications of the Organizer and the local authorities.

12.2 Medical devices or medicinal products may be exhibited only in compliance with applicable legal provisions.

13. Data Protection

13.1 The data provided by the Exhibitor will be processed for the purpose of contract performance and organization of the event.

13.2 Data will be passed on to third parties only insofar as this is necessary for the execution of the event.

13.3 The Organizer's data protection regulations shall apply.

14. Final Provisions

14.1 Amendments or supplements to these GTC must be made in writing.

14.2 Should individual provisions of these GTC be or become invalid, the validity of the remaining provisions shall remain unaffected.

14.3 The law of the Federal Republic of Germany shall apply.

14.4 Place of jurisdiction shall be the registered office of the Organizer, insofar as legally permissible.