

Preparing a thorough trade show checklist is an essential part of succeeding at the event. Print this PDF for a handy checklist to market your business at a trade show cost effectivly.

Entering the exhibition	Deadline	Notes	V
Request Info & Application Materials for Exhibitors.			
Discuss & coordinate the exhibition outline and regulations with all involved company departments.			
Make an overall budget calculation for the event including costs from organizer (participation, air/electricity/water, etc.) handling of exhibts, travel & accomodation, costs for booth staff, Insurances, promotion and most important, design, planning and production of your trade show booth.			
Decide on possible booth size, shape and location.			
Fill out application forms and pay the entry-fee.			
Key aspects of your event concept			
What are your main goals for this event?  • making new contacts  • maintain existing business relations  • image cultivation & representation  • market evaluation / finding target audience  • presentation of new products  • sales  • public relations			
<ul> <li>How do you want to exhibit?</li> <li>focus on demonstration of sample products, innovations, market entry products</li> <li>focus on ambiente and booth environment, creating a relaxed athmosphere for business conversation with catering &amp; lounge, presentation of product mainly through print visuals</li> <li>focus on outstanding design, maximum visibility and contrasting to competitors</li> </ul>			



Handling of exhibits	Deadline	Notes	✓
Number and size of exhibits			
Transport, packing, insurance, customs handling			
Tools for setup and dismantling, onsite repairs			
Request supply of electricity, air, water, oil Consumable materials (anchor bolts, fuses, tec.) Cleaning materials			
Check event safety regulations, test run			
Booth staff			
Appoint a person in charge for the exhibition project			
Detailed staff briefing, if necessary training to improve presentation and promotional skills			
Arrangement of accomodation and flights, travel insurance, working mobile phones			
Narrator for presentation & booth companions decide on a dresscode for consistent appearance			
Translator, foreign events often require translators with specific technical on-topic knowledge			
Make a participation list with replacement staff in case of emergency or sickness			
Bilingual business cards			



Booth equipment	Deadline	Notes	V
Advertising material: flyers, brochures, giveaways, pins, press-release sets, Popup displays,			
Catering & kitchen equipment: easy to clean tableware (cups, plate, forks, picks) napkins, bottle opener, coffee maker, workspace drinks, snacks, regional products from your country catering staff, cleaning material, waste disposal			
Presentation material: production and delivery of visual presentations and movies adjusted to the specifications of the booth's AV equipment, localized			
Booth production			
Study the exhibition manual carefully!			
Request a booth layout / 3D design & a quotation based on these important factors: your budget booth area and surrounding exhibitors/competitors construction regulations, height limitations, etc. size and amount of your exhibits + connections your company's Corporate Idendity guideline venue schedule for setup & take-down signage: logos, fascia, poster prints, etc furniture: meeting area, Info-counter, stools, etc. decoration: plants, light-shows, popup-displays, etc.			
Get approval for the booth design from the organizer and place the order with your booth constructor.			
Fill out all the necessary order forms: Electricity, Water, Anchor bolts, stand cleaning, etc. and submit them before the deadline			



Promotion	Deadline	Notes	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$
Promote your participation in an exhibition on your homepage, through publications in professional journals press releases & conference by sending invitations to your clients and persons of interests			
Evaluation & Postprocessing			
Evaluate your participation according to your target for this event through the: number of visitors to your booth number of serious business conversations made amount of promotion and Info material handed out number of achieved contracts or sales number of new established contacts appearance in press and media performance of your staff overall reception by visitors and your staff			
Postprocess the received business contacts and inquiries and make sure they get attended in time by the right person.			
If you are satisfied with your participation in the current event, you might want to consider participating in next years event.  Early birds usually receive discounts by signing up shortly after.  As the saying goes:			
"After the show is before the show!"  We wish you a successful show!			