

HEALTH PROTOCOL¹

GLOBSEC 2020 Bratislava Forum

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INTRODUCTION

GLOBSEC as an organisation takes the current situation caused by the pandemic of COVID-19 very seriously. Its two flagship events, **GLOBSEC 2020 Bratislava Forum** and GLOBSEC Tatra Summit 2020, have therefore been **correspondingly adapted** and the organisation has taken **significant measures** in the execution of the two events in order to **keep the participants** and all involved members of the team, hotel staff, technicians and other providers **safe and healthy**. This year, we have put most of our efforts into creating an exceptional **hybrid event** (with the emphasis on an excellent virtual experience for those who cannot or prefer not to travel). In addition to the safety measures, we have significantly **decreased the number of in-person participants** to mitigate any potential spread of the disease.

In the Slovak Republic, the rules of a **mandatory use of face masks** indoors and outdoors continue to be among the key preventive measures. Another important rule in combating COVID-19 disease is **thorough hand-washing and adequate social distancing in public areas**. See this [link](#) for an **up-to-date overview of all the applicable measures** adopted in public areas in connection with COVID-19.

The **hygiene and preventive measures** at GLOBSEC 2020 Bratislava Forum applied in connection to COVID-19 are adopted in **continuous consultation with the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic** and the **panel of epidemiologists** advising the Government of the Slovak Republic.

We acknowledge that the epidemiological situation develops constantly, thereby, **the measures outlined in this health protocol are subject to change** according to evaluation of the contemporary situation and ongoing consultations with the official authorities of Slovakia.

PREVENTIVE MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE ORGANIZER PRIOR THE CONFERENCE

1. **NO-SOCIALISING POLICY: A strict no-socialising policy for GLOBSEC staff has been implemented.** For three weeks before the flagship conferences the GLOBSEC organising team has been divided to two groups that are not allowed to be in physical contact with each other until shortly before the event. Any member of GLOBSEC staff participating in a mass social activity is requested to self-isolate and can return to work only after presenting a negative RT-PCR test result on COVID-19.
2. **GLOBSEC STAFF BEING TESTED: All members of the GLOBSEC organising team will have tested on COVID-19** (using RT-PCR tests) **at least two-times** (with the 2nd testing shortly **before the event**) to make sure we are not posing a risk to our guests arriving to the conference.
3. **SUPPLIER STAFF BEING TESTED: All staff of suppliers and providers who might be in direct contact with our conference guests** (including drivers, hotel staff, waiters, technicians, policemen etc.) **will be tested on COVID-19** (using RT-PCR tests) **few days before the conference.**

HEALTH MEASURES APPLIED DURING THE CONFERENCE

1. **SCALED-DOWN EVENT: The number of participants allowed to enter conference venues will be limited and crowd-control measures will be enforced.** For those stakeholders who cannot or prefer not to travel we will have created an exceptional hybrid event, with the emphasis on an excellent virtual experience.

¹ The hygiene and preventive measures at GLOBSEC 2020 Bratislava Forum applied in connection to COVID-19 for the protection of respective participants', staff's and supplier's health are **adopted in continuous consultation with the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic and the panel of epidemiologists** led by the **Chief Hygienist of Slovakia** Mgr. RNDr. MUDr. Ján Mikas, PhD. The measures are subject to changes as a result of these consultations and the development of the situation. A final version of the Health Protocol will be shared with all the participants prior to the event.

This allows us to significantly decrease the number of in-person participants to no more than 250 to mitigate any potential spread of the disease.

2. **ADJUSTED ROOM CAPACITIES:** The capacities of conference rooms will be adjusted according to the guidelines of the Slovak health authorities.
3. **CLEANING AND DISINFECTION OF PREMISES:** Cleaning and disinfection in common areas will be ensured (coffee break premises, restrooms, canteen, door handles, handrails, turnstiles, and other):
 - ✓ Entire conference halls and common premises will be disinfected prior to the start of the conference as well as after each conference day;
 - ✓ Common areas will be disinfected after each coffee break (during panels);
 - ✓ Inventory on the speakers' podium will be disinfected after each panel (during coffee breaks);
 - ✓ Microphones and earpieces will be disinfected after each use; if the microphone has foam, it will be replaced after each use;
 - ✓ The registration desk will be disinfected every 30 minutes.
4. **TEMPERATURE CHECKS:** Temperature checks at the site entrance with a no-contact thermometer or thermo-cameras will be implemented at the security check and in hotel premises (data will not be stored).
5. **PERSONAL HYGIENE PACKAGE:** Each participant will receive a hygiene package upon registration that will include a face mask, a disinfectant gel and paper towels.
6. **HAND-HYGIENE:** Paper towels, soap and hand sanitizers, including a number of disinfection-stands with contactless dispensers will be provided in the premises. An instructive image of how to wash hands properly according to WHO recommendations will be displayed at each restroom.
7. **WEARING OF FACE MASK:** In accordance with the up-to-date regulations in Slovakia, it is required to wear a face mask in all indoor venues of the conference, including corridors, elevators, restaurants, bars (except for the time you are consuming food or drink), all conference rooms as well as while in transport by GLOBSEC cars or buses. Staff working in the conference premises will wear face masks. In addition to that, staff working with meals and staff working at registration will wear disposable gloves.
8. **SHUTTLE SERVICE:** BMW shuttle service cars and shuttle buses used for guest's transportation will be disinfected after each ride. Guests are required to wear a face mask when boarding cars / buses as well as during the whole car / bus ride. When travelling on a shuttle bus, all guests need to disinfect their hands before entering the bus. Guests need to observe the 1,5m social distance when standing in ques to board the bus. Only one person is allowed to sit on a double seat.
9. **EMERGENCY ROOMS:** Rooms in each conference venue will be set aside for COVID-related emergencies and for temporary quarantine purposes.

TESTING OF PARTICIPANTS

To ensure the safest possible environment for all guests and organisers, **a negative test result for COVID-19 will be a requirement to participate in the conference.**

1. TESTING PRIOR ENTERING SLOVAKIA

All guests are **strongly advised to get tested for COVID-19 prior to the conference and only depart to attend after having received a negative result.**

Negative results **from certified RT-PCR test registered in European Union not older than 12 hours** will be accepted.

2. ON-SITE TESTING

For those guests who will not have the option to get tested on their own, thanks to cooperation with our partners from health sector, **GLOBSEC will be happy to provide free on-site testing opportunities using a rapid antigen test** with results available within 15 mins.

Please bear in mind that on-site testing might be connected to additional waiting time to get tested. Therefore, we suggest arriving to the conference venue with a sufficient time reserve. Entry to the conference venue will be possible only upon receiving a negative test result that may take up to 15 mins after being tested.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

1. SYMPTOMS CHECK

- ✓ Before entering the conference venues, all participants must **make sure that they do not have any symptoms of COVID-19**, particularly **fever**.
- ✓ Participants must notify the site nurse/doctor or the assigned contact point if their temperature is over 38°C (100.4°F) or if they experience other Covid-19 symptoms.
- ✓ Registered guests who show symptoms of COVID-19 or have a fever must, depending on their overall condition, call their primary healthcare provider or the emergency services set up by the country's public health authorities. They must inform the organizers without any delay about their health situation and **remain isolated in their hotel rooms / homes**.
- ✓ Any registered guests who has someone with a **confirmed case of COVID-19 or with COVID-19 symptoms in their home must remain self-isolated at home** and inform the organisers without any delay.

2. FREQUENTLY WASH/DISINFECT HANDS

- ✓ Participants must **clean their hands frequently**, using **soap and water** or a **hand sanitizer** that is at least 60% - 95% alcohol by volume.
- ✓ Use soap and water instead of hand sanitizer whenever possible as hand sanitizer is more irritating for skin.
- ✓ Always wash hands before drinking, eating, and smoking.

3. HYGIENIC AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES IN PUBLIC AREAS

- ✓ Please, see [here](#) an overview of all measures adopted in connection to COVID-19 by the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic that are applicable outside of the conference venues.

4. CORONAVIRUS IN SLOVAKIA

See this [link](#) for an up-to-date statistic on the development of the coronavirus pandemic in Slovakia. See this [link](#) for up-to-date list of 'low risk' countries according to the Public Health Authority of the Slovak Republic.

IN CASE OF A POTENTIALLY INFECTED PERSON

1. If a participant feels unwell during the conference, he/she must contact an organizer or directly call the site's emergency number.
2. If you observe a person looking or acting unwell, please contact organizer or the internal first aid service (site emergency number) for help.

1. Any potentially infected zones will be blocked off and identified with warning signs to ensure that no one enters them. The exception is people authorized to do so for cleaning and disinfection purposes.
2. Shared spaces will be evacuated, cleaned, and disinfected.
3. If the person cannot be evacuated immediately, they will be transferred to the temporary isolation room while awaiting a transfer to the hospital. The purpose is to limit the scope of the potentially contaminated area.
4. After the person is evacuated, the isolation room and the restroom will be professionally cleaned and disinfected.