

SAFETY OF OUR GUESTS IS THE UTMOST PRIORITY

GLOBSEC as an organisation continues to take the ongoing pandemic of COVID-19 disease very seriously. **We will not only adhere to all rules and policies requested by the respective Slovak health authorities but will go beyond these official measures.** Our main flagship event, **GLOBSEC 2021 Bratislava Forum**, has been adapted and the **organisation has taken significant measures to keep the guests, partners, members of the organising team, hotel staff and all providers safe and healthy.**

✓ COVID-19 testing of all our guests and staff

Presenting a **negative test result for COVID-19, not older than 48 hours, will be a requirement to participate in the Bratislava Forum.** Please see the applicable details for specific cases below.

➤ GUESTS ARRIVING FROM ABROAD

1. All **guests arriving to the Forum from abroad** are obliged to **get tested for COVID-19 before their departure** and be able to present a negative result from the **certified RT-PCR test** for COVID-19, **not older than 48 hours** prior to entry into Slovakia and the **official invitation** to the GLOBSEC 2021 Bratislava Forum upon entry into the Slovak Republic.
2. After arriving to Slovakia, all guests are obliged to **undergo a RT-PCR test or LAMP test for COVID-19** to terminate a mandatory quarantine. Thanks to cooperation with our partners from the health sector, **GLOBSEC will be happy to provide free on-site testing opportunities shortly before and during the Forum at the venue of the event** (Grand Hotel River Park Bratislava). Please note that RT-PCR PCR Saline Gargle Tests will be available.

➤ GUEST FROM SLOVAKIA

All **guests who stayed on the territory of the Slovak Republic within the 14 days** before the Forum are obliged to get tested for COVID-19 ahead of the Forum and be able to **present a negative result** from the **certified RT-PCR test or LAMP test** for COVID-19, **not older than 48 hours** prior the start of the Forum¹ at the Accreditation Centre. Thanks to cooperation with our partners from the health sector, **GLOBSEC will be happy to provide free on-site testing opportunities shortly before and during the Forum.** Please note that RT-PCR PCR Saline Gargle Tests will be available.

- #### ➤ FREE ON-SITE TESTING SCHEDULE (located at Grand Hotel River Park Bratislava, from the side of Danube River)

On Monday 14 June testing with RT-PCR tests will be available **at the venue** of the Bratislava Forum. Results of this testing will be processed by our partner laboratory in less than 12 hours.

On Tuesday 15, Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 June, during the Forum itself, **testing with LAMP tests** will be available **on site**. Results of this testing will be available within 50 mins.²

➤ GLOBSEC ORGANISERS AND SUPPLIERS

All members of the GLOBSEC organising team have been tested on COVID-19 (using RT-PCR tests) **regularly** (twice a week) since beginning of May to make sure we are not posing a risk to our guests arriving to the Bratislava Forum.

¹ Please note that 48hrs are counted from the time of issuance of the negative test result. The Forum starts at 12:00pm on Tuesday 15 June.

² Please bear in mind that on-site testing during the conference days might require additional waiting time to get tested therefore we suggest arriving to the conference venue with sufficient time reserve. Entry to the conference venue will be possible only upon receiving a negative test result that may take up to 50 mins.

All staff of suppliers and providers who might be in direct contact with our conference guests (including drivers, hotel staff, waiters, technicians) **will be tested on COVID-19** (using RT-PCR tests) **shortly before the Forum**.

✓ **Crowd-control and hygiene measures**

The number of participants allowed to enter conference venues will be limited and crowd-control measures will be enforced. To mitigate any potential spread of disease, the number of in-person participants will be **limited to 500 guests**.

For those stakeholders who cannot or prefer not to travel, we offer a possibility to join the Forum virtually via our exclusive online platform.

Temperature checks will be carried out the site entrance with a no-contact thermometer.

All participants and staff will be **required to wear a face mask in all indoor and outdoor venues** of the Forum.

Participants must **clean their hands frequently**, using soap and water or a hand sanitizer.

All **premises** of the conference will be **regularly disinfected**.

✓ **Close cooperation with the Ministry of Health and the Public Health Authority of Slovakia**

The **hygiene and preventive measures** at GLOBSEC 2021 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.

SELECTED FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I need to present a negative COVID-19 test before entering the Forum?

Yes, in order to participate in the Forum, **you are required to have a negative result from a COVID-19 test (RT-PCR or LAMP test) with a report not older than 48 hours** before the official start of the Forum. You will be tested with a RT-PCR or LAMP test provided by the organisers upon your arrival to the Forum's venue. Please bear in mind that on-site testing might require short-term self-restriction on free movement until receiving the test result. More details on this on-site testing (incl. registration link for a test) will be provided in further communication.

When do I need to get tested?

If you stayed on the territory of the Slovak Republic within the 14 days before the Forum, you should get a RT-PCR or LAMP test, with a report not older than **48 hours before the start of Forum**. If traveling from abroad, you should undergo a RT-PCR test before your departure and another RT-PCR test or LAMP test at the Forum's venue to terminate the quarantine after your arrival in Slovakia.

What tests do you accept?

We accept results of validated **RT-PCR** or **LAMP** tests registered in European Union. The document providing the test result must be in **English, Slovak** or **Czech** and include the date, name of the testing company and laboratory.

What types of tests will the organisers provide at the GLOBSEC on-site testing?

Advanced RT-PCR and LAMP tests on COVID-19 will be available at the GLOBSEC on-site testing prior and during the Forum. The tests are registered by the respective Slovak authorities and have been developed under the leadership of renowned Slovak scientist Dr. Pavol Čekan. The organisers will use **Saline Gargle RT-PCR tests** that are more comfortable to conduct and **do not require a nasal swab** for collecting the sample.

Do you cover the expenses for a COVID-19 test?

No, the **organisers do not cover expenses** for a COVID-19 test taken in your respective country. The organisers, however, will have secured RT-PCR and LAMP tests in Slovakia. All guests will be able to take this test free of charge.

Are there any restrictions of movement in Slovakia?

No, **you are free to move in Slovakia** as long as you uphold mandated safety measures. Please, see the current measures [here](#).

Do I have to wear a face mask?

Yes, you are **required to wear a face mask** in all indoor venues in Slovakia, exterior terraces of restaurants, cafés (except for the time you are consuming food or drink) as well as in public transport. Wearing of face masks is mandatory also outdoors if you are in proximity of less than 5m from other people not from your household. Please, see the current measures [here](#).

Where can I get protective equipment?

You will receive a basic **hygienic & safety package** upon your registration that includes a face mask, disinfection hand gel and paper towels. Should you need additional masks, disinfection, or disposable gloves, please, contact the organisers.

Is attendance of the event safe?

In addition to the following governmental regulations, we have consulted top epidemiologists and experts to create a detailed **Health Protocol** that ensures the highest level of safety during our conferences. We are committed to review our health policy on a regular basis with renowned experts and adjust it if needed.

Are people I will come to contact with at the event tested?

Yes, **all members of organising team, hotel staff, waiters, providers** and all other people in direct contact with the guests **will be tested** with RT-PCR prior to the Forum and will have to have reported negative results before being allowed to take part in the Forum.

Where can I find the Health Protocol for the conference?

Please, find the Health Protocol applied for the conference [here](#).

What if I need to be quarantined in my country of residence, or need to take additional COVID-19 test after arriving from Slovakia?

Unfortunately, we are not able to provide any exceptional treatment in other countries or your places of work, should this be a mandatory measure. We can assure you that we will do the utmost to minimize any potential health threat during the Forum, but we do strongly recommend that the participants are careful during travelling, cover themselves with a face mask, wash their hands and use hands' sanitizer regularly and maintain feasible social distancing.

Should you need to show a test result upon arriving to your country or a place of work, **we are able to provide additional RT-PCR testing** on-site during the duration of the Forum. Please, contact your point of contact should this be required.

About coronavirus in Slovakia

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