



# **Terms and Conditions**

Any enquiries or requests for additional information, modifications and cancellations are to be communicated to MCI's Team by email at espenR@mci-group.com.

The same rule applies to hotel reservations; please do not contact the hotel directly.

# General hotel policy

MCI acts as an agent for accommodation bookings and ESPEN accepts no responsibility for any recommendations given or any transactions made.

Reservations are made on a "first come, first served" basis. In case of room sharing, please send the name(s) of the desired person(s) to share room with to MCI.

Any request to modify or cancel a room reservation must be sent directly to MCI in writing to avoid any misunderstanding.

#### Check-in/Check-out Time:

Hotel check-in time is 15:00. Should you wish to check-in earlier, extra costs may apply.

Check-out time is 11:00. Should you wish to check-out later, extra costs may apply.

In case of any delay/late check-in or cancellation, please inform MCI as soon as possible.

#### Extras:

Potential additional incidentals, such as mini-bar, telephone or additional room-nights are to be settled directly to the hotel by each individual guest when checking out.

Upon check-in, the hotel may charge or block an amount on the credit card to cover this guarantee, and each hotel has its own independent policy.

#### Closure of a hotel:

Should any of the mentioned official offered hotel(s) close between the date the contract was signed and the start of the event, MCI will do its utmost to offer alternative options to the client. If the client confirms such an alternative option, MCI will not be responsible for any differences in rates. Should the client decline the option and book in another hotel outside of MCI's block, pre-payments made by the client for the closing hotel(s) would be reimbursed by MCI.

# Nuitée:

Other accommodation options via our partner Nuitée may be available online and are subject to different terms and conditions. We invite you to take note of these during your online reservation. For any enquiries, you may contact Nuitée customer support by email at vip.support@nuitee.com or by phone (+1 866 338 3099 or +44 330 818 4701).

# Hotel deposit conditions

# **Individual Hotel Deposit Conditions:**

### Estrel Berlin, IntercityHotel Berlin Ostbahnhof, nhow Berlin

For hotel bookings in the above mentioned hotel(s), a deposit payment covering the full stay is required with your reservation. Your booking will be confirmed upon receipt of your hotel deposit. This prepaid deposit will be deducted from your final hotel bill when checking out from the hotel.

For bookings of 2 rooms or more, the full payment is required to confirm your reservation.

### **Groups Hotel Deposit Conditions:**

55 % of the total amount is due to confirm the reservation 45 % of the total amount is due before Friday 27 March 2026 100 % of the total amount is due from Saturday 28 March 2026

### **Hotel Cancellation Conditions**

### **Individual Booking Cancellation Conditions:**

As liquidated damages, cancellation charges are calculated on projected charges (per hotel, per night, subject to all applicable taxes). In the event of total or partial cancellation of unused rooms in the block:

### Nuitée:

Other accommodation options via our Partner Hotelbeds may be available online and are subject to different terms and conditions. We invite you to take note of these during your online reservation.

#### Estrel Berlin, IntercityHotel Berlin Ostbahnhof, nhow Berlin

In the event of accommodation cancellation, group conditions apply.

In the event of early check out, it is up to the hotel's discretion to apply early check out fees.

#### No-Show (Individual bookings):

In case of no-show (if you do not check-in on your confirmed arrival date as per your hotel voucher), the hotel will only keep the number of room nights guaranteed during the booking process. For bookings guaranteed for one night only, the remaining nights will automatically be released to the hotel. The hotel will do its utmost to accommodate you should you arrive at the hotel at a later date. For bookings guaranteed for the full stay, the room will be kept for the number of nights booked.

# **Group Booking Cancellation Conditions:**

As liquidated damages, cancellation charges are calculated on projected charges (per hotel, per night, subject to all applicable taxes). In the event of total or partial cancellation of unused rooms in the block:

#### Example of cancellation fees calculation

Group booking of 100 rooms for 5 nights (100 x 5 = 500 room nights). Room rate is at EUR 100.00- per room per night. Group cancelling 10 rooms for 5 nights.

Cancellation deadline of 30% of the total amount due being non refundable.

Cancellation fees that will be applied will be:  $10 \text{ rooms } \times 5 \text{ nights } \times 30\%$  of EUR 100.00- =  $50 \text{ room nights } \times 30.00$ - (30% of EUR 100.00-) = EUR 1'500.00- Amount to be refunded:  $10 \text{ rooms } \times 5 \text{ nights } \times 70\%$  of EUR 100.00- =  $50 \text{ room nights } \times EUR$  70.00- (70% of EUR 100.00-) = EUR 3'500.00-

### IntercityHotel Berlin Ostbahnhof

From confirmation to Sunday 21 June 2026: 20 % of the total amount due will be retained as administration fees

From Monday 22 June 2026 to Monday 06 July 2026: 55 % of the total amount due is non-refundable

From Tuesday 07 July 2026 to Tuesday 21 July 2026: 80 % of the total amount due is non-refundable

From Wednesday 22 July 2026: 100 % of the total amount due is non-refundable

#### nhow Berlin

From confirmation to Monday 23 March 2026: 20 % of the total amount due will be retained as administration fees

From Tuesday 24 March 2026 to Friday 22 May 2026: 55 % of the total amount due is non-refundable

From Saturday 23 May 2026 to Sunday 21 June 2026: 80 % of the total amount due is non-refundable

From Monday 22 June 2026 to Tuesday 21 July 2026: 95 % of the total amount due is non-refundable

From Wednesday 22 July 2026: 100 % of the total amount due is non-refundable

#### **Estrel Berlin**

From confirmation to Saturday 17 January 2026: 30 % of the total amount due is non-refundable

From Sunday 18 January 2026 to Tuesday 17 March 2026:  $55\,\%$  of the total amount due is non-refundable

From Wednesday 18 March 2026 to Sunday 17 May 2026: 80 % of the total amount due is non-refundable

From Monday 18 May 2026 to Sunday 26 July 2026: 95 % of the total amount due is non-refundable

From Monday 27 July 2026: 100 % of the total amount due is non-refundable

# No-Show (Group bookings):

According to MCI's deposit conditions, the full stay must be paid for all the reservations prior to each guest's arrivals. In case of a no-show, for bookings guaranteed for the full stay, the room will be kept by the hotel. Please note that MCI will not send specific communication regarding the guests who have not checked-in on their confirmed arrival date. Should the group leader wish to receive such information, please contact MCI.

# **General Payment Conditions**

All payments are to be made in Euro. VAT may increase without notice and any such change will be reflected in final rates.

From Thursday 23 July 2026, only payments by credit card will be accepted.

Modifications and/or new registrations made on-site will require immediate payment (by cash or credit card).

An invoice to be settled upon receipt will be issued upon written confirmation. This invoice will act as a contract, and once issued, the above payment and cancellation conditions will apply.

No discount will be provided in case of early settlements.

In accordance with DIRECTIVE 2011/7/EU, late payment interest will be charged in the amount of 8% above the European Central Bank's base reference rate.

# **Methods of Payment:**

Credit card: only Eurocard/MasterCard, Visa and American Express are accepted.

Please note that the merchant name that would appear on your credit card statement would be "MCI Group Satigny CHE".

In some particular cases, payment by credit card may not be possible.

### Bank transfer: please make your payment to:

Beneficiary: MCI Suisse SA, Rue du Pré-Bouvier 9, 1242 Satigny, Switzerland

Bank: UBS SA, Rue des Noirettes 35, 1227 Carouge, Switzerland

IBAN : CH18 0024 0240 3693 9371 L Swift code : UBSWCHZH80A Please indicate the participant's / group's name, identifier and "ESPEN 2026" on ALL payments (for example, ESPEN 2026-I/XX) or G/XX).

All expenses shall be borne by the ordering customer.

Please note that intermediary bank fees may be applied, please verify with your local bank.

Cheques: please note that payments by personal cheques are not accepted.

Refunds will be made in line with the cancellation policy above after the event according to your payment method.

# **Group Data Management**

Upon receipt of your payment, you will receive by e-mail an internet link giving you direct access to your group portal. You will be able to enter names, allocate your reservations, settle open invoices and download documents.

Through this personalised portal, you will be able to enter your participants' details and assign the services you have purchased such as registration and/or hotel bookings.

Names of all participants (registration and/or accommodation) must be submitted and reservations assigned online before Thursday 06 August 2026.

Any modifications and cancellations are to be communicated to MCI's team by email in order to be validated. Please refer to the registration modification and cancellation section above to view the charges relating to these operations.

The Group Leader hereby commits to manage group registrations and/or hotel reservations using the tools provided by the official registration and/or housing bureau. The reservation system's portal will be used to respect relevant registration and, if applicable, accommodation deadlines. Access to this tool will be provided upon full payment of deposits required.

Contact information is to be entered in the system including the full contact details of the participant of the event. No generic agency contact details will be accepted if reservations are handled by a third party or on the behalf of a sponsor.

Reservations for registration and/or housing will then be assigned and updated through the reservation system's portal and managed by the group leader or its internal representative.

MCI, as the Official Registration and/or Housing Bureau will not be responsible for entering contact details nor assigning services on behalf of the entity hereby engaged in this contract.

Should the Group Leader or the entity engaged in the present contract choose not to proceed with the provided online tools, MCI will charge a fee of 18 EUR per participant, to import the participants' detail information under the group or a fee of 27 EUR per participant to import the participants' detail information under the group and assign the corresponding services, provided that the full contact details are supplied.

# Data Privacy

# **Individual Data Privacy Policy:**

For further information on how your data will be used, we invite you to carefully read the Data Protection and Privacy Policy:

https://www.wearemci.com/en/privacy-policy

### **Group Data Privacy Policy:**

The group leader agrees and warrants that:

- a. the personal data has been collected, processed and transferred and will continue to be collected, processed and transferred in accordance with the relevant provisions of the applicable data protection law (and, where applicable, has been notified to the relevant authorities);
- b. the transfer to, and processing by, MCI pursuant to this Agreement is not prohibited by a statutory or contractual duty of confidentiality;
- c. prior to any transfer of personal data, they have informed the data subjects and have complied with any notification and/or registration set forth by the applicable data protection law; in particular, the intended purposes of the collection, processing and transfer of personal data has been communicated to the data subjects;
- d. the data subjects are provided with their right of access, correction, blocking, suppression or deletion of their shared personal data, as available under applicable data protection law;
- e. they have taken and will take all reasonable measures to verify the correctness of the personal data and ensure that incorrect or incomplete personal data will be corrected, completed or destroyed prior to any transfer of such data to MCI;
- f. they will inform MCI of any specific requirement from any data subject or any relevant authority on how personal data should be processed;
- g. they will inform MCI without delay of any request from any data subject or any relevant authority to rectify, update or delete any personal data;
- h. after assessment of the requirements of the applicable data protection law, they will ensure that the security measures are appropriate to protect personal data against accidental or unlawful destruction or accidental loss, alteration, unauthorised disclosure or access, in particular where the processing or transfer involves the transmission of data over a network, and against all other unlawful forms of processing, and that these measures ensure a level of security appropriate to the risks presented by the processing and the nature of the data to be protected in regards to the state of the art and the cost of their implementation;
- i. they will provide MCI, when requested so, with copies of relevant data protection laws or references to them of the country in which the [group leader] is established;
- j. they will respond to enquiries from data subjects and authorities concerning the processing of personal data by MCI;
- k. they will notify MCI within 72 hours of any actual, potential or alleged breach of the provision of this Clause.

The group leader hereby commits with the present Data Protection and Privacy Policy:

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### **General Conditions**

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### Insurance, release and waiver of liability:

It is recommended that participants obtain adequate cover for travel, health and accident insurance before they depart from their countries. ESPEN and MCI as organizers cannot accept responsibility for personal injuries, or loss of, or damage to, private property belonging to the event Congress participants and accompanying persons.

Participants are requested to inform themselves and to abide by local work regulations accordingly.

ESPEN, MCI, Venue and Hotel(s) are not responsible for either the partial or total non-execution of the contract in the event of accident, natural disaster (either threatened or actual), in war, curtailment or interruption of transportation facilities, threats or acts of terrorism, governmental travel or terrorism advisory, strikes, lockout, civil disturbance, the issue of a Travel Warning by the World Health Organization or any other cause beyond the parties' control which prevents the Hotel and /or venue from accommodating the clients of MCI for the event or if for the same reasons the event is cancelled by MCI. The Organizers may at their entire discretion repay the delegate fee or Service Charge paid by the Delegate or Exhibitor, or part thereof, but shall be under no obligation to repay the whole or part of such Delegate fee or Service Charge, and shall be under no liability to the Delegate or Exhibitor in respect of any actions, claims, losses (including consequential losses), costs or expenses whatsoever which may be brought against or suffered or incurred by the Delegate or Exhibitor, as the result of any such event.

#### Force majeure:

ESPEN, the hotel(s) and MCI are not responsible for either the partial or total non-execution of the contract in the event of accident, an act caused by a third party, such as Acts of God including and without limitation, credible threats of natural disaster in the geographic vicinity, war, curtailment or interruption of transportation facilities, threats or acts of terrorism or similar acts, governmental travel advisory, a governmental elevation of the terrorism alert level, civil disturbance, the issue of a Travel Warning by the World Health Organization or any other cause comparable events or disaster beyond the parties' control which prevents the Hotel from accommodating the clients of MCI for the event or if for the same reasons the event is cancelled by MCI.