

HOSTED BUYERS PROGRAMME – HOSTELCO 2026

Terms and Conditions

By participating in Hostelco 2026 Hosted Buyers Programme, you automatically accept the following terms and conditions:

1. Hosted Buyers eligibility:

Hosted Buyers are designated according to the organization's eligibility criteria: professional profile, company economical details (such as purchasing and importing volume), products of interest, geographical area, limit of places and budgetary restrictions. The decision taken by the Organization cannot be appealed.

2. Participation confirmed:

The Hosted Buyer, once it is admitted in the programme, **will have a limited period of time to confirm the participation and all procedures related** (trip, hotel, etc). This period will be communicated as soon as the Organization confirmed the participation. In case the Hosted Buyer exceeds this period, the Organization will be able to dismiss the application, or the Hosted Buyer would pay the remainder relatives to the flight tickets or hotel.

3. Benefits for the Hosted Buyers:

Buyers accepted into the programme will enjoy the following **benefits**:

- Full or partial coverage of travel expenses and/or accommodation costs during the Trade Show.
- Free Hosted Buyer badge giving preferential access to the show every day.
- Permanent access to the Buyers' Lounge: a rest area, bar service, and information.

4. Extra expenses:

Participants will be responsible for any other expenses that the organizers do not agree to cover when acceptance into the programme is confirmed.

5. Flights and hotel booked by participants:

In the event that the Hosted Buyer arranges their flight and/or accommodation independently, rather than through the official travel agency, the organization will not provide any reimbursement for these expenses. *

6. The Hosted Buyer will be **committed** to:

- Visit the show at least two days and check in with the organizers as proof of attendance.
- Attend a minimum number of mandatory meetings, as determined by the travel coverage provided by the organization. The meeting schedule must be arranged prior to the event, exclusively through the “**Alimentaria + Hostelco Matchmaking System**” platform, under the supervision of the organization. Buyers must scan, or allow their badge to be scanned, in accordance with the instructions provided by the Alimentaria + Hostelco Matchmaking System, to confirm their scheduled meetings. If badge scanning is not possible, a signed document from the exhibiting company confirming that the meeting took place may be submitted instead.
- Attend the Welcome Cocktail for Hosted Buyers (date and time to be determined).
- **The use of the platform for promoting or selling one’s own services, or for similar purposes, is strictly prohibited. The organization reserves the right to remove the guest from the platform and to cancel their travel coverage, which will then be charged to the guest.**

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	Mínimum of meetings
1 hotel night	8
2 hotel nights	10
3 hotel nights	12
Flight/train	10

7. **Cancellation and non-compliance by the participant:**

Participants who cancel once their ticket has been issued and/or their hotel reservation made must take responsibility for full payment.

If a participant does not attend the show or fails to fulfil their obligations as a Hosted Buyer, they must reimburse the organizers for travel and/or accommodation expenses.

8. **Flight conditions:**

Flights will only be reserved from major airport and in economy class. Departure and arrival airports must be the same.

9. Use of personal data:

By taking part in the Hosted Buyers Programme, you give your consent for **basic contact information** for your company (name, country, products and website), as well as your name and position, to appear as a participating company/professional on the Hostelco website and/or printed materials for the trade show.

10. Multiple participation:

Participation in the trade show as a Hosted Buyer is **non-transferable**. Should you be forced to cancel your participation in the trade show, another person from the same organisation may take your place. The organisers will make the final decision regarding the person designated as a replacement.

In case of participation of several Hosted Buyers from the same company, the organisation only covers the travel expenses of one representative.

11. Event modification:

The Organiser may postpone, reduce, or extend the duration of the Trade Show as a result of special circumstances or force majeure. Such circumstances will not entitle the Hosted Buyer to cancel its participation or to demand compensation for loss or harm.

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