

## Useful information

### Organisers

Koelnmesse and the Society for the Advancement of the Dental Industry (GFDI), the commercial enterprise of the Association of the German Dental Industry (VDDI)

### Venue

Koelnmesse, Messeplatz 1, 50679 Cologne, Germany for in-person attendance  
The IDSconnect digital platform for virtual participation

### Exhibition opening hours

14-18 March 2023  
Daily from 9:00-18:00 for visitors  
Daily from 8:00-19:00 for exhibitors

### Admission price

Day ticket: €15.00  
Day ticket for students: €7.50  
IDSconnect: Free with registration

### IDSconnect

In tandem with the physical exhibition, the IDSconnect digital platform will offer information on products and system solutions and will enable the streaming of webinars, press conferences, events and one-to-one conversations between company representatives and current/prospective clients.

### Hygiene protocols

COVID-19 restrictions for trade fairs and events in North Rhine-Westphalia have been

lifted completely and visitors are not required to wear face masks on the fairgrounds or in the halls. IDS organisers nonetheless encourage the basic hygiene protocols of regular hand washing, sneezing into one's elbow, avoiding physical contact and using the provided hand disinfection facilities.

### Visa requirements

Schengen regulations mean EU nationals do not require a visa to enter the Federal Republic of Germany. Additionally, passport holders of other nations may enter the country without a visa for business and travel purposes and remain for up to 90 days. All other foreign nationals must hold a valid visa to visit the country. Visit the website of the Federal Foreign Office for the most current information. Since the German Federal Government classifies trade fair exhibitors and visitors as "business travellers with an important reason", there are no longer any formal, fundamental obstacles to participating in a trade fair in Germany.

### Getting to Cologne

Travellers from around Europe and further afield can get to Cologne by air, rail or car. Cologne Bonn Airport is served by most European and international airlines and is located just outside of the city. Düsseldorf Airport is 65 km from Koelnmesse and the European aviation hub of Frankfurt Airport is located around 180 km from

the showground. Travellers arriving by air can take advantage of special prices being offered by the Lufthansa Group airlines and those travelling by rail can make use of discounted fares offered by the German train service Deutsche Bahn. See the IDS website for comprehensive travel information.

### Getting to and from the show

IDS 2023 ticket holders can use public transport within both the Rhein-Sieg and the Rhein-Ruhr transport areas free of charge. The Koelnmesse grounds are well connected to the city's transport network. Suburban (S-Bahn) Lines 6, 11, 12 and 19 depart from the Köln Messe/Deutz train station (opposite the south entrance) and reach Cologne main station (Köln Hauptbahnhof) in just a few minutes. Underground Lines 1 and 9 stop at the Bahnhof Deutz station (3 minutes' walk from the south entrance), and 3 and 4 stop at the Koelnmesse station (east entrance). Taxi ranks can be found at all four main entrances and those wishing to walk back to the central city can use the Hohenzollern Bridge.

### Barrier-free trade fair

The North, East and West entrances to the trade fair have box offices and cloakrooms on the ground floor and lifts to the exhibition halls. Entrance South can be reached via an outside lift via Gate F. Visitors with

disabilities or restricted mobility can borrow manual or electric wheelchairs from the Medical Centre North (Hall 7) and Medical Centre East (Hall 11.1) in exchange for a refundable deposit. Disabled toilet facilities are located at all entrances and throughout the halls.

### Internet

Wi-Fi is available free of charge via the WLAN network #hotspot.koelnmesse after registering on the portal site.

### Money

Germany uses the euro as legal tender and the exchange rates as at 9 February 2023 were €0.93 to US\$1, €1.12 to £1 and €0.0070 to ¥1. Contactless payment will be accepted throughout the venue.

### Places of worship

Muslim prayer rooms are located in Congress Centre East (third floor, Room 6) and in Hall 8 (Room 8.2.05).

### Important numbers

Police: 110  
Fire and ambulance: 112  
Medical Centre, Hall 7: +49 221 821-3517  
Medical Centre, Hall 11.1: +49 221 821-2608

IDS visitor hotline: +49 180 6773577  
Security Office North: +49 221 821-2551/-2552  
Security Office East: +49 221 821-2549/-2550

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