CLEANTECHFORUMEUROPE

LIVE IN EDINBURGH 30-31 March 2022

Our FAQ's

This document has been prepared to provide, all in one place, answers to some of the key questions our guests might have – on Covid entry requirements, on how to get here, where to stay, what to wear, on the Forum dinner, and our top tips on preparing (before setting off).

What is your Covid-19 policy?

To be able to pick up your badge at Cleantech Forum Europe, Live in Edinburgh at the EICC, **you will need to:**

provide proof of a complete Covid-19 vaccination. This can be in a digital or paper format. The EU Digital Covid Certificate, the NHS Covid Pass and other national certifications will be accepted.

AND

test negative on an "**on-arrival" rapid antigen (lateral flow) test.**

Plus, please note that unlike in England, **within Scotland a face covering (face mask) currently remains a legal requirement when you are within the**

conference centre (other than when eating or drinking or if you have a medical exemption). If you have a medical exemption, we kindly request you wear an exemption lanyard/wristband or similar to highlight to our team members you have an exemption. This will prevent you being repeatedly reminded to put a mask on.

Why so?

Yes, the on arrival test is a bit of hassle and more than government guidelines require now.

However, Cleantech Group wishes to be as responsible a host of an international conference as it can be, as we try to build back confidence in such gatherings during 2022.

With this cautious approach, we are keeping each other safe, are encouraging that last 20% of people to come, and enabling you all to network on the most current information any of us could have.

Where can I get a "fit to fly" test for my trip home?

If you need a certificated Covid test (for your trip home, for example) we recommend booking it through Randox who have an outlet in the city centre (10-15 minutes' walk from the conference venue) and at Edinburgh airport.

Where is the conference taking place?

At the Edinburgh International Conference Centre, The Exchange, 150 Morrison St, Edinburgh EH3 8EE. Enter through the Strathblane entrance.

When to get there?

The Forum's activities begin with an informal opening reception, 5.30-7.00pm on Tuesday 29 March.

The formal conference program runs from 9am on March 30 to 4pm on March 31.

How to get there?

The EICC, the conference venue, is less than a 10-minute walk from Haymarket station. It is 20 minutes' walk from Waverley Station (Edinburgh's main railway station)

The significance of Haymarket for travellers flying to Edinburgh is that this is where trams run to/from the airport (they go every 15 minutes and the journey is approx. 25 minutes).

Anyone travelling to Edinburgh by train (via a route up the eastern side of the UK) may find that they can get off at Haymarket before it goes onto Waverley.

What to wear?

Up to you. Business casual will be the norm.

Where to stay?

There are so many places to stay in Edinburgh that we have not chosen an official Forum hotel. That said, near to the EICC and so near to Haymarket are a number of hotels.

Here are some, at different budget levels, all within 7 minutes' walk from the venue, that we recommend you consider for their comfort and convenience.

5-star: Sheraton Grand Hotel & Spa, Waldorf Astoria

4-star: Apex City Hotel, Hilton By Doubletree, Leonardo Royal Haymarket, Mercure Edinburgh Haymarket, Moxy Edinburgh Fountainbridge, Voco Edinburgh Haymarket

3-star: Point A

What to know about the Forum dinner on March 30?

On Wednesday March 30 we host a dinner (for max. 200) at the National Museum of Scotland, for all Forum guests who opted in through their Forum registration form.

The museum is at Chambers St, Edinburgh EH1 1JF, approximately 15 minutes' walk from the EICC.

Doors will open at 1830 for a reception and a look at the Kingdom of the Scots part of the museum. Dinner will be served from 1930.

Enter through the entrance (see photo) in a tower (on the corner of Chambers St/George IV Bridge), not the main entrance further down Chambers St.

Lastly, what else would be useful to know/think about in preparation?

Given we are testing everyone when they arrive at our event for the first time with a 15-minute rapid test, **factor that into your arrival time** (and we ask for your patience).

Even better, **try and avoid the busiest times** (like 08.30-09.00 on March 30)

We will be open for testing on site at the EICC:

16.30-19.00 – Tuesday 29 March

08.00-17.00 – Wednesday 30 March

08.30-16.00 – Thursday 31 March

To minimize the risk of testing positive on arrival and not being able to attend the conference, **we highly recommend that you self-test before you start your trip to Edinburgh.** If you have a positive test result, we respectfully ask that you do not travel.

We will use an event app called Swapcard, that will provide you all the most useful and up to date information, as well as notifications during the event (as needed) – plus it is how you will be able to connect with other attendees for potential meetings

Make sure you have downloaded before you arrive; we will give access from a week before and leave it open for use for a week after (to make more connections and to download presentations from the event, for example).

Connect with forums@cleantech.com if any trouble. Or you have questions on anything else.

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