

COVID-19 Hygiene Concept
for in-person attendees of the conference
**“Refugees: Integration, Harmonisation, Solidarity, Hospitality or what? Philosophies,
Policies and Practices in Turkey and Germany”**
taking place at the
Point Hotel Barbaros in Istanbul, Turkey on Friday, 26 November 2021

Background

After a period of lockdown and curfews throughout 2020 and 2021, COVID-19 case numbers decreased in Turkey. Following the decrease and an accelerated vaccination process, the Government of Turkey announced easing of COVID-19 restrictions as part of the normalization process. However, it must be understood that despite normalization and vaccination, it is still possible to be infected with and spread COVID-19. The contagiousness of the Delta variant must also be understood.

Hygiene Concept

General Rules for Participation

- All participants accept that there is a general risk of physical attendance.
- Participants with COVID-19 related symptoms or those that have been in contact with a positive case 14 days prior to the departure date, must not participate and inform the organizer that they will not attend
- Participants must be vaccinated/recovered/PCR tested
- Additionally, a negative COVID-19 rapid antigen test result must be taken on the morning of the conference on 26th November. Tests will be provided by the organisers. Participants who arrive at the hotel on 25th November will be given a test. Those who do not require accommodation and will be conducting their tests on the morning of the 26th November are advised to arrive at 8.30am to ensure enough time for the testing and result before the beginning of the conference.
- Only negative tested participants will be allowed to attend the conference in person
- If participants feel unwell upon arrival they must stay in their room and contact the organiser
- Hygiene materials and masks will be provided in the conference rooms
- Wearing of a mask in indoor spaces is recommended
- Please discard your used masks in a designated bin for that purpose.
- It is recommended to have your own small dispenser of disinfectant spray/gel with you at hand
- Participants must always adhere to the 1.5 m social distance

Choice of Hotel

- The Point Hotel Barbaros has a tourism-approved certificate issued by the Government of Turkey
- The hotel has a COVID-19 focal point
- The conference rooms will provide 6 square meters of space per individual

Contact

- For any COVID-19-related concerns, participants may contact Esme Bayar at esme.bayar@giz.de