

Meet Cambridge

Event Planners' Toolkit

PCO/DCO Checklist (page 1 of 4)

Some of the services commonly provided by professional conference organisers are listed below. Use our checklist to help you decide which services you might need. Having a clear idea of your requirements will help you when you start to contact PCOs/DCOs to obtain quotations.

Service	Required
Budget and Finance:	
Formulating a preliminary budget	<input type="checkbox"/>
Managing income & expenditure, bank reconciliation and production of final event account	<input type="checkbox"/>
Handling, and advising on, VAT issues	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delegate invoicing and receipt of registration fees	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sponsor and exhibitor invoicing and receipt of payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Debt management	<input type="checkbox"/>
Negotiating prices and contracts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attendees:	
Number of attendees – in person	<input type="checkbox"/>
Number of attendees – virtual	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total number of attendees	<input type="checkbox"/>
Event Logistics and Liaison with Venues/Suppliers:	
Overall coordination of event production	<input type="checkbox"/>
Attendance at organising committee and venue meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>
Audio visual and telecomms equipment hire and installation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staging and set design/decor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Virtual / Hybrid platform and app design/management	<input type="checkbox"/>
Live streaming	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pre-recorded video content	<input type="checkbox"/>
Post event session recordings	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signage	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Service	Required
Translation/simultaneous interpretation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Catering – assistance with menu selection/appointment of caterers	<input type="checkbox"/>
In venue catering	<input type="checkbox"/>
Virtual catering package (by post)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social programmes and entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accompanying persons' tours and excursions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pre- and post-event tours	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transport/shuttle bus service	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delegate "meet and greet" at airport/station	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exhibition and Sponsorship:	
In person or virtual exhibition	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify and secure potential exhibitors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Manage and sell the trade exhibition or supervise a subcontractor	<input type="checkbox"/>
Develop and implement an exhibition marketing plan	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify and secure potential sponsors	<input type="checkbox"/>
Draw up sponsorship packages for sale or contra deals	<input type="checkbox"/>
Manage sponsor requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marketing and PR:	
Design of event brand and logo	<input type="checkbox"/>
Design and production of programmes, brochures and related materials	<input type="checkbox"/>
Devise communications strategy for pre-event marketing	<input type="checkbox"/>
PR and media coordination and liaison with press	<input type="checkbox"/>
Design and production of promotional accessories (bags, pens etc)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Website development and maintenance	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Scientific / Working Programme:	
Event theme ideas	<input type="checkbox"/>
Speaker management and registration	<input type="checkbox"/>
Managing the call for papers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Processing of abstracts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arranging poster sessions	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identifying and securing keynote speakers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical briefings for speakers on virtual/hybrid delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Production of event proceedings	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meeting room management – staffing of physical/virtual breakout rooms	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delegate Registration:	
Provision of secretariat prior to event	<input type="checkbox"/>
Event phone line	<input type="checkbox"/>
Event e-mail address	<input type="checkbox"/>
Receipt and acknowledgement of registrations and payments and general enquiries	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coordinating delegate travel	<input type="checkbox"/>
Provision of regular delegate reports prior to event	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preparation of delegate badges	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preparation and printing of delegate list	<input type="checkbox"/>

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General Administration:	
On-site management during event	<input type="checkbox"/>
Online management during event	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recruitment and briefing of staff for attendance during the event	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delegate questionnaire/feedback and analysis	<input type="checkbox"/>
Post-event evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arrange insurance cover	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arrange security cover	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other Requirements:	
List anything we haven't covered here!	
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If you are planning an event talk please do contact us to tell us your ideas. We have a wealth of contacts and resources to help you save time and money!

