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# GITEX EUROPE 2026

**Visa guide for  
exhibitors and  
visitors**



## Welcome to Berlin, the economical and cultural of Europe



We look forward to welcoming you to GITEX Europe 2026 - the largest tech & startup event in Europe.

All exhibitors and visitors who who need to apply for a visa before travelling to Germany for the event should follow the steps below.

If you have any questions when completing your event registration and visa application, please contact your sales account manager or our team at:



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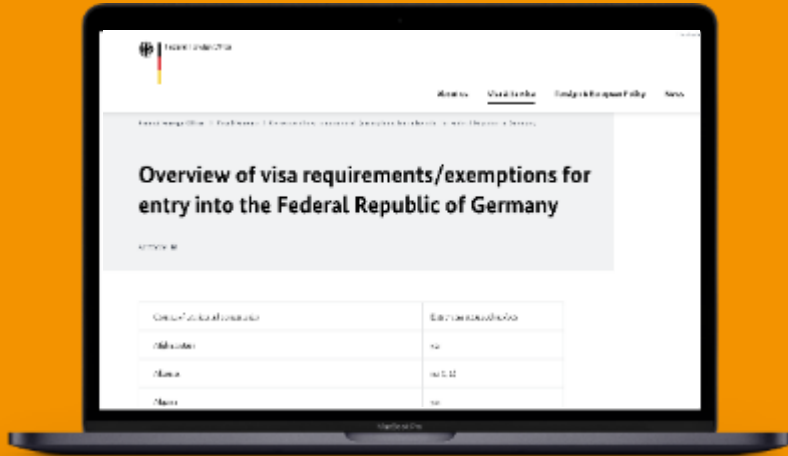




**Do I require a visa?**



## General rules for short stays



Most nationals require a **Schengen visa** (category C) for short stays (up to 90 days).

Check here if you require a visa to enter Germany:

[www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service/-/231148](http://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service/-/231148)

Based on your citizenship/nationality, this website will advise whether:

- You need a visa, and how to apply for it
- You don't require a visa



## No short stay visa required for...

...Nationals of EU/EEA countries

...Non-EU-nationals, holding of a valid residence permit for the EU country they live in

... Non-EU-nationals, holding a valid Schengen visa for another EU country  
(this only applies, if the main part of the visit is in the country which issued the visa)

...Nationals of certain countries **do not need a visa** for a stay of no more than 90 days.  
You can obtain an overview of the countries with no visa obligation on the website of  
the [German Federal Foreign Office](#)



## Need a visa: Next steps

1. Check out the official website of the German missions abroad in the country you are currently living. Find all embassies here:

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/ReiseUndSicherheit/deutsche-auslandsvertretungen/03-webseitenav>

2. Usually, each mission's homepage follows a similar structure:

Services

└───▶ Visa (Services)

└───▶ Schengen Visa

3. Read all information carefully!
4. Go for an appointment as soon as possible!
5. Prepare your visa application with a complete set of documents!



## Requirements for a C-/Schengen Visa

1. Application for a Schengen Visa ([German/English form here](#))
2. Valid passport (at least 6 months)
3. Sufficient health insurance
4. Proof of flight reservations, travel reservations, or travel planning
5. Proof of accommodation: Hotel booking / hotel reservation
6. For **visitors**: Trade fair ticket or online registration
7. For **exhibitors**:
  - a. Exhibitor pass
  - b. Invoice for stand fees paid
  - c. List of trade fair participants (if the exhibiting company can be recognized on it), or a letter from the exhibiting company in conjunction with a letter from the trade fair organizer or the respective foreign representatives





# Finally

The following visa requirements must be positively determined by the German embassy or diplomatic mission for each individual visa applicant:

1. Plausibility and traceability of the journey's purpose in Germany
2. Financing living and travel expenses from own assets or income
3. The visa holder's willingness to leave the Schengen area before the visa expires
4. Presentation of travel health insurance valid for the entire Schengen area and for the entire duration of the stay with a minimum cover of 30,000 Euros

More information: <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/en/visa-service/-/215870>

