

Customized Group Website (CGW) Best Practices & New Standards



















Formerly called **Event Tool**, it has changed its name to

CUSTOMIZED GROUP WEBSITE (CGW)



WHAT IS IT?

It is a customized website for call-in groups and events for attendees to make their individual reservations online

MAIN OBJECTIVE

To simplify the reservation process and provide customers with an easy-to-book online solution

APPLICABLE TO

Any call-in group/event that requires attendees to make/pay the reservation on their own

CUSTOMIZED GROUP WEBSITE (CGW) is a sales added value that teams can offer during the assessment call or during any client interaction for groups & events that do not require a rooming list as booking method.



WHY CGW?

Simplify the reservation process for planners serving customers better & faster

WHO OFFERS IT?

All sales teams should offer it:

Account Handlers
GEMs
Remote Sales
Hotel Organizers

WHO CREATES THE CGW?

Depending on the BU right now is at GEM level or at hotel level

There are key users per BU to support the team (see contacts in last slide)



Time Saving



Preview event details.

Book & pay easily for rooms.

Consult local information

Refresh & Update



Update participants latest event information.

24/7



24 hours a day.7 days a week.

Map & Contact



Participants know where to go, Who to contact for support.

Tailored



Personalize event page. Meet specific need.

All in One



Simple scroll down to see all info in one page.

Brand Awareness

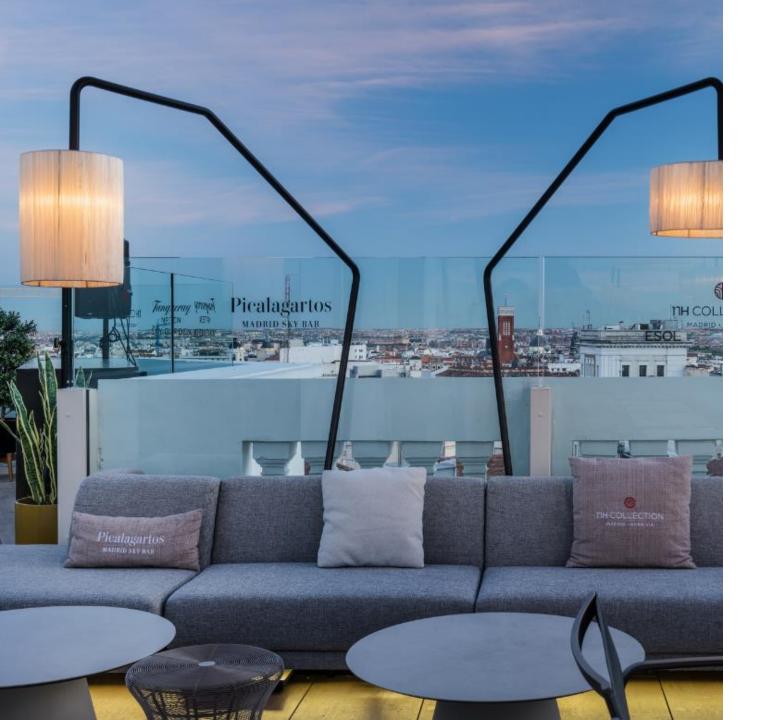


Promote client's brand.
Showcase event.

Mobile Friendly



Access event detail anywhere with mobile.



BEST PRACTICES TO AVOID BLOCKING THE Customized Group Website



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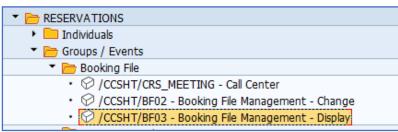


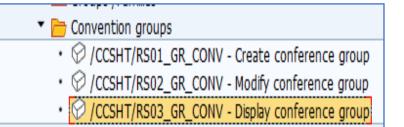


HOW TO ACCESS THE BOOKING FILE WITHOUT BLOCKING THE CGW

If you just need to check any information in the group /BF without making any changes, please use the "Display Mode", so CGW will not be blocked.

However if a user gets into a Convention Group or Booking file via "Modify" option, the group will be blocked and therefore no reservations will be processed until the user exits the transaction.







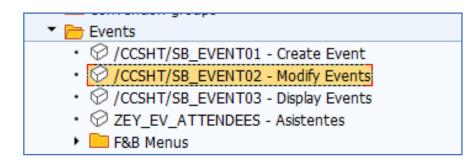
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HOW TO MAKE CHANGES IN THE EVENT RESERVATION WITHOUT BLOCKING THE CGW

If you need to modify the event booking (for example, you need to add menus to your meeting rooms, modify DDR....) enter through the **Event Reservation**, to avoid blocking the Convention Group or the Booking file otherwise clients will not be able to book through CGW.





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DO NOT CHANGE MANUALLY THE STATUS OF A REJECTED RESERVATION AS IT CHANGES AUTOMATICALLY; OTHERWISE CGW WILL GENERATE ERRORS

When a client is in the process of booking via CGW, a reservation with CONFIRMED status is automatically created in TMS as a "pre-booking" (this is a general NH web behavior).

If after **30 minutes** the client does not finish the process, the status of this uncompleted reservation will change to REJECTED and **the room** will **AUTOMATICALLY go back to the event allotment.**

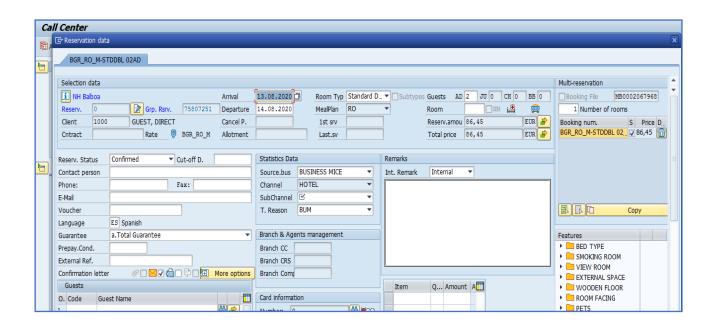
REMEMBER: NEVER change manually the status of a rejected reservation as that would create a mismatching number of rooms in your pending block. Also bear in mind that the information data sent to Duetto would be affected too.

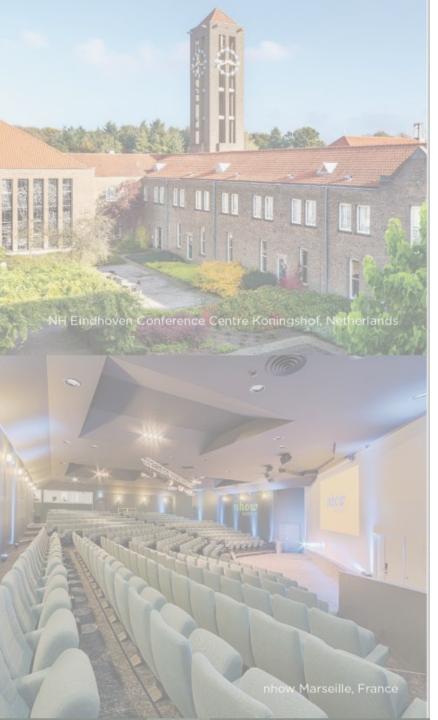


IF THE CRO HAS THE RESERVATION DATA OPEN, THE CONVENTION GROUP WILL BE BLOCKED AND THEREFORE NO RESERVATIONS WILL BE PROCESSED THROUGH CGW.

When CRO USERS are creating a congress delegate reservation via /CCSHT/CRS - Call Center the convention group and the booking file linked to the CGW are automatically blocked for the user. Therefore the CGW will not be bookable for any other guest until the reservation process is finished by the CRO user.

For this reason CRO number should never be included in any CGW.





CGW Best Practices





MANUAL CONGRESS DELEGATE FORMS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED BY CRO

CRO will no longer accept manual Congress-delegate Forms.

Please use Customized Group Website instead for any call-in group or event.

Only under exceptional/justified cases may be approved & authorized to be used.

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RESERVATION FORM

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NEW COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL FOR CGW WITH SPECIFIC CHARACTERISTICS (PART I)

In order to avoid any situation with CGW that could compromise the customer booking experience, the following protocol should be followed **by all users** in charge of creating the CGW. This protocol will allow us to anticipate any potential issue that may arise and prepare/act accordingly:

30 days prior to publishing a CGW with specific characteristic (see below)

The user in charge of the CGW must inform all key teams involved (see contact page 13).

WHO SENDS THE EMAIL The user in charge of creating CGW

FOR WHAT TYPE OF CGW
Specific Characteristics

Any group/event with more than 200 rooms and/or any group/event with more than 7 days length of stay or more than 5 hotels and/or any group/event with very high volume of demand concentrated in a specific time/date.

WHO TO INFORM The email informing about the event should be sent to:

Sofia Fuster(B2B digital Sales HQ) at s.fuster@nh-hotels.com





NEW COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL FOR CGW WITH SPECIFIC CHARACTERISTICS (PART II)

EMAIL TO INCLUDE The email should include the following information:

- Name of the event and dates
- Specific URL (if ready) and the date to go public
- Hotels involved and main contact of the CGW
- Number of rooms on pick night and total room nights contracted
- Total Revenue estimated and room revenue contracted
- Accounts involved and if it is a recurring or a new event
- Demand expected: staggered reservations or is demand expected to hit on a specific moment in time/date?

WHEN & HOW The user will inform by email to all teams involved 30 days prior to making the URL public



BEST PRACTICES FOR THE ADMINISTRATOR/ ORGANIZER TOOL



THE URL NAME NEEDS TO BE SHORT AND SPECIFIC FOR THE EVENT

Please make sure that the URL name is **short, clear and very specific** for the attendees that book. Do not include any signs like marks, stress, "ñ" or underscores as they are not web friendly.



THE EVENT NAME LINKED TO THE URL CANNOT BE CHANGED

If a user changes the event name, the URL will change automatically and if the URL has been published the customers will not be able to book.

If you ever need to change the name of the event, please open a JIRA and request to redirect the former URL to the new URL name so customers can continue booking.







NEW CRO CONTACT EMAIL

- 1. CRO NUMBERS will no longer be included in any CGW.
- 2. CRO has activated a new generic email specific for CGW as the only way of contact with CRO. the generic email for individual reservations can no longer be used. The new email substituting congress@nh-hotels.com is:

events@nh-hotels.com



3. The web chat will still be available on the CGW for customer online support

Organizer's name	Website	Telephone	Email *
			reservas@nh-hotels.com

CGW Administrator Web

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WEBSITE FIELD ALWAYS EMPTY

 NH web or hotel website cannot be included at any time in CGW as it takes the attendees away from the allotment for which the CGW was created for.



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RECAP OF HOW TO COMPLETE THE CONTACT DETAILS FIELDS

CGW for one centralized or decentralized hotel

Organizer's name: if applicable, it will include the name of the organizer

or it will include the name of the hotel if there is not specific name given.

Website field: Always empty

Telephone: It will include the generic hotel number. Do not include the CRO number.

Email (mandatory) If applicable, and if there is an organizer, it will include the email of the organizer

or if not, the generic new email from CRO: events@nh-hotels.com. Do not use any other CRO email.

CGW Multi-property (including or not decentralized hotels)

Organizer's name: It will include the text *NH Hotels* if there is not an specific name agreed.

Website field: Always empty

Telephone: Do not include the CRO number. If no number was agreed, include the telephones of the hotels as part of

the "description text" and complete this field with the following text: See numbers in the description

Email (mandatory) Include the email of the organizer if agreed, or include the generic CRO email events@nh-hotels.com

Contact Details			
Organizer's name	Website	Telephone	Email *



FILL OUT THE MLOS/MAX ROOMS IN TMS

Always complete the "Minimum length of stay" and "Maximum rooms to book per reservation" in TMS, not in the administrator CGW tool, to avoid any potential issues. So please leave it as it comes by default from TMS.

Reservation name	Location			
Start date 04/06/2020 ~	End date 15/06/2020 ~	Cut-off date 05/05/2020 ~	Min. length of stay	Max. Rooms to book (per reservation)
Fields marked with (*) are ma	andatory			



TEXT UNDER DESCRIPTION

The texts under DESCRIPTION must be brief and should be used as a welcome note to the customers who are joining the event thanking them for booking their rooms.

Please include the following sentence besides the standard ones provided by Marketing.

To modify, cancel or request additional dates out of the event days please see contact details.





TEST THE CGW BEFORE YOU SEND THE URL TO THE CLIENT

- ✓ Test the Event Page (URL) & make a Test Reservation according to the manual:
 - ✓ Confirm Rate & Price displayed, as well as T&Cs (Step 1 & 2)
 - ✓ Confirm Reservation
 - ✓ Confirm ALL information in the Confirmation Email is correct
 - ✓ Confirm that the Room is correctly discounted in TMS
 - √ Cancel Reservation
 - ✓ Review the room has come back to the Convention Group Availability
 - ✓ Send the URL to the client → ONLY if the test is successful



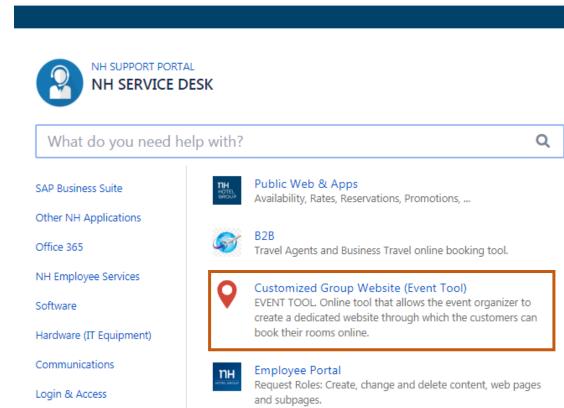
IF CGW DOES NOT WORK VERIFY THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ Make sure "Public" TMS4C is ticked
- ✓ Verify Dates information is correct
- ✓ Inform CUT-OFF date
- ✓ Tick Retrieve changes
- ✓ Ensure Rooming is allowed
- ✓ Make sure there is not a receptive client in the event (SAP-CRM). If there is, ERASE it
- ✓ Don't edit the event in TMS while somebody else is doing it → The tool won't work
- ✓ Ensure Cancellation Conditions are correct.
- ✓ Check Guarantee Conditions
- ✓ Ensure the restrictions of the event are correct under the conditions tab, and click both conditions of Don't Verify Sales Close (conditions and overbooking)
- ✓ Make sure Availability in Room Numbers & Guests by Room is correct
- ✓ Check Commissions
- ✓ Generate the Event according to the Manual





IF you have any questions or/and incidence please open a jira in this category and include all the information: mb number, url, screenshoots...



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Online Employee Reservations

Reservation portal with exclusive rates for you and your family &



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