

## MY EVENT SPACE MANUAL

(former Customized Group Website)

















## **My Event Space manual**

#### What is My Event Space?

It is an online tool that allows the event organizer to create a dedicated website through which the customers can book their rooms online.

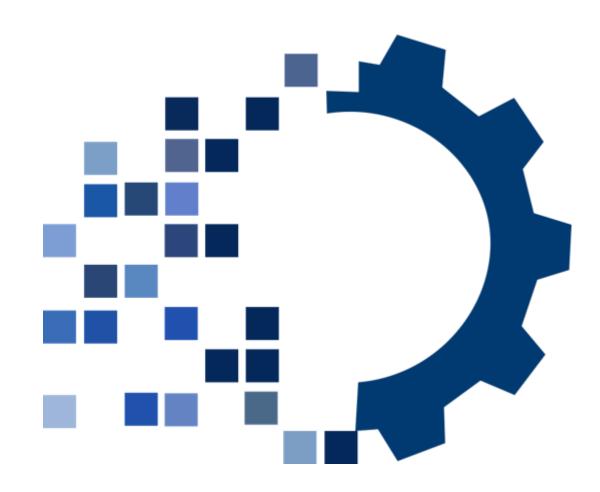
It can be used for any kind of events, both business (meetings, trainings, congresses, etc.) and leisure (weddings, family events, etc.)

The events must be previously created in TMS for Meetings.

The bookings are made with special rates (BGR/LGR) that are exclusive for the event participants.

#### Who are the users of My Event Space?

- Hotel staff (General Managers, Commercial Team, Front-Office, etc.)
- Group Sales Offices (GSO)
- Event Managers



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#### 1. How to create an Event

Creating an event only requires two easy actions in two different environments.



The process is closed by the customer, who can book their exclusive rate online in a secure environment, available 24/7.

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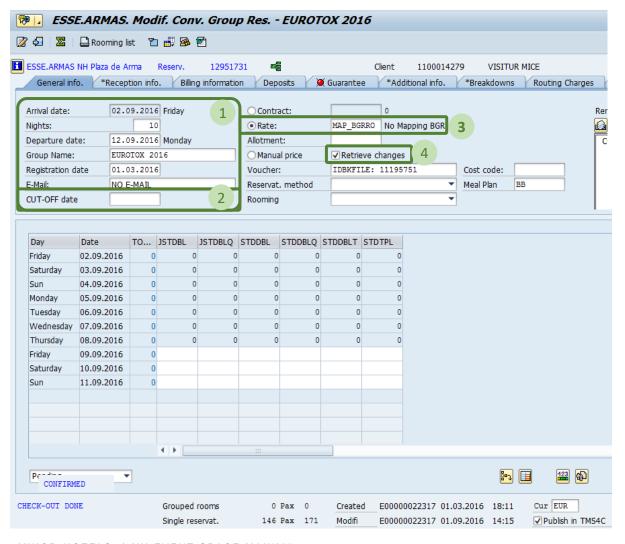
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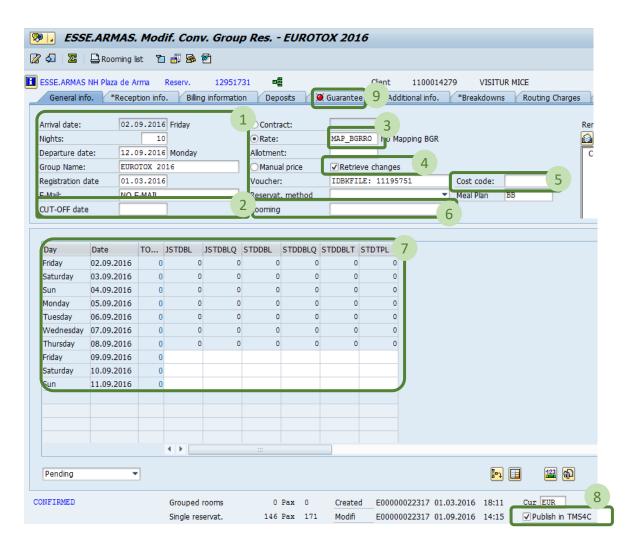


Event information must be ALWAYS changed in TMS. CUT-OFF date. Rates. ALWAYS ticked!! Cost code. Rooming Allowed. Grid of rooms. ALWAYS ticked!! Check guarantee conditions. Check that the discount is always set as "Commission" and not as "Deduction". Check the conditions (restrictions) of the event are set properly (min & max length of stay per date). Save the convention group in TMS and accept to create a Booking File!

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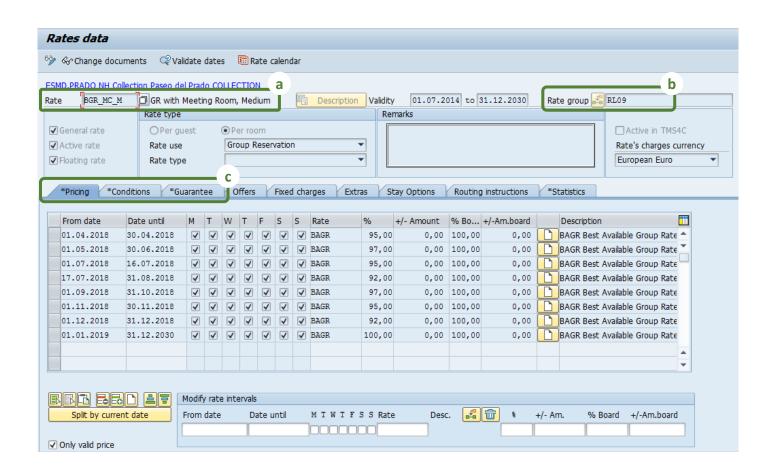
- Event information must be ALWAYS changed in TMS
  - Dates and rate of the event are associated to the convention group, NOT to the booking file.
  - If you change the name of the group, the link won't work.
- 2 CUT-OFF date
  - Do not forget to inform the cut-off date.
  - This information is on the web and customer must know until they can book with this special rate.
- 3 Rates

Please see next slide.

- 4 ALWAYS ticked!!
  - \* Otherwise, every time a user goes to the web page but does not finish the reservation process, a room will be deducted from the event's allotment and will go over the general allotment.

## 1.1. Check configuration in TMS Required information: Tips about Rate





By clicking twice over the rate, you can get the next information.

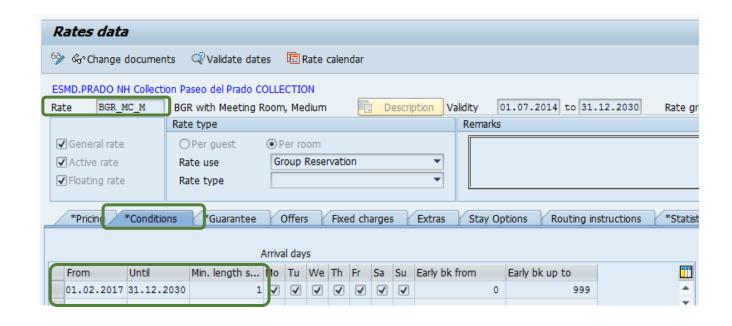
a Name and description of the rate

b Rate group of the rate

c Pricing, conditions and guarantee

If you need any modification or have any question about the rate, you must consult your Revenue Manager.

### 1.1. Check configuration in TMS Required information: Conditions in a rate



c Pricing, **CONDITIONS** and guarantee

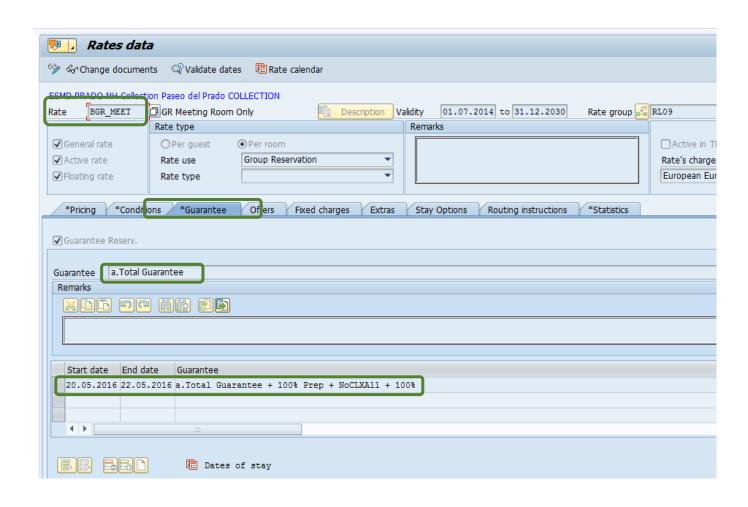
The rate may have some condition informed.

In this example there is a condition:

- Minimum stay of one night.
- From 2017 until 2030.
- If customer books 999 days before arriving.

## 1.1. Check configuration in TMS Required information: Guarantee of the rate



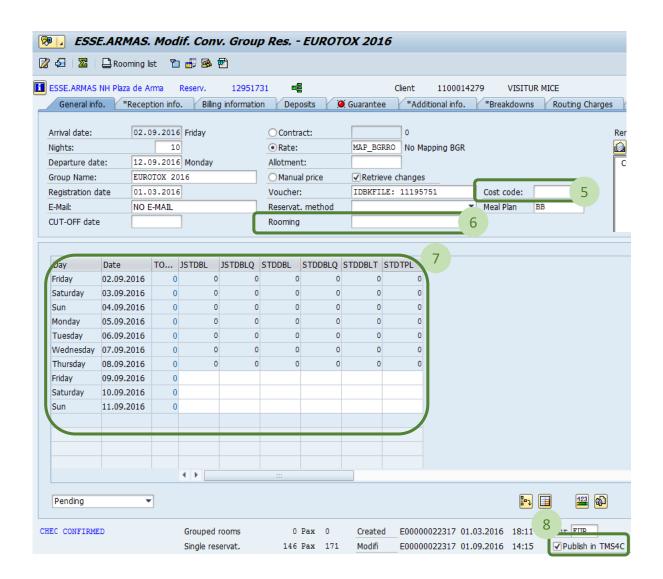


Pricing, conditions and GUARANTEE

This rate has "total guarantee" by default, but we can see that there is a condition of prepayment in a period.

If you need any modification or have any question about the rate you must consult your Revenue Manager.

## 1.1. Check configuration in TMS Required information



5 Cost Code

See next slides, there are different options to choose.

Rooming Allowed

7 Grid of rooms

Configure the allotment using the room types, do not use the room subtypes to avoid issues with allotment management.

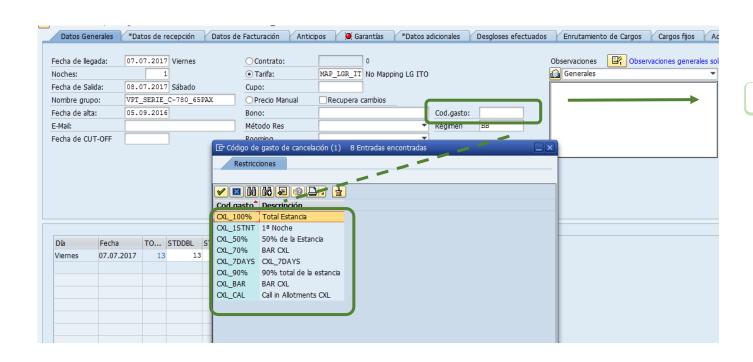
Use the same configuration of number of pax. everyday of the event.

Rejected rooms are added as the total of breakdown.

8 ALWAYS ticked!!

### 1.1. Check configuration in TMS Required information: Cancellation conditions





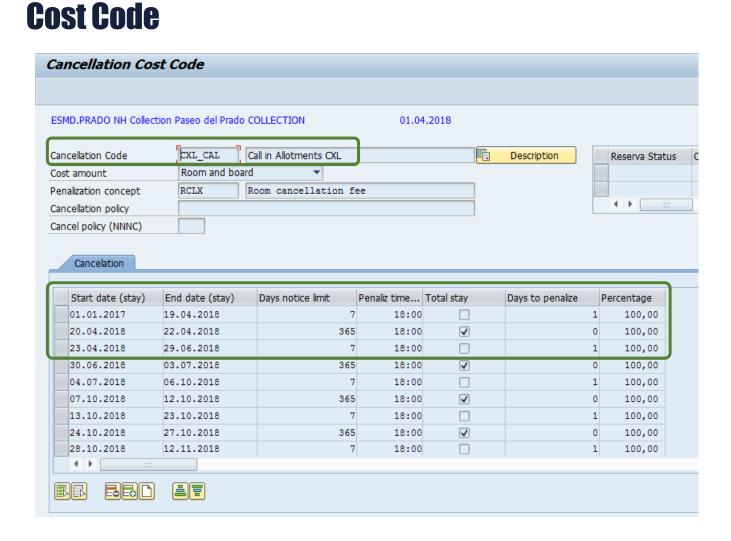
- Cost Code (Check cancellation conditions)
  - There are different options to define the cost of canceling the reservation.
  - It depends on the Business Unit.
  - This cost code must be deleted if the MB is lost to avoid generated Cancellation Cost by mistake.

#### Please always review:

- 1. Guarantee and conditions to ensure that the reservation confirmation letter has the correct information.
- 2. Cost code to be sure if cancellation cost must be generated

## 1.1. Check configuration in TMS Required information: Tips about Cancellation



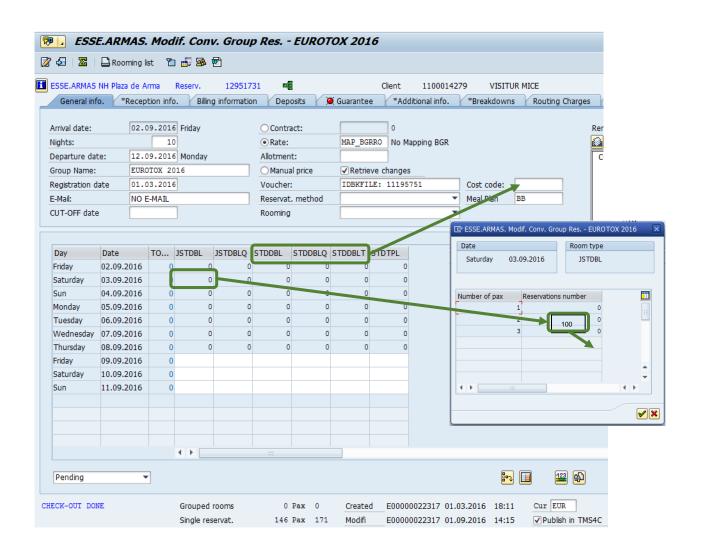


- 5 Check guarantee conditions
  - There are different options to define the type of guarantee and the period.
  - Please don't use guarantee starting by "a.".

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## 1.1. Check configuration in TMS Required information: Room types

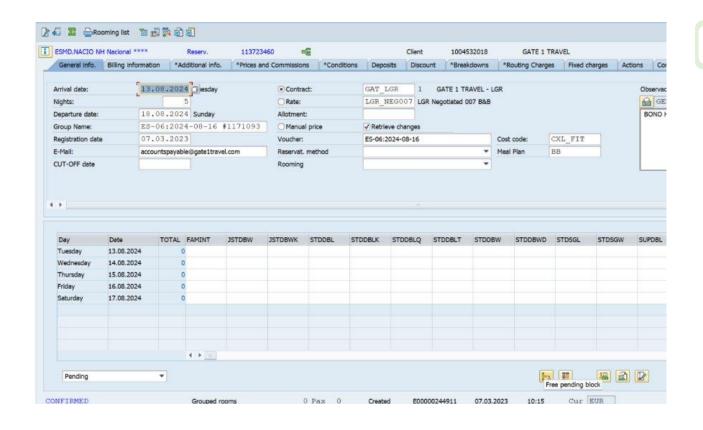




- Configure the allotment using the room types, do not use the room subtypes to avoid issues with allotment management.
  - \* Guest will have the possibility to select the bed preference during the booking process, but as in all other web reservation bed type cannot be automatically guaranteed.
- Use the same configuration of number of pax. everyday of the event.
  - \* The reservations number can be different for different days, but always associated to the same number of pax.
  - \* Example: if you configure this selection:
  - Day 1: 50 double single and 10 doubles
  - Day 2: 40 double single and 10 doubles

It would not be possible to book 41 single rooms

## 1.1. Check configuration in TMS Required information: Room types



**7.3** Delete the remaining and not booked allotment after cut off date.

TMS doesn't release the reaming rooms after cut off date automatically.

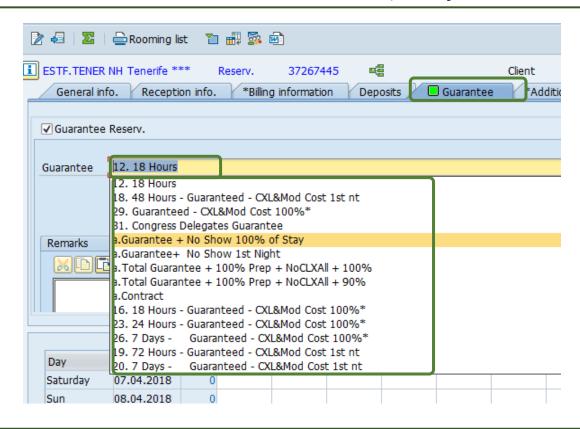
Remember to do it to return these rooms to the general availability of the hotel.

Click on this icon to release all the rooms massively.

## 1.1. Check configuration in TMS Required information: Guarantee conditions



We must review/modify the "Guarantee" tab also in the convention group.



9 Cost Code (Check cancellation conditions)

There are different options to choose.

By double clicking on the cost code, you can see this information.

\*In this example there are different penalties depending on the date.

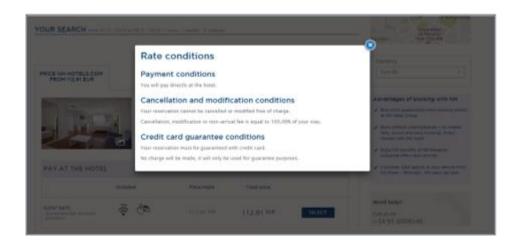
Please always review guarantee and conditions to ensure that the reservation confirmation letter has the correct information.

# 1.1. Check configuration in TMS Required information: Conditions and guarantee

As a summary of the definition of conditions, here are a couple of examples of how to select the conditions:

- 1. Event with payment at the hotel, mandatory credit card guarantee and a 100% penalty for cancellations:
  - Cost code = CXL\_100%
  - Guarantee = Credit Card

    The customer will see a discrepancy in the confirmation letter. Please keep this in mind before sharing the URL.



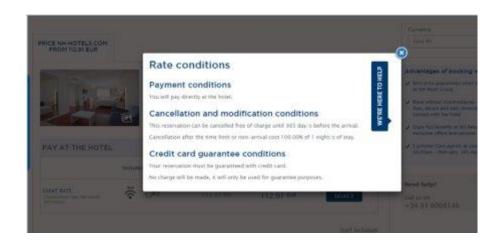
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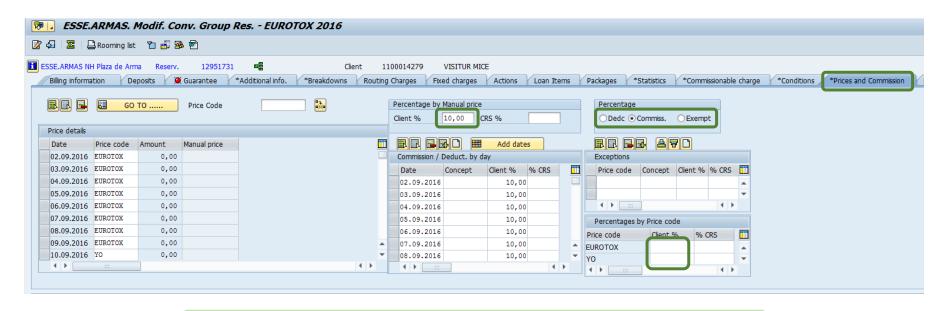
As a summary of the definition of conditions, here are a couple of examples of how to select the conditions:

- 2. Event with payment at the hotel, mandatory credit card guarantee and 1 night of penalty for cancellations:
  - Cost code = CXL\_1STNT
  - Guarantee = Credit Card

    The customer will see a discrepancy in the confirmation letter. Please keep this in mind before sharing the URL.



Check configuration in TMS Required information – Conditions and guarantee

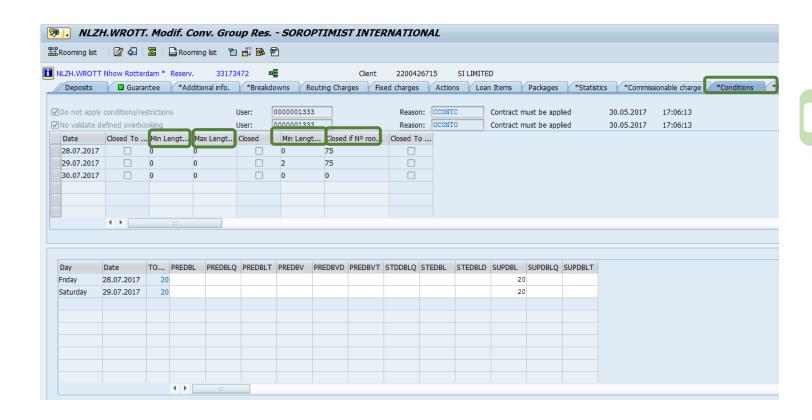


- 10 Check that the discount is always set as "Commission" and not as "Deduction"
  - \* If an event is created with direct payment and deduction, this deduction would be applied to the customer during the booking.

In case you have doubts, please review these documents:

- Commissions in MICE Reservations
- General MICE Reservation Management Process

## 1.1. Check configuration in TMS Required information: Conditions (restrictions)

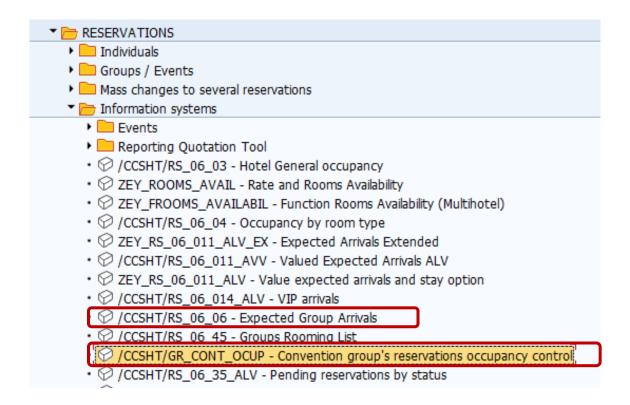


Check the conditions (restrictions) of the event are set properly (min & max length of stay per date).

Please, for now we need to check both flags (overbooking and restrictions) when the reservation is in tentative and confirmed status.

There are two transactions to see how many rooms are pending breakdown:

- 1. /CCSHT/RS\_06\_06: Expected group arrivals
- 2. /CCSHT/GR\_CONT\_OCUP: Convention group's reservations



## 1.1. Check configuration in TMS Required information: Close the event

If you have followed all the steps mentioned in the previous pages, you only need to do one more thing to get the event ready and create the booking page:

Save the convention group in TMS and accept to create a Booking File!

If a TMS user is modifying a convention group in the booking file (MB), the web (Event Tool) will not provide availability. It is very important not to block the reservation. This comment is valid both for the creation of a new event and for the modification of an existing event.

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## 1.II. Create event booking page in My Event Space

To help you create an event on the web, there is another manual uploaded to the Intranet.

All training materials, best practices, and the updated user manual are available in our Digital Knowledge Workplace. You'll find them under the My Event Space (MES) topic in the Key Documents Center:

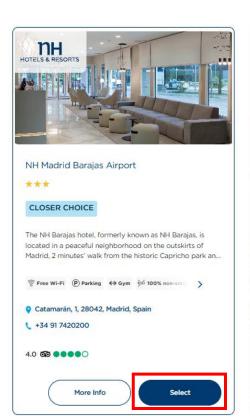
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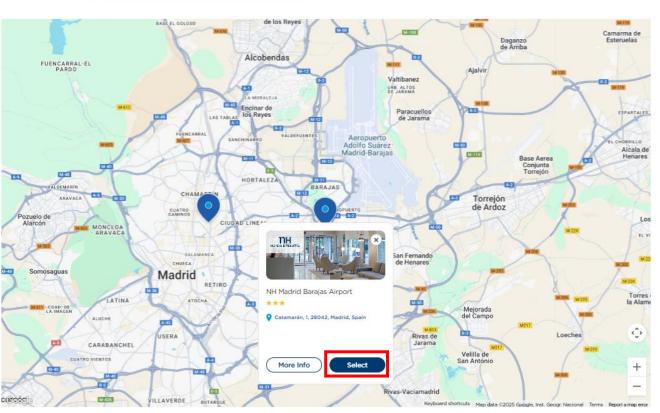


#### 2.III. How to book a room online?

On the event website, a map is displayed with the hotel or hotels with availability. To access the reservation process, click Select.

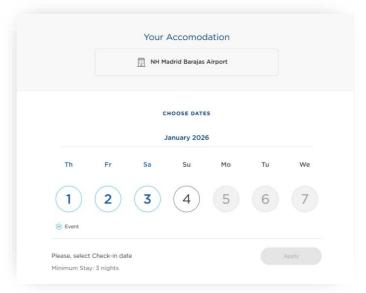


Book your stay
Explore the event location/s and the nearby hotels

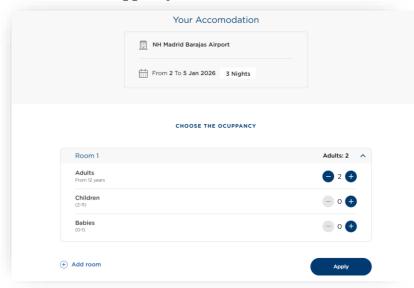


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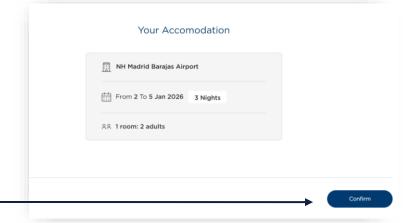
1. Choose dates



2. Choose the ocuppancy



3. When you have selected your reservation details, click on *Confirm* 



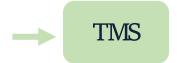
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## **1.IV. How to manage an event**

If During all the time that the event is open, you can manage it. How to do it? It depends...

> Do you want to manage inventory or main information of the event?



Remember to save and close the event in TMS after modifying it and wait 20 minutes before checking availability on the booking tool. See section 2.I. of this manual.

Do you want to change content?



Changes are applied automatically. See section 2.II. of this manual.

You can change almost anything, but be careful with the following:

• TMS creates a "pre-booking" every time a customer is connected to the booking website. If the customer finally does not book, the reservation will be changed to the status "Rejected" after 30 minutes (this happens for all the bookings made in NH web, not only for events). The room will go back to the event allotment.

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#### 2. Event COMPULSORY Checklist

#### 1. Before sending the URL to the client check the following points:

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.

#### 2. Event COMPULSORY Checklist

- 2. <u>If Event Tool is not working test the following points:</u>
  - ✓ Make sure "Public" TMS4C is ticked.
  - ✓ Verify Dates information is correct.
  - ✓ 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.
  - ✓ Generate the Event according to the Manual.
- 3. If you cannot complete ANY of the steps above  $\rightarrow$  Open a JIRA.
- 4. There is a "Best practice & new standars " procedure. We strongly recommend you review it by clicking this link.

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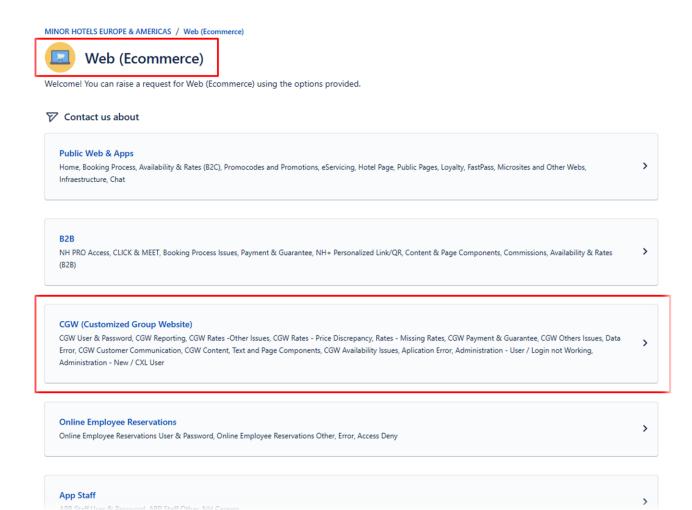


## 3. How to report an issue in JIRA



Please open a <u>JIRA</u> in this category and include all the information:

- MB number
- URL of the event
- Screenshots with the issue



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#### 4. Feedback is welcome!

Still have questions? We are more than happy to help!

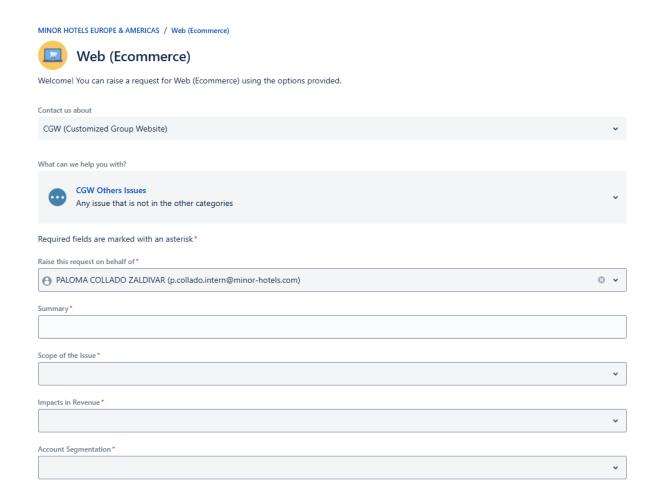
Do you have comments and would like to include them in the next update of the manual? Thanks for your help!

Open a JIRA & select category "Others" and we will come back to you as soon as possible.

If you have a technical issue with the Event Tool, you can report it using the Service Desk:

Web (Ecommerce)  $\rightarrow$  CGW (Customized Group Website)  $\rightarrow$  CGW Others Issues

Open a JIRA



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## 4. Inform about big events



#### COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL FOR MY EVENT SPACE (PART I

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

30 days prior to publishing a My Event Space with specific characteristic (see below)
The user in charge of the My Event Space must inform all key teams involved (see contact page 13).

WHO SENDS THE EMAIL	The user in charge of creating My Event Space
FOR WHAT TYPE OF MY EVENT SPACE 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	<ul> <li>The email informing about the event should be sent to:</li> <li>Sofia Fuster de Unzueta (B2B digital Sales HQ) at s.fuster@minor-hotels.com</li> <li>Claudia Reina Vargas (B2B digital Sales HQ) at c.reina@minor-hotels.com</li> </ul>

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## 4. Inform about big events



## COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL FOR MY EVENT SPACE (PART II)

EMAIL TO INCLUDE	<ul> <li>Name of the event and dates</li> <li>Specific URL (if ready) and the date to go public</li> <li>Hotels involved and main contact of the My Event Space</li> <li>Number of rooms on pick night and total room nights contracted</li> <li>Total Revenue estimated and room revenue contracted</li> <li>Accounts involved and if it is a recurring or a new event</li> <li>Demand expected: staggered reservations or is demand expected to hit on a specific moment in time/date?</li> </ul>
WHEN & HOW	The user will inform by email to all teams involved 30 days prior to making the URL public

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## **Key Users My Event Space By BU (the way to contact must be the JIRA)**



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