



MESSE BERLIN

GUIDE

TO ENERGY-SAVING

MEASURES AT MESSE BERLIN

FAQ CONCERNING THE LEGAL SITUATION

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THE SITUATION



Everybody can do their bit!

From 1 September 2022 to 15 April 2023 new energy-saving measures apply in Germany. These are aimed at helping to significantly reduce energy consumption in Germany. The measures also assist implementation of the European Union's energy-saving plans. In the face of current gas supply shortages, the countries of the EU have committed to reducing their gas consumption by at least 15 per cent from August 2022.

Everybody can do their bit! – taking that as its slogan, the federal government is calling upon everyone in society to save energy. As a corporate citizen, Messe Berlin has also committed to this basic principle and supports the energy-saving efforts with energy management action focused on efficiency. The scope of its action is determined by the legally applicable guidelines, the potential for savings within the system and Messe Berlin's aspirations to successfully host events on the exhibition grounds that live up to the high expectations of our visitors from around the world.

Therefore our appeal to everybody is: support us in this matter that is important for society and please understand the requirement for hall temperatures that may be lower than those you are used to. The current energy supply shortages – triggered by the war in Ukraine – demand a high degree of solidarity from us all.

LEGAL BASIS



The following regulations form the legal basis for action by Messe Berlin:

- [Federal government regulation on securing energy supplies through measures implemented in the short term](#)
- [Regulation on securing energy supplies through measures implemented in the medium term](#)

RULES AT A GLANCE



The main rules at a glance

Information concerning construction and dismantling periods

Please note that our halls will not be heated during construction and dismantling periods, as with open gates and doors the energy this consumes cannot be accounted for.

No hot water in sanitary facilities

Because of the energy-saving regulations the hot water supply in Messe Berlin sanitary facilities is turned off. Messe Berlin assures that no microbial contamination can occur. This is ensured by a comprehensive drinking water concept and regular water tests which are carried out prior to events.

Limited illumination of advertising hoards, buildings and monuments

It is legally prohibited to illuminate advertising installations between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. on the following day. Messe Berlin has decided to entirely dispense with illuminating all outwardly visible advertising installations. Be it the company logo or advertising banners, this applies to all outwardly visible illuminated advertising installations on the Berlin Exhibition Grounds. The company logo, the illumination of the logo on Hall 19, the CityCube and hub27 will remain switched off at all times. The illumination of advertising installations on behalf of customers is carried out from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. in accordance with statutory regulations. Illumination of building monuments is prohibited, insofar as it is not necessary for traffic safety reasons or for averting other forms of danger. For Messe Berlin that means the Radio Tower may not currently be illuminated outside of the restaurant's opening times.

Office area heating to a maximum of 19 °C

As Messe Berlin and the Berlin Exhibition Grounds belong to the public sector, the rules stipulated by law for regulating public non-residential buildings also apply to offices on the exhibition grounds. Office areas on the Berlin Exhibition Grounds may be heated to a maximum of 19 °C. Communal areas such as corridors which are not permanently frequented may no longer be heated.

Maximum temperatures during events in our halls and buildings

The current regulations do not at present stipulate maximum temperatures for halls used for commercial purposes. However, both the federal government and the Land of Berlin appeal to companies to take their own steps to help save energy. Messe Berlin has pledged support for these energy-saving measures. The following targets therefore apply regarding the inside temperatures of halls during events and corresponding heating periods.

- For conferences and examinations: 21 °C
- For trade fairs and similar events: 20 °C

In the case of conferences and examinations higher temperatures are specified due to the participants' mainly sedentary activity, which is more demanding in respect of the temperature at which they feel at ease. The figures refer to the heating system's temperature output. In the event of favourable weather conditions, hall temperatures may exceed the figures specified.

FAQ



Are fan heaters allowed on the exhibition grounds?

No, Messe Berlin's technical guidelines prohibit the use of gas-operated fan heaters. In particular, this is for technical safety reasons due to a higher fire risk. In addition, electric fan heaters (air curtain systems for example) are also extremely wasteful. Their use would run counter to the energy saving intentions of the regulations and must be avoided.

What happens if it is too cold in the rooms at an event?

Check first whether all doors and gates are closed. The way in which temperatures are individually perceived can be deceptive. If the temperature remains too low over an extended period of time, please approach your contact at Messe Berlin or the Messe Berlin service staff on the grounds. This will ensure your enquiry is dealt with rapidly.

What happens if I would like the hall temperature to be higher for my event?

Messe Berlin has committed to supporting the energy-saving efforts required of society in general. Thus, Messe Berlin has attempted to find an acceptable compromise between the need to save energy and the demands placed on a successful event. In the case of conferences and examinations 21 °C is the highest temperature that applies in the hall. In the case of trade fairs and similar events a temperature of 20 °C applies.

Can I have the hall temperature raised if I pay more?

No, that is not possible. Messe Berlin feels committed to making its own contribution to the energy-saving efforts required of society in general and making energy consumption as efficient as possible by its own judgment. In the case of conferences and examinations, where due to sedentary activity extra warmth is required, we provide a room temperature of 21 °C. At trade fairs and similar events we provide 20 °C.

What do I do if the participants or visitors feel too cold?

Messe Berlin recommends to if possible inform visitors beforehand of the room temperature adjustments at Messe Berlin. In heated rooms and halls, the temperature is 21 °C for conferences and examinations, and 20 °C for trade fairs and similar events. That way, attendees can be made aware of the relevant temperatures beforehand.

Why is the Radio Tower illumination and neon advertising switched off?

Illuminating monuments is prohibited. Illuminated advertising hoardings and neon advertising must be switched off at certain hours. Messe Berlin has decided to keep all outwardly visible neon advertising (such as our trade fair logo) and advertising hoardings switched off at all times.

What temperatures apply in the first-aid room at events?

Medical facilities (including the first-aid room) are heated to 21 °C.