

# **EAFS 2025 Terms & Conditions**

### **DELEGATE REGISTRATIONS**

### **TERMS OF BOOKING – Conference Registration**

- The term Organisers as listed below includes the European Academy of Forensic Science Conference, Forensic Science Ireland and Keynote PCO.
- Registrations are confirmed only on full completion of the online registration form and receipt of payment.
- No booking will be confirmed until payment is received in full.
- Bookings or changes will not be accepted by telephone. Cancellations and/or changes must be sent in writing to the registration desk at <a href="mailto:registration@eafs2025.org">registration@eafs2025.org</a>.
- There is no refund for non-attendance.
- A name change on a paid registration will be accepted up to 7 days prior to the conference, after that date a charge of €25 will apply.
- Payment by invoice/bank transfer will incur a €25 non-refundable administration charge.
- For any group bookings by invoice/bank transfer all registrations for a group must be made under the main contact and one invoice can be issued for all bookings at that time costing €25 administration charge per group.
- There is no administration charge for payment by MasterCard or VISA.
- All fees/rates are quoted in Euro €, all bank transfer fees/charges are the responsibility of the participant.
- All refunds requested prior to 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 are subject to cancellation terms listed below and subject to a €50 processing fee.
- All refunds requested from 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025 are subject to cancellation terms listed below and subject to a €25 processing fee.
- There are no refunds given after the 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025.
- The Organisers reserve the right to alter any of the programme or other arrangements for this conference; including cancellation or postponement of the event should unforeseen circumstances require it. The Organisers accept no responsibility for resulting costs or inconvenience to participants in this case.
- The Organisers will not be held liable for any loss or damage of personal items of attendees or injury caused at any venue used in connection with the conference.
- Children/Minors must be accompanied by an adult/guardian at all times, who accepts full liability for this
  child/minor. The conference and all social events and activities have not been planned for children/minors to
  attend and must be flagged to the conference office prior to making any booking arrangements. You may be
  refused entry should prior notice not be provided. <u>Please note the EAFS Conference Celebration Event is an over
  18s event only.</u>
- Fáilte Ireland's MICE Supports Fund for the conference is used to assist in marketing to increase the number of international delegates travelling into the Republic of Ireland specifically to attend EAFS 2025. In accordance with the EU's GDPR, Fáilte Ireland requires that the conference inform all attending delegates in advance that the following data: name, country of origin, will be shared with the National Tourism Development Authority (Fáilte Ireland) as funder of the event. This data is only shared for verifying attendance at the event, as required under Section 8 of the National Tourism Development Authority Act, 2003. This data will be retained for a maximum of 12 months by Fáilte Ireland or until the completion of the external audit relating to that year whichever is the later. Thereafter, the details will be destroyed in a secure manner. Therefore, delegates are officially advised that post event you may be emailed a survey by the conference office to complete, your assistance in validating your attendance would be appreciated. Click here for Fáilte Ireland's privacy policy.
- Registration for this conference gives consent for the organisers to share your information with ENFSI (European Network of Forensic Science Institutes) for promotion regarding future EAFS conferences only.



- By registering for a workshop, delegates give their consent for their name, organisation, country and email
  address to be provided to the nominated workshops organiser. Workshop organisers may contact delegates with
  relevant information on their specific workshop. Workshop organisers will be advised that details cannot be
  shared to additional third parties without the attendees informed consent.
- Force Majeure: The Organisers shall not be deemed to be in breach of this registration agreement or otherwise
  liable to the delegate for any failure or delay in performing its obligations under this agreement as a result of an
  event or series of connected events outside the reasonable control of the Organisers (including, without
  limitation, acts of God, floods, lightning, storm, fire, explosion, war, military operations, acts or threats of
  terrorism, strike action, lock-outs or other industrial action or a pandemic, epidemic or other widespread illness).

## **CANCELLATION TERMS – Conference Registration**

### **Delegate Cancellations**

- All cancellations and/or changes must be sent in writing to registration@eafs2025.org.
- Cancellation refers to complete and/or partial cancellation of registrations and social events
- Cancellation fees are incurred as follows
   Cancellations received prior to 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025 full refund less administration fee of €50
   Between 25<sup>th</sup> February and 14<sup>th</sup> April 2025 50% refund less administration fee of €25
   After 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025 No refund for full and/or cancelled registrations

## **Delegate Non-Attendance**

• Should the delegate be unable to attend due to circumstances beyond their control, cancellation fees are subject to the terms listed above. This includes the delegate being unable to travel into Ireland from their country, due to either their own country's travel restrictions or the Irish Government's travel restrictions – this includes refusal of travel visa application.

### **Cancellation of Conference by the Organisers**

- Should the Organisers completely cancel the conference, with no content or sessions being available on-line, registrations will be refunded in full less a €50 processing fee.
- Under these circumstances the Organisers are not liable for any other expenses incurred, this includes travel and accommodation costs – delegates are encouraged to have sufficient travel insurance in place to cover such other costs.

### Postponement of Conference

- Should the committee need to reschedule the conference, all registration fees will be transferred to cover attendance on the new conference dates no processing fees will apply in this case.
- Should the delegate not wish to accept attendance on the new date they may cancel their registration, in such cases cancellations will be governed by the cancellation terms as outlined above.
- Under these circumstances the Organisers are not liable for any other expenses incurred, this includes travel and accommodation costs – delegates are encouraged to have sufficient travel insurance in place to cover such other costs

## OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS – Conference Registration

## **Travel and Medical Insurance**

Participants are requested to make their own arrangements for health and travel insurance. The conference fee
does not include insurance. We strongly recommend that, when registering for the conference and making travel
arrangements, a travel and/or equipment insurance policy be taken out to cover any loss, cancellation, medical
costs, etc. Refunds will not be offered outside of the terms and conditions above, so delegates should ensure they
contact their insurance company to ensure sufficient cover is in place from the time of booking. The Organisers do
not take responsibility for any delegate, speaker, or exhibitor failing to insure their travel and attendance.



### **ACCOMODATION BOOKINGS**

### **TERMS OF BOOKING - Accommodation Booking**

### Accommodation booking terms and conditions

- Accommodation bookings are governed by a separate contract than those of conference registrations. The
  accommodation booking contract is entered into with Keynote PCO and the delegate and booking of
  accommodation indicates acceptance of said terms and conditions.
- Accommodation reservations are independent of the conference taking place and are subject to the booking terms and cancellation fees as outlined below – these terms are not affected or nullified by cancellation of the conference.
- Should the conference be postponed, Keynote PCO will make every effort to move the accommodation booking to the new dates in the same hotel or one of similar quality. While every effort will be made to offer the same rates, this cannot be guaranteed. No fees apply to postponed bookings should the delegate not wish to accept the booking postponement the cancellation fees as outlined below will apply.
- Delegates are reminded to have travel insurance in place to cover all the costs in relation to their accommodation booking and to ensure sufficient cover is in place.
- Should the hotel booked not be available for reasons beyond the Organisers control, the Organiser reserves the right to reschedule the booking to another hotel of a similar or higher rating, within a 8k radius at the same cost
- Should Keynote PCO be prevented from carrying out all its obligations by circumstances beyond its reasonable control including government intervention, strike, labour disputes, accidents, natural disasters, national or local disasters, war, pandemic or the delegate is unable to travel into Ireland from their country, due to either their own countries restrictions or the Irish Government restrictions, Keynote PCO's liability will be limited to the cancellation terms below.

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insurance policy be taken out to cover any loss, cancellation, medical costs, etc. Refunds will not be offered outside
of the terms and conditions below, so delegates should ensure they contact their insurance company to ensure
sufficient cover is in place from the time of booking. Keynote PCO do not take responsibility for any delegate,
speaker, or exhibitor failing to insure their accommodation booking.