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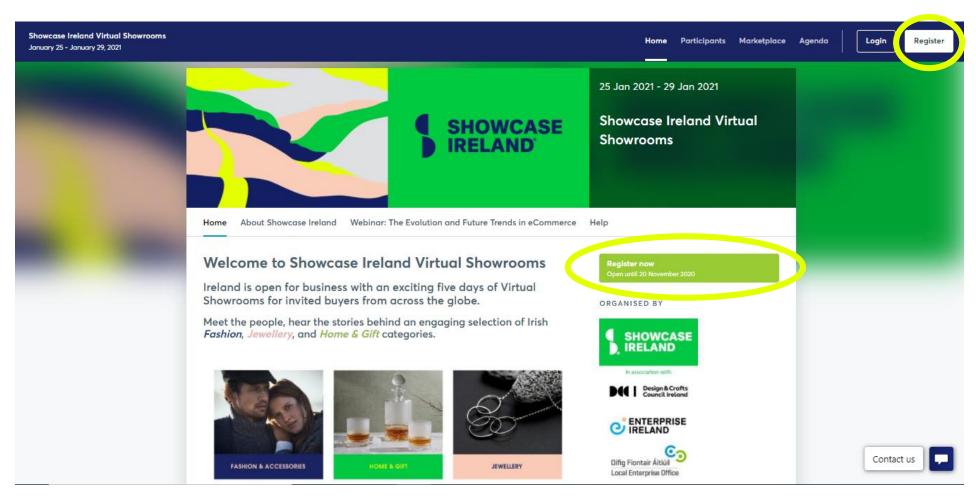
Before you start ... TOP TIPS!

- Only one profile per company should be created. Your company's profile will be linked to the email address used to create
 your registration. All email notifications for the event will be sent to this email address. You will be able to invite a
 colleague to join your meetings if required.
- The email address and personal information used to set up the registration should reflect the details of the person that will be holding the meetings in January. This information can be amended at any stage.
- If a colleague is to join you or take a meeting on your behalf, it's recommended that you message the Exhibitors to let them know.
- You can edit your profile at any time but bear in mind that your entries will be visible to Exhibitors as soon as you register.
- You will receive automatic notifications when completing your registration and when receiving responses to meeting requests or new messages. If you don't receive them, please check your junk/spam mail box for the following address: noreply@b2match.io.
- Make sure you have the latest version of your browser installed. The recommended browsers are Chrome, Firefox, Edge or Safari. It's recommended that you set one of them as the default browser on your device.



How to register

Click one of the two options highlighted below to start your registration.



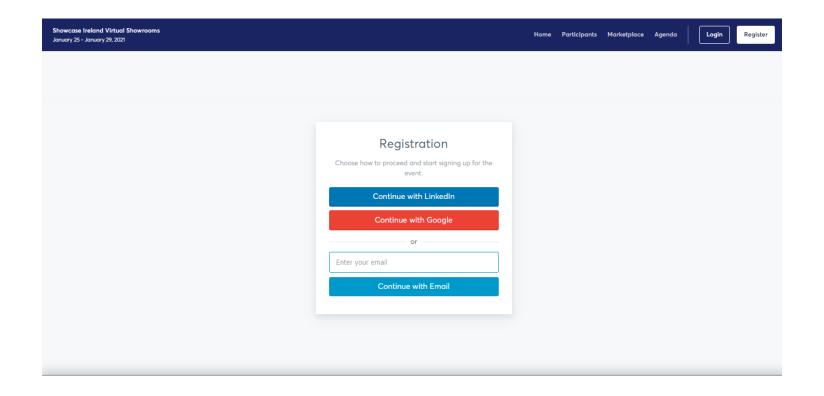


How to register

Enter the email address of the person that will be holding the meetings in January. You can change it at a later stage if required.

Note that a "Verify your email" message will be sent to the email address used to create the registration.

Please verify your email address before proceeding with your registration.





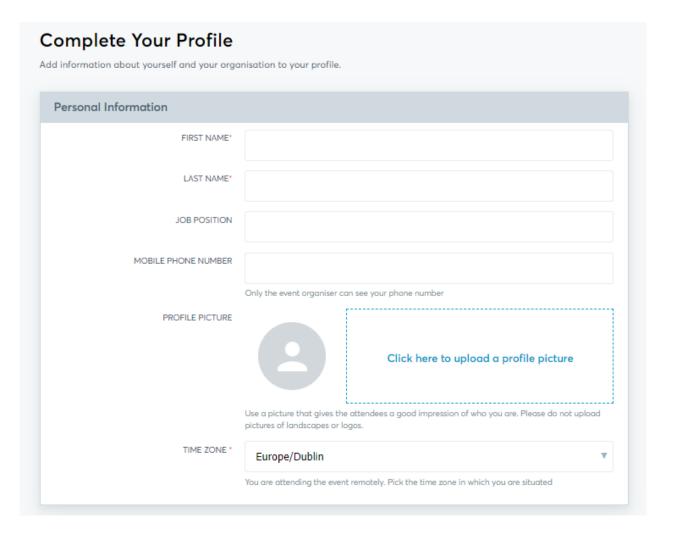
How to upload your profile

Personal Information

- This information will be visible to all participants.
- Your mobile phone number will <u>only</u> be visible to the event organisers and will be used to contact you only if necessary.

Format: (+ country code)XXXXXXXXX

- Upload your picture to make your profile more personal.
- A "Bad Image" message will appear if the file type you try to upload is not supported by the platform.
- Supported file types: jpeg. jpg, .gif and .png

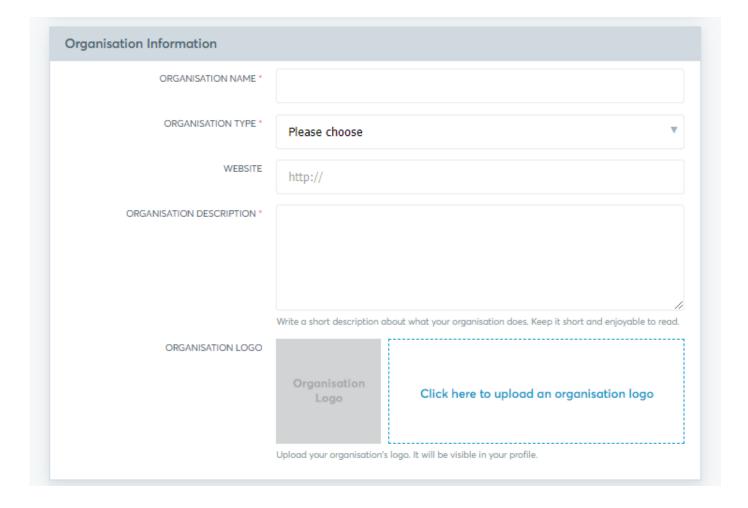




How to upload your profile

Organisation Information

- Your organisation details will be visible to all participants.
- Upload your company logo to make your profile easily identifiable.
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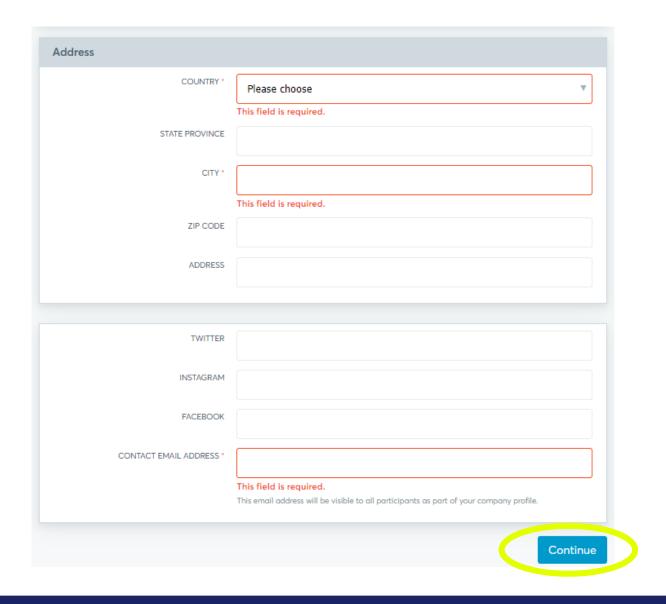




How to upload your profile

Address, Socials and Contact Email address

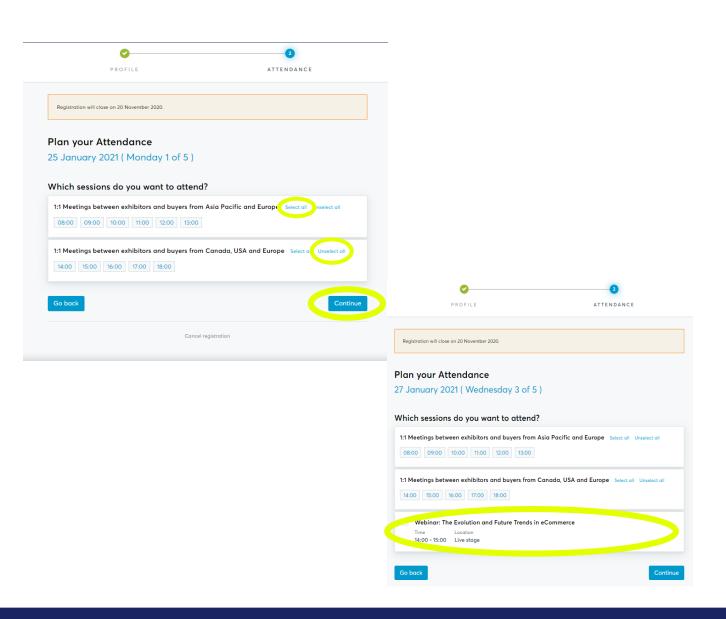
- The social media handles and the contact email address entered here will be visible to all participants.
- It is recommended that the email address entered in this field is checked regularly to ensure a prompt response to any queries.
- Once you're done, click "Continue".





Plan your attendance

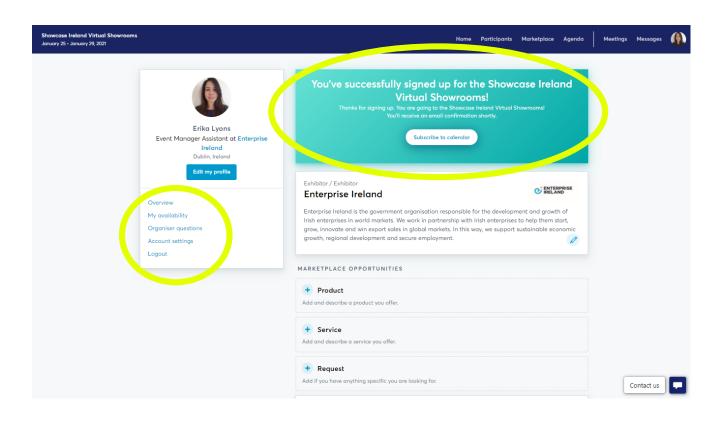
- Before you can request 1:1 meetings you must first indicate your availability over the five days of Showcase Ireland.
- Use the "Select all" button or pick the individual slots that you are available for.
- Depending on the time zone you are in, this may limit the number of meeting slots available to you.
- You can change your availability at any time by accessing your <u>Agenda</u> and adding or removing sessions.
- Make sure to sign-up for "The Evolution and Future Trends in eCommerce" Webinar on Wednesday 27 January 2021, 14.00-15.00hrs (GMT).





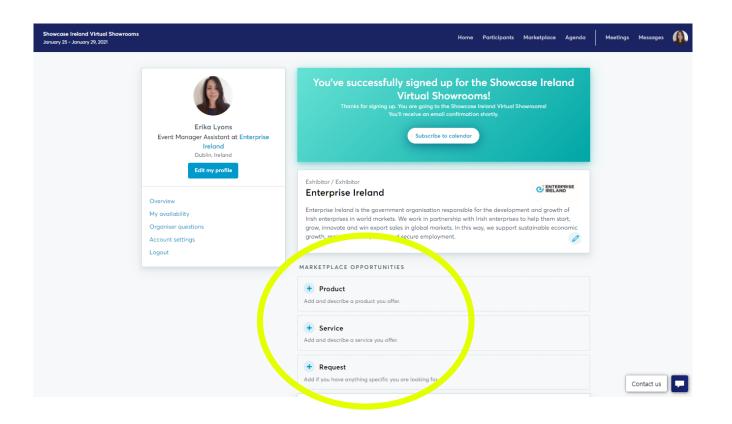
Your profile

- You can now add this event to your calendar.
- You can edit your profile at any time e.g. change your image, correct a possible misspelling or add an updated logo. Remember to click "Save" once you're done.
- Check your availability and add or remove meeting slots in "My availability".
- To amend or add social media handles and <u>contact</u> email address click "Organisers questions".
- If you need to change the email address/password used to create your registration, select "Account settings". A "Verify your email" message will be sent to the new email address. You must verify the new email address to complete the change.





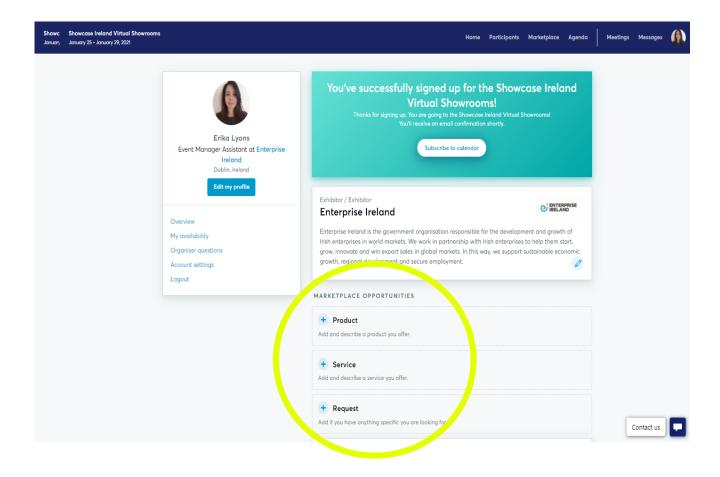
The Marketplace is a dedicated area where Exhibitors have published images and videos of their *Products* and *Services*. This is also where **Buyers** can publish specific *Requests* for any products or services they are looking for.





There are three types of **Marketplace** entries:

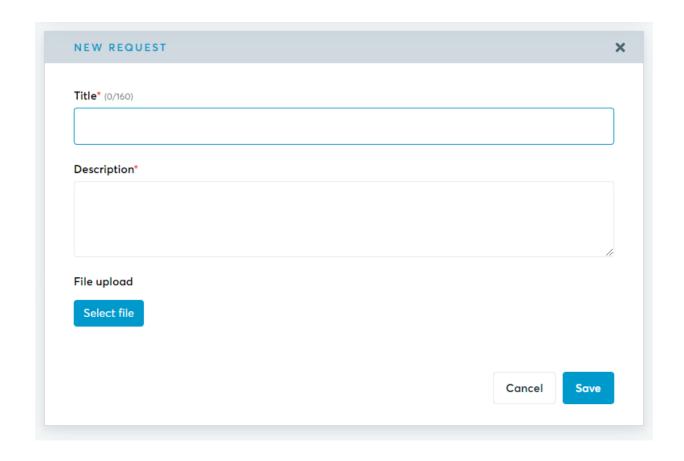
- Product completed by <u>Exhibitors</u> only
- Service completed by <u>Exhibitors</u> only
- Request completed by <u>Buyers</u> only





Requests – for use by Buyers only

- This field is intended for Buyers' use only.
- This is to facilitate any special requests Buyers might have for Exhibitors.
- You can add as many *Requests* as you wish.
- These requests are displayed in the Marketplace along with the products and services offered by Exhibitors. They are visible to Exhibitors only.





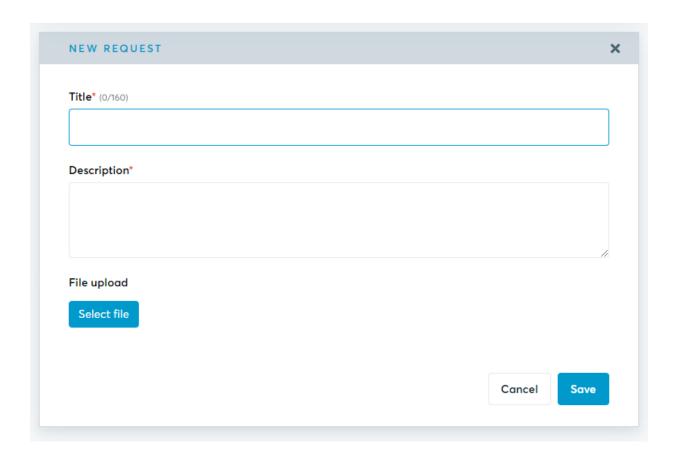
Adding a *Request* – Title and Description

- **Title:** add a name to your entry *e.g.* product or service you are looking for.
- Description: enter specific details about what you are looking for.
- File upload: to add a brochure or catalogue click "Add file".
 Supported files: pdf, .doc, .docx, .xls, .xlsx, .jpg,

.gif and .png.

Maximum size: 10MB per file.

 Allow a few seconds for any uploads to appear before clicking "Save".

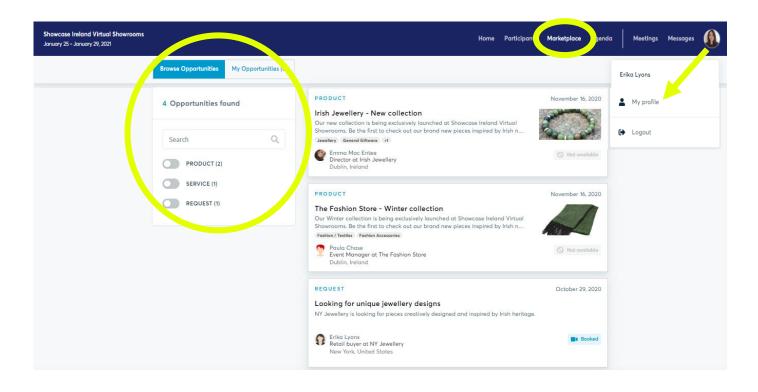




The Marketplace

Navigating the Marketplace

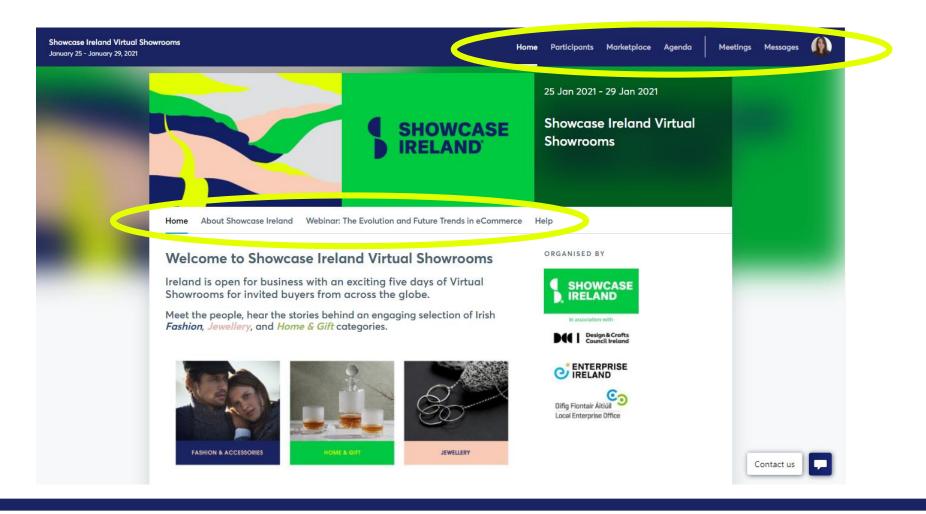
- Your company's requests will be visible to Exhibitors in the Marketplace once they are saved.
- To view your own *Requests* click on "<u>My</u>
 <u>Opportunities</u>" or return to your profile by
 clicking on your image on the right top side of
 the page.
- To browse all entries click "Browse Opportunities". You can select the filters "Product", "Service" or "Request" or add a keyword in the search bar.





Navigating the event platform

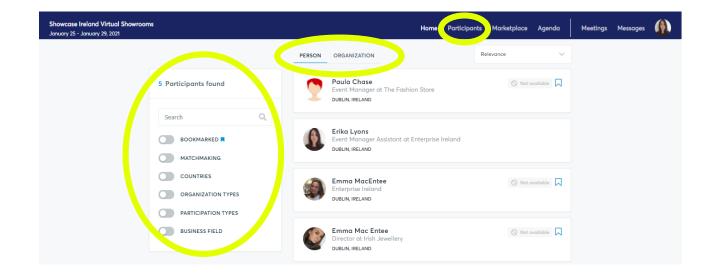
Use the options in the navigation banner and in the "Home" page to find additional information on the event.





Participants

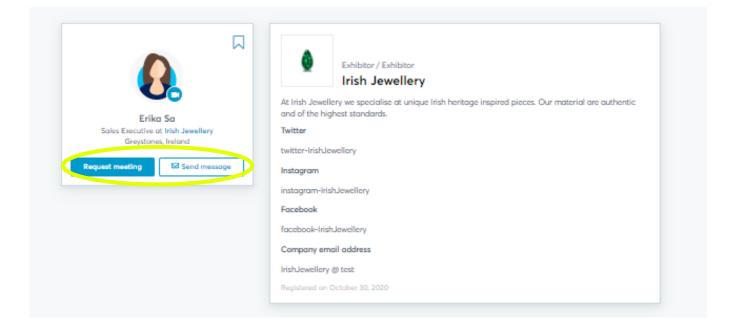
- To view attendees select "Participants" in the navigation banner. Your details will also be visible to all Exhibitors.
- Using the options available on the left, filter the listing as you wish.
 E.g. by "Business Field" to view Exhibitors within the main areas of activity (Fashion, Jewellery and Home & Gift).
- You can apply the filters to a "Person" or "Organisation".
- Click on the Exhibitor's entries to view their full profile.
- When viewing an Exhibitor full profile you can also view their social media handles and their Marketplace entries.
 - **N.B.** click on the images to enlarge them.





How to request 1:1 meetings

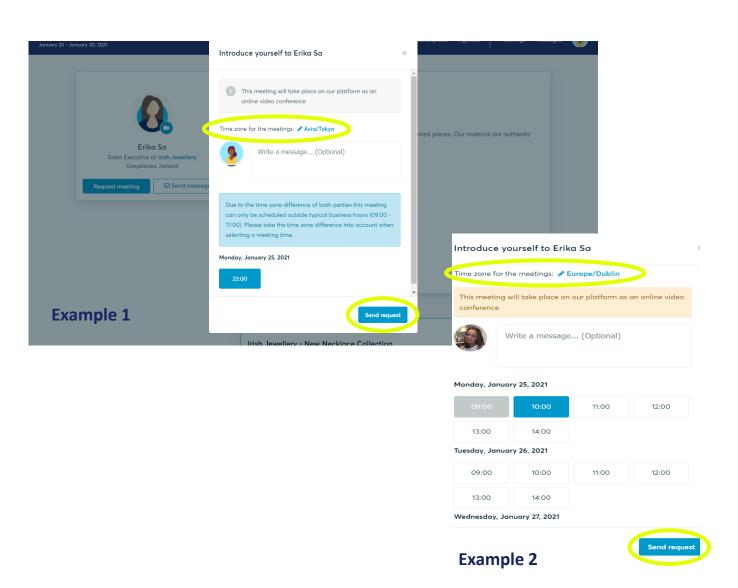
- Only Buyers can request meetings.
- Once you have selected an Exhibitor from the "Participants" tab in the navigation banner, you'll be able to view their full company profile.
- On the left-hand side, you can click "Request meeting" to start the booking process or "Send message" to send the Exhibitor a note to clarify any queries you may have.
- You can also book meetings by accessing the Exhibitor profiles from anywhere on the platform such as the Marketplace.





How to request 1:1 meetings

- After clicking "Request meeting", a dialogue box will open with the time slots available for both parties. Note that the time slots will be shown in accordance to the time zone you selected when creating your registration.
- Choose the preferred date and time for your meeting. Time slots already filled will be shown in grey. The time you select will be shown in blue.
- Add a short message to outline your objectives for the meeting. If you are happy with the time selected click "Send request".
- If you would like to book more meetings with other Exhibitors just click the "Participants" tab again to open the page.

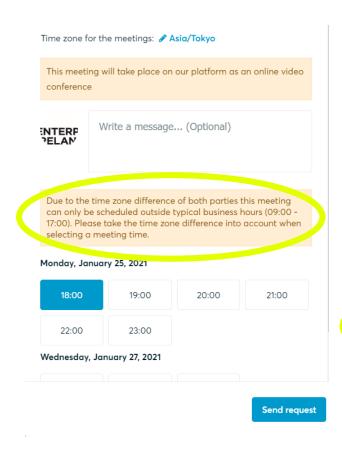


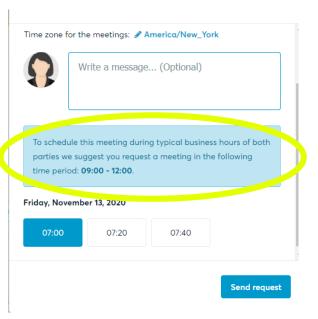


How to request 1:1 meetings

Time zones

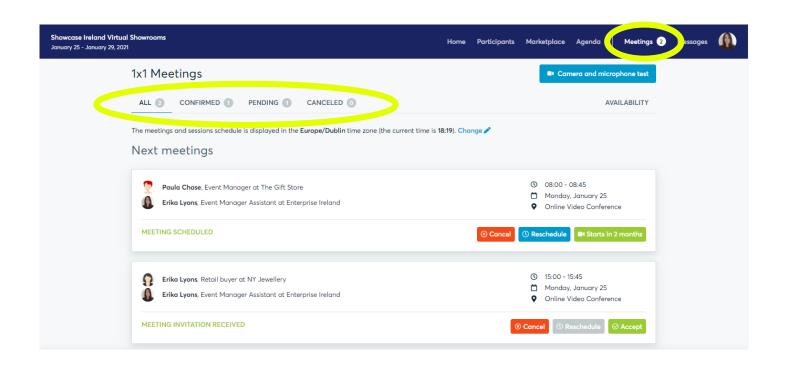
- If you are a Buyer based outside the GMT time zone, when requesting a meeting you may see one of the highlighted messages on the right.
- These are automated messages to flag the different time zones. They do not impact your ability to book meetings in any available time slot.
- Any timeslots available are valid and free to be selected, as the Exhibitor has marked themselves available for this 1:1 meeting time.





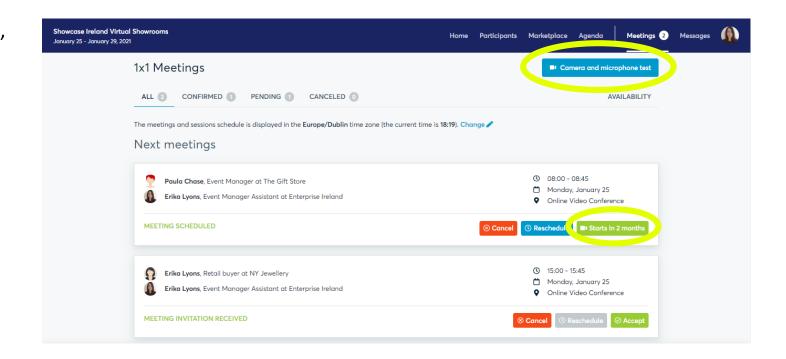


- Select "Meetings" in the navigation banner to view and manage your meeting requests.
- Exhibitors will receive an email notification when you request a meeting with them.
- The Exhibitor can "Accept" it or "Reschedule" the meeting by proposing a new time slot in which case you will receive an automatic email notifying you of the proposed new time.
- You can filter your meetings by their status using the options at the top of the page.
- If you need to cancel a meeting, please <u>send</u> the <u>Exhibitor a brief message</u> to explain why.
- Your cancelled meetings will be listed at the bottom of the page.





- Once your meeting request has been accepted, the green button will be active and will show a countdown to the scheduled meeting time.
- By clicking on the green button you can test the video meeting facility or get a link to share the meeting invitation with a colleague.
- You can also test the camera and microphone functionality on your preferred browser by clicking the blue button at the top right corner.
- To avoid any technical delays during the live meetings, test the meetings facility in advance.

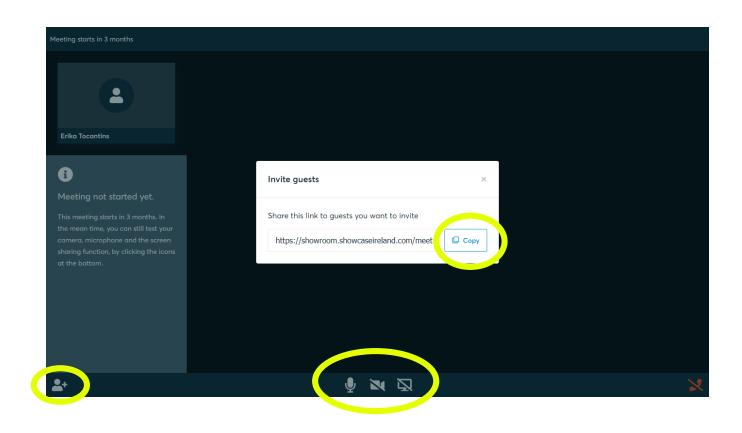




- This is how the video meeting interface looks.
- All meeting participants will be shown on the left side panel with the person speaking showing in the main screen.
- You can invite a colleague to join a meeting.

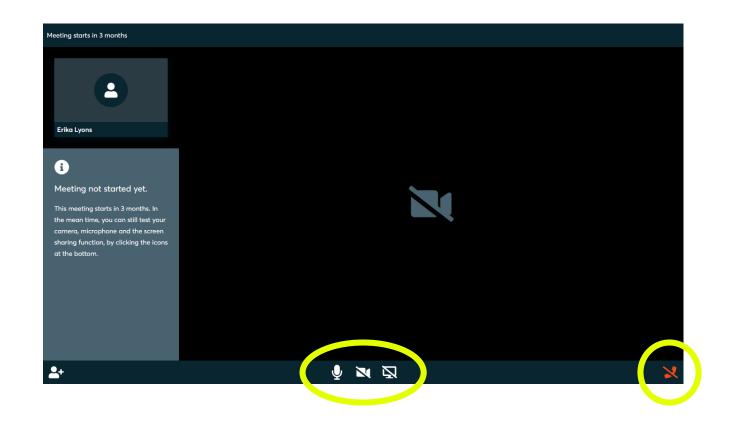
 Click the icon at the bottom left of the screen and click "Copy" in the dialogue box.

 Then email/message the link to the colleague you would like to invite. This can be done in advance or during a meeting.
- To optimise your meeting, it's recommended that a <u>max of two people</u> from your company participate in a meeting.





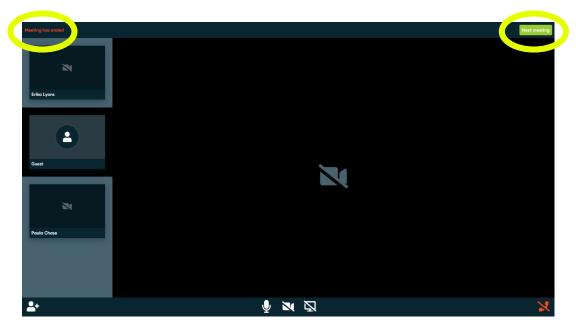
- Turn your microphone and camera on/off, and end the call, by clicking the icons at the bottom of the page.
- You can share your screen during the meeting.
 N.B. Please note that the sound of any videos you may play when sharing the screen will not be audible to the other participants.
- If you would like to share a video, we suggest you send the link to it via the messaging facility or upload it in the "Marketplace".





Timekeeping

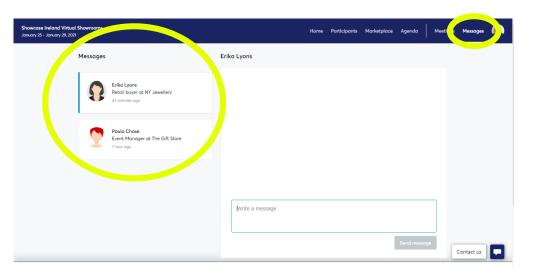
- Join your booked meetings at the scheduled time. To avoid any technical delays, test the meetings facility in advance.
- During the 45 minute meeting, a countdown clock will show at the left top corner.
- It's recommended you follow the structure below:
 - 10 mins Introductions and companies overview
 - 20 mins Collection presentation and selling
 - 10 mins Agree actions points
 - 5 mins Wrap-up and move to next meeting
- Both you and the Exhibitor may have back-to-back meetings, so please finish on time.
- The countdown clock will turn red once your meeting time slot is over.
- If you have back-to-back meetings, a "Next Meeting" button will appear on the right top corner of the screen. This will bring you directly to that meeting.

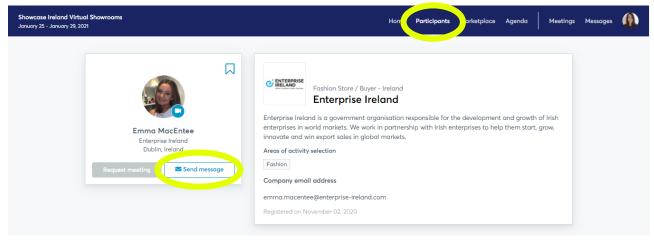




Messages

- Select "Messages" in the navigation banner to view and respond to any messages.
- Exhibitors have the option to introduce themselves and highlight any products or services they believe would be of interest to you.
- Buyers can also initiate such conversations by selecting an Exhibitor profile in the "Participants" section and clicking "Send message".
- You will be notified of any new messages by email.



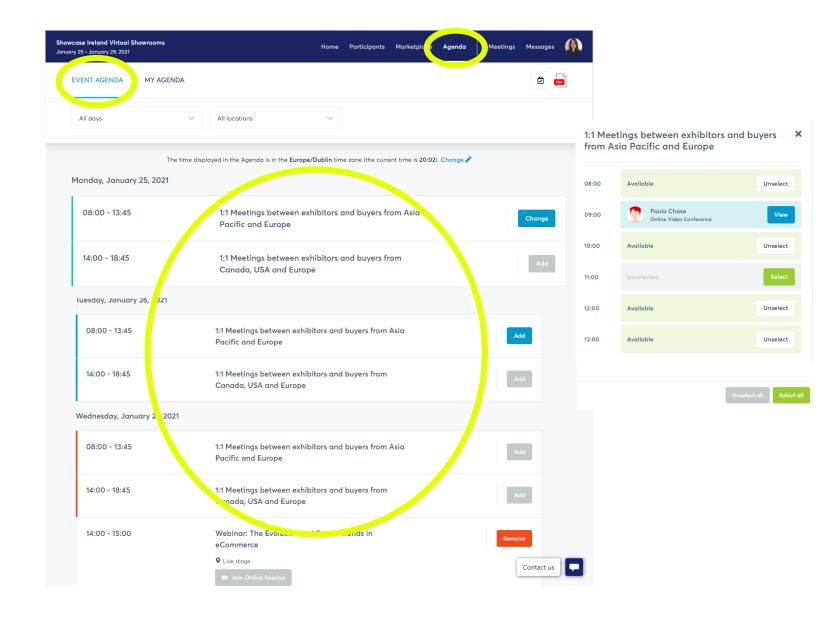




Agenda

Event Agenda

- Select "Agenda" in the navigation banner to view the full "Event Agenda".
- In this section you can manage the sessions and the meeting slots you have selected.
- You can "Change" your preferences for each day; "Add" a session you may not have selected previously or "Remove" a session you are no longer available for.
- If you click "Change" or the session name the side control panel will appear where you can review your time slots selection for each day.

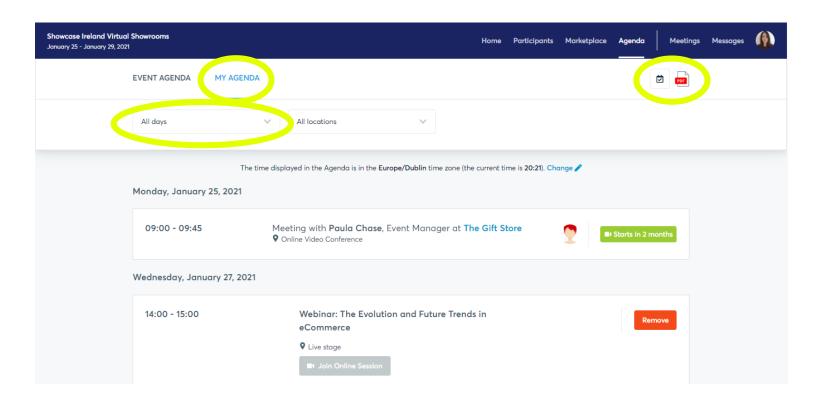




Agenda

My Agenda

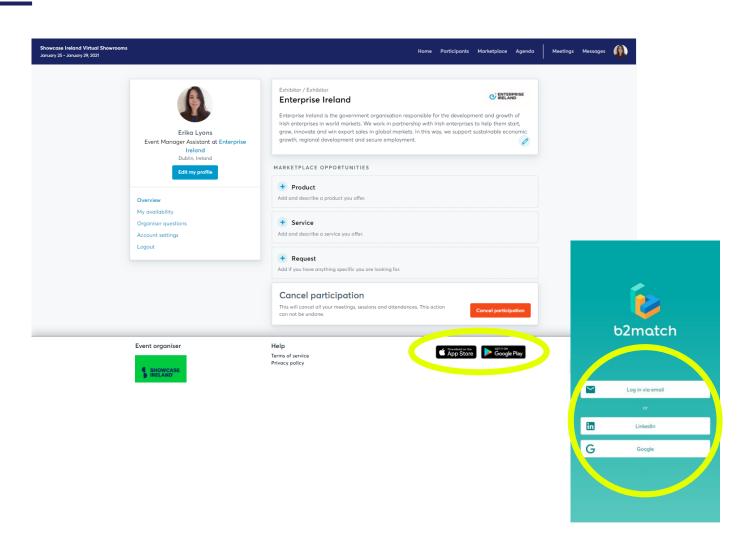
- View your confirmed meetings by clicking "My Agenda" at the top of the page.
- You can filter it by "All days" or by individual event day.
- You can add the meetings to your calendar or generate a PDF agenda by clicking the options on the top right corner.





Event App Information

- Showcase Ireland Virtual Showrooms is available on the b2match app. The link to download the app will be at the bottom of your completed profile.
- Once you're registered, you can manage your profile and meetings on the app.
- The only functionality not available on the app is access to the Marketplace.
- Your log in credentials are the email address and password used to register on the event website.





Timeline

November 2020

Exhibitor registration phase

December 2020

Buyer registration & meetings booking phase

25 – 29 January 2021

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Contact us

If you have any additional queries in relation to **Showcase Ireland Virtual Showrooms**:

- Check our <u>Help</u> section on the <u>event website</u>
- Use the Contact us facility on the event website
- Or send us an email at <u>showcase.support@enterprise-ireland.com</u>

Best wishes for a successful event!

