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Conference Vetting System (CVS)/e4ethics

- Refresher Training -

November 2025

CVS Team

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Part I: Conference Vetting System (CVS) and e4ethics: Scope and Governance

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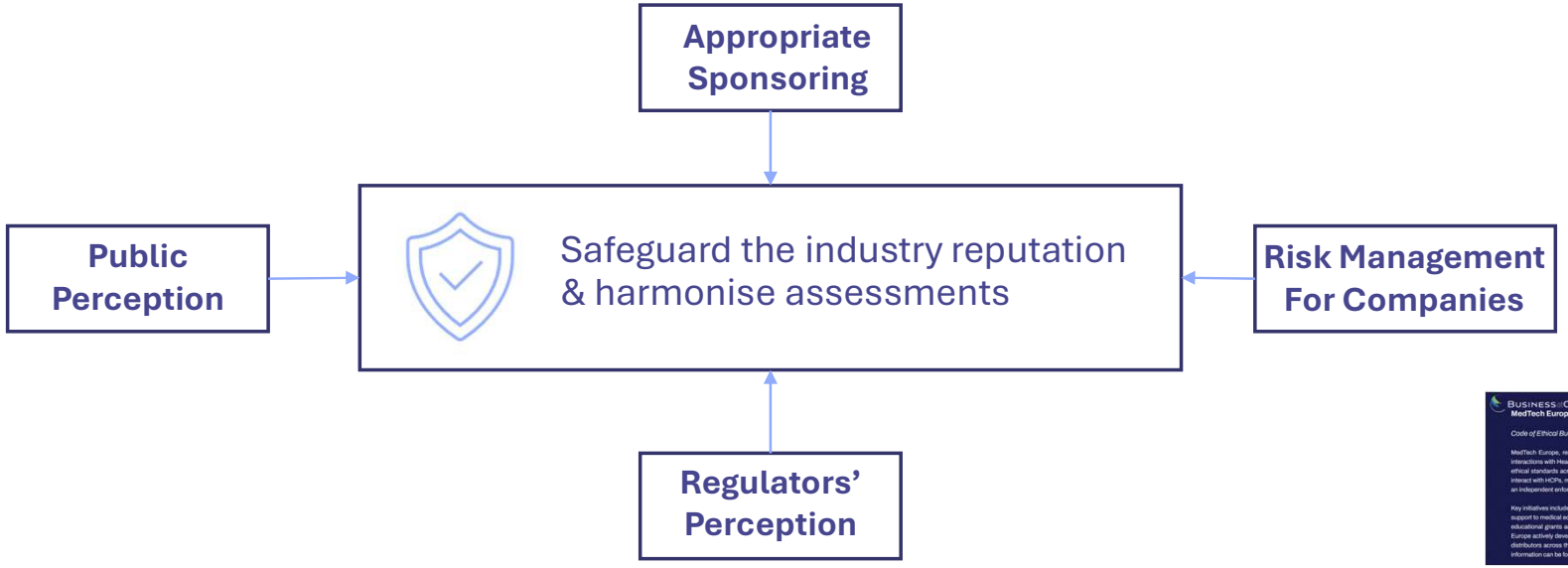
Why CVS/e4ethics: Ensure Ethical Support for Medical Education

MedTech and Pharmaceutical companies provide educational grants for medical education.

CVS/e4ethics is a unique initiative in the healthcare industry: a centralised decision-making system that reviews individual third party organised events and congresses to ensure that industry's financial support cannot be called into question.



Evolution of CVS/e4ethics

2011 — Launch of e4ethics by EFPIA

2012 — Launch of CVS by MedTech Europe

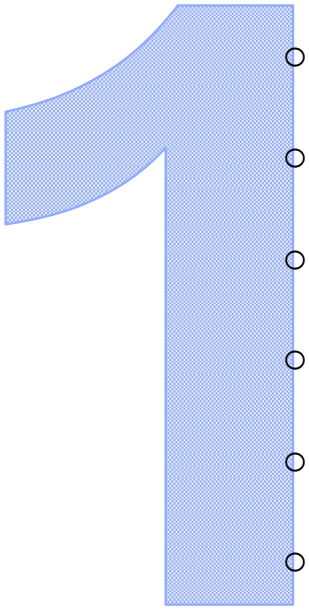
2014 — Mecomed joined CVS

2021 — Merger of e4ethics and CVS: Unique platform to harmonise assessments by MedTech Europe and EFPIA

2024 — Launch of the new platform CVS/e4ethics 2.0
Revision of the CVS criteria

2025 — Mecomed adopts the new platform CVS/e4ethics 2.0

CVS & e4ethics: Unique Platform



- Platform for CVS and e4ethics
- Submission for events supported by MedTech Europe and EFPIA members
- Dedicated team of 2 Compliance Officers
- Set of 5 criteria for the assessment
- Review and appeal process
- Single Decision

For events taking place in **Mecomed** countries, please refer to the **Mecomed** guidelines.

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CVS & e4ethics: Scope

- ✓ **Medical educational events**
  - **National and virtual events are out of scope of CVS. They still need to comply with the respective codes!**
  - **Veterinarian events are out of scope of MedTech Europe**

efpia

- Events in the countries within the scope of the **EFPIA Code**
- ≥ 500 HCPs & ≥ 5 Countries
- e4ethics decisions binding for EFPIA Member Companies

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- Held **in** the MedTech Europe geographical area: Attended by delegates from ≥ **2 countries** of MedTech Europe

Are HCPs from at least 2 countries invited or expected to attend?

- Held **outside** the MedTech Europe geographical area: ≥1 delegate from the MedTech Europe area
- CVS decisions binding for MedTech Europe Member Companies

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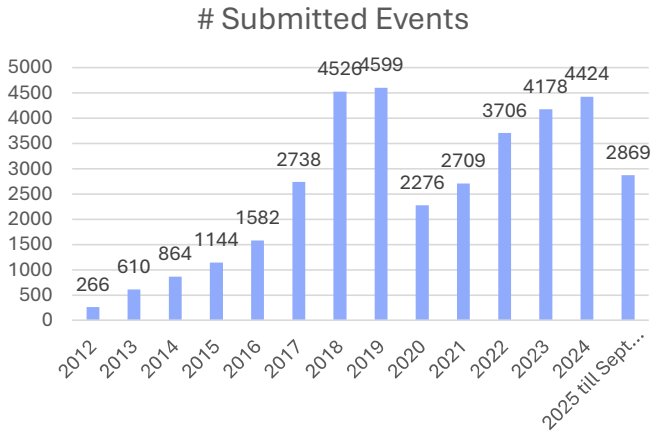
CVS/e4ethics in Figures

36,500

events submitted since 2012



2,900

events submitted in 2025 (Sept)

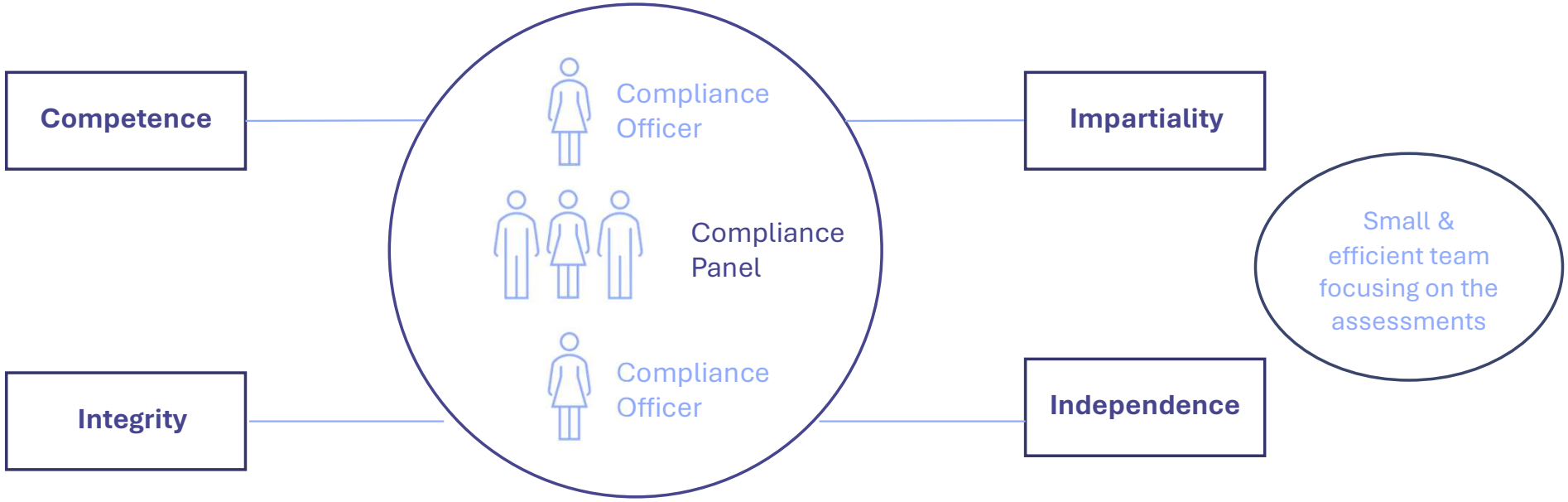
83%

Compliant events in 2025

5% Not compliant

12% Ongoing or not assessed (late submission, insufficient information, out of scope)

Compliance Team for CVS/e4ethics



The CVS operates independently via a Compliance Team composed of:

- two Compliance Officers and
- three Compliance Panel members

The Compliance Officers operate under the supervision of the MedTech Europe Compliance Panel

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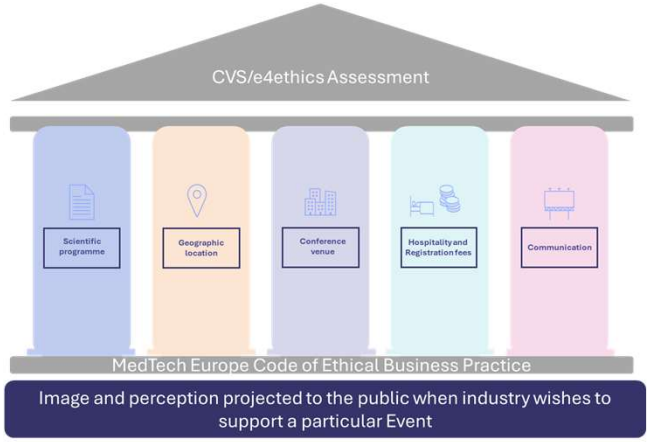
Part II: CVS Criteria: Assessment and Application

- 5 Assessment Criteria



- Specific requirements for Third Party Procedure Training (TPPT)

5 CVS Criteria with the same weight

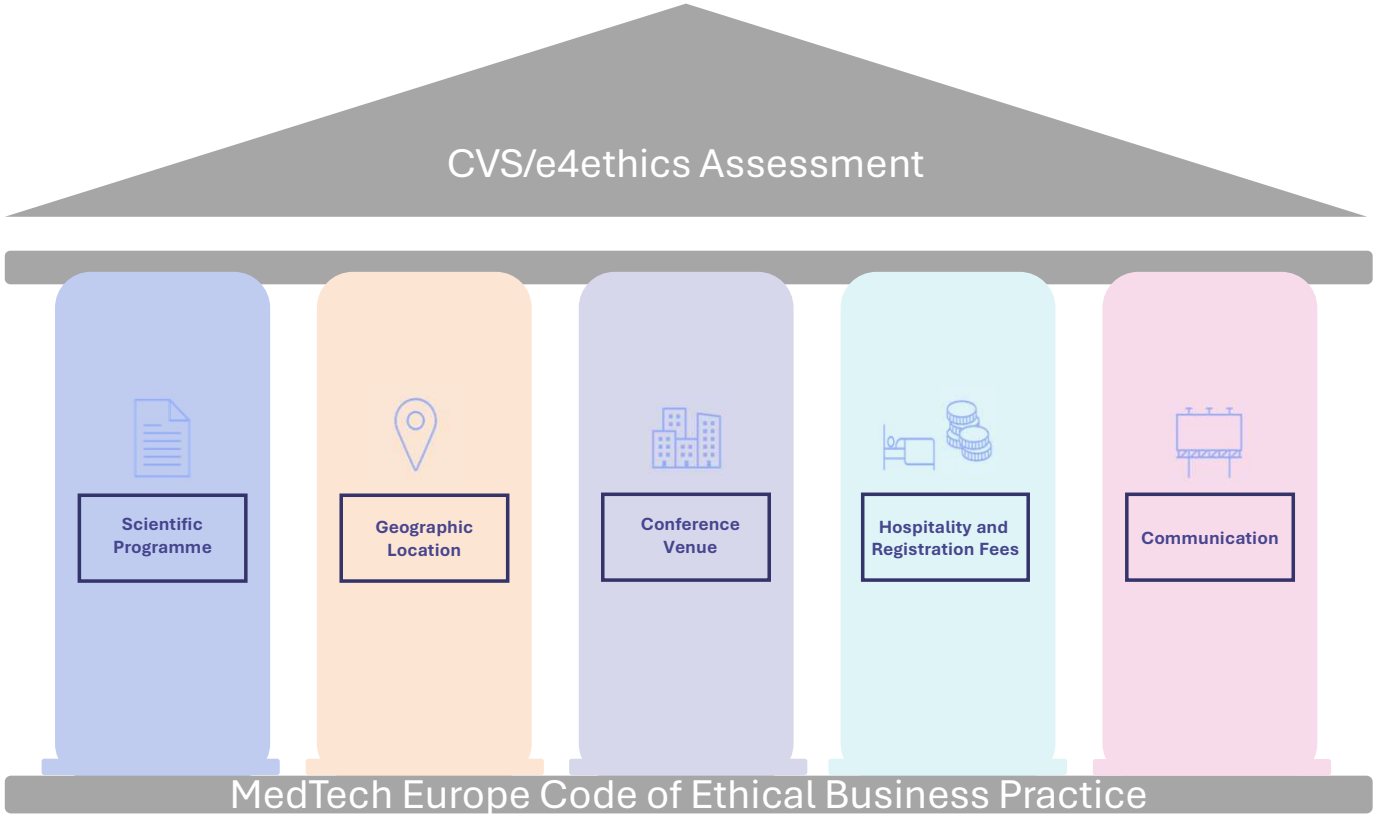


Image and perception projected to the public when industry wishes to support a particular Event

Assessment is limited to the CVS criteria and does not replace the Company's internal Policies and Procedures

- ✓ The criteria have been revised (Effective July 2024)
- ✓ Stricter interpretation of the Criteria
- ✓ Assessments are conducted independently on a case-by-case basis.
- ✓ A compliant assessment of a prior event does not guarantee future approval.

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Event Programme

Scientific Programme

Geographic Location

Conference Venue

Hospitality and Registration Fees

Communication

- Educational Event with a programme that relates to the specialty and/or medical practice of the HCP

- Requirements
  - In **English**
  - Clear schedule with **no gaps**
  - A minimum of **6** hours for a full conference day and **3** hours for a half day
  - **The faculty for each session must be identified.**
  - **Serious medical subjects** related to the therapeutic area of the conference. Indicate the title and the faculty for each session
    - Scientific sessions exclude networking events, opening ceremony, lunch, dinner …
  - Minor components of the agenda content relating to non-medical topics, such as communication skills, practice management, and speaking and presentation skills are acceptable.
    - Non-medical topics should be relevant in the context of the overall theme and agenda of the conference.
    - Non-medical topics should never become the main or an important attraction of the conference.

Event Programme: Best Practice

Scientific Programme

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Programme 1 January 2026			
Time		**Session Title**	**Faculty / Speaker**
08:00 - 08:45		Registration and Welcome Coffee	N/A
08:45 - 09:00		Opening Remarks: The New Horizon of Cardiology	Prof. Anne-Marie Durand (Congress Chair)
09:00 - 10:30		Session 1: Novel Approaches in Lipid Management	
	09:00 - 09:30	Beyond Statins: PCSK9 Inhibitors and Future Targets	Dr. James P. Alcroft
	09:30 - 10:00	The Role of Inclisiran in Long-Term Patient Care	Dr. Elena Rostova
	10:00 - 10:30	Case Studies in Dyslipidemia Management	Prof. Samuel Chen
10:30 - 11:00		Coffee Break & Networking	
11:00 - 12:30		Session 2: Advances in Heart Failure (HF) Treatment	
	11:00 - 11:30	SGLT2 Inhibitors: A New Pillar in HFpEF and HFrEF	Dr. Markus Weber
	11:30 - 12:00	New Frontiers in Amyloid Cardiomyopathy	Prof. Chloé Dubois
	12:00 - 12:30	Optimizing Guideline-Directed Medical Therapy (GDMT)	Dr. Sanjay Rajan
12:30 - 13:30		Cardiac Imaging	Dr. Fiona Miles
13:30 - 15:00		Session 3: The Future of Antithrombotic Therapy	
	13:30 - 14:00	Factor XI Inhibitors: Efficacy vs. Bleeding Risk	Prof. David O'Malley
	14:00 - 14:30	Dual Antiplatelet Therapy (DAPT): How Short is Too Short?	Dr. Kenji Tanaka
	14:30 - 15:00	Managing Anticoagulation in Complex Patients	Dr. Maria Gonzalez
15:00 - 15:30		Coffee Break & Networking	
15:30 - 16:30		Panel Discussion: Integrating New Technologies into Clinical Practice	Moderator: Prof. Anne-Marie Durand Panelists: Dr. James P. Alcroft, Prof. Chloé Dubois, Dr. Markus Weber, Dr. Kenji Tanaka
16:30 - 16:45		Closing Remarks and Adjournment	Prof. Samuel Chen (Scientific Committee Lead)

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- NOT the main attraction

- Requirements:
  - In or near a city, scientific or business centre, conducive to exchange of ideas and the transmission of knowledge
  - Central location
  - Ease of access
  - In addition, consideration of the seasonality
    - If the location is predominantly a touristic or holiday destination, it may still be considered non-compliant

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- Venue conducive to the exchange of scientific and medical information and the transmission of knowledge

- Requirements:
  - Appropriate conference facilities
  - The image of the venue among the public, media and authorities cannot be perceived as luxury, touristic/holiday and/or entertainment/leisure facility
  - Spa and resort hotels, hotels with beach access, on-site casino, hotel with golf courses, cruise ships, not allowed.
  - When offering the proper conference facilities for an Event, museums and stadiums can be compliant
    - Not the main attraction
    - Separate entrance
    - No free or discounted tickets included in the registration fee
    - For stadiums, no concurrent leisure event

Reminder: A compliant assessment of a prior event does not guarantee a future approval.

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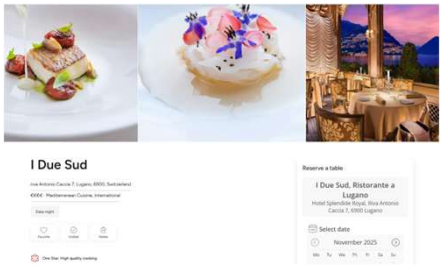

One Star: High quality cooking

Not compliant

- Principle: The **registration fees** for participants should cover only the scientific programme, authorised activities and modest and incidental hospitality.
  - Hospitality covers accommodation, meals/breaks, networking events/get-togethers and (welcome, closing, gala dinner, party …) receptions included in the fees
- Requirements:
  - Hospitality should be modest and incidental and limited to reasonable hotel accommodation, venues and meals
  - **Spouses, partners, family and/or guests** should not benefit from hospitality sponsored by MedTech Europe members
  - **Social programme:**
    - Must be outside of the programme schedule
    - Must be paid for separately **by the HCP delegates** when it includes any entertainment
    - This information must be made clear in the programme or website of the Event
  - Childcare services may be available on site to delegates, but this service must be charged separately, never funded by the industry and clearly specified on the conference website.
  - Any form of gift is not compliant

Hospitality and Registration Fees: Entertainment

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- Entertainment may not be funded by the industry

- In cases where a separate fee is paid by the HCP:
  - The fee has to be clearly mentioned on the website/registration form/programme
  - The fee must be at market value (reasonableness)
  - *Even when a fee is paid*, if the entertainment is deemed as potentially damaging the industry reputation due to luxurious, extravagant, or memorable hospitality, the event will be assessed as not compliant

Hospitality and Registration fees : Entertainment

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Supporting programme - Social evening 16.01.2026 (adults) *

The social evening takes place in the Fichtelberghaus and includes both the cable car ride to the location and the evening descent back.

○ Supporting programme - 1 person	80,00 € plus 19 % VAT
○ Supporting programme - 2 persons	160,00 € plus 19 % VAT
○ No participation	

Communication

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- Principle: Advertising support should highlight the scientific nature of the programme content.
- Requirements:
  - A valid link to the official Event website
  - Only practical travel information (how to reach the conference venue or where to find accommodation)
- No focus on touristic visuals of the destination (landscape, landmarks, monuments), instead focus on the scientific/ therapeutic area relating to the Event.
  - No material promoting the destination of the Event (tourism pictures or information) should be hosted on the website.
  - No reference to any temporary events (e.g., temporary exhibition, sport competition) taking place at the Location.

Communication : best practice

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COURSE REGISTRATION

Early Bird Registration – until 15 October 2025	€ 400,00
Regular Registration – from 16 October 2025 & On site	€ 450,00

Delegate Registration is mandatory for participation in the scientific sessions

ISGS registration fee includes:

- Admission to scientific sessions
- Final programme
- Certificate of attendance
- Coffee breaks,
- Working lunches

For Registrations Terms & Conditions please click here.

*The **ISGS COURSE has limited spaces**, we strongly suggest to **register as soon as possible** to secure your attendance.*

» REGISTER NOW

*Check the **Preliminary Scientific Programme** here below:*

» SCIENTIFIC PROGRAMME

Third-Party Procedure Training (TPPT)

- **Third-Party Organised Educational Events that are primarily intended to provide HCPs with information and training on the safe and effective performance of one or more clinical procedures,** in circumstances where the information and training concern:
  - Specific therapeutic, diagnostic or rehabilitative procedures, namely clinical courses of action, methods or techniques (rather than the use of medical technologies); and
  - Practical demonstrations and/or training for HCPs, where the majority of the training programme is delivered in a clinical environment.

How to qualify as TPPT : Checklist

As from January 1st 2024, sponsoring members need to ensure that the event complies with the requirements of a TPPT.

Criteria	Description	Who checks	Assessment Potential Outcome	Assessment
Programme	**Duration** of the programme > 6 hours for a full day; > 3 hours for a half day. No gap allowed	CVS team	Refer to CVS criteria: Compliant/Not Compliant	
	Practical sessions must in all cases represent more than 50% of the full programme	MTE Member	Company's assessment (cf calculator tab). If not compliant, event type must be corrected to Third Party Organized Event	
	Hands-on sessions must represent at least one-third of the full programme.	MTE Member	Company's assessment (cf calculator tab). If not compliant, event type must be corrected to Third Party Organized Event	
Venue	Typically organised in either a clinical environment or in places suitable for (or set up to) simulating medical procedures	CVS team	Refer to CVS criteria: Compliant/Not Compliant	
Stand-alone event	Specific TPPT: no adjacent Event	CVS team	If adjacent to another event, event type must be corrected to Third Party Organized Event	
Size	Specific TPPT: Must usually be relatively small.	MTE Member/ CVS team	If event is important, event type must be corrected to Third Party Organized Event	
Location	Refer to CVS criteria	CVS team	Refer to CVS criteria: Compliant/Not Compliant	
Hospitality	Refer to CVS criteria	CVS team	Refer to CVS criteria: Compliant/Not Compliant	
Communication	Refer to CVS criteria	CVS team	Refer to CVS criteria: Compliant/Not Compliant	

TPPT Calculator

To calculate the duration of the practical and hands-on sessions and verify if they meet the threshold for a TPPT.

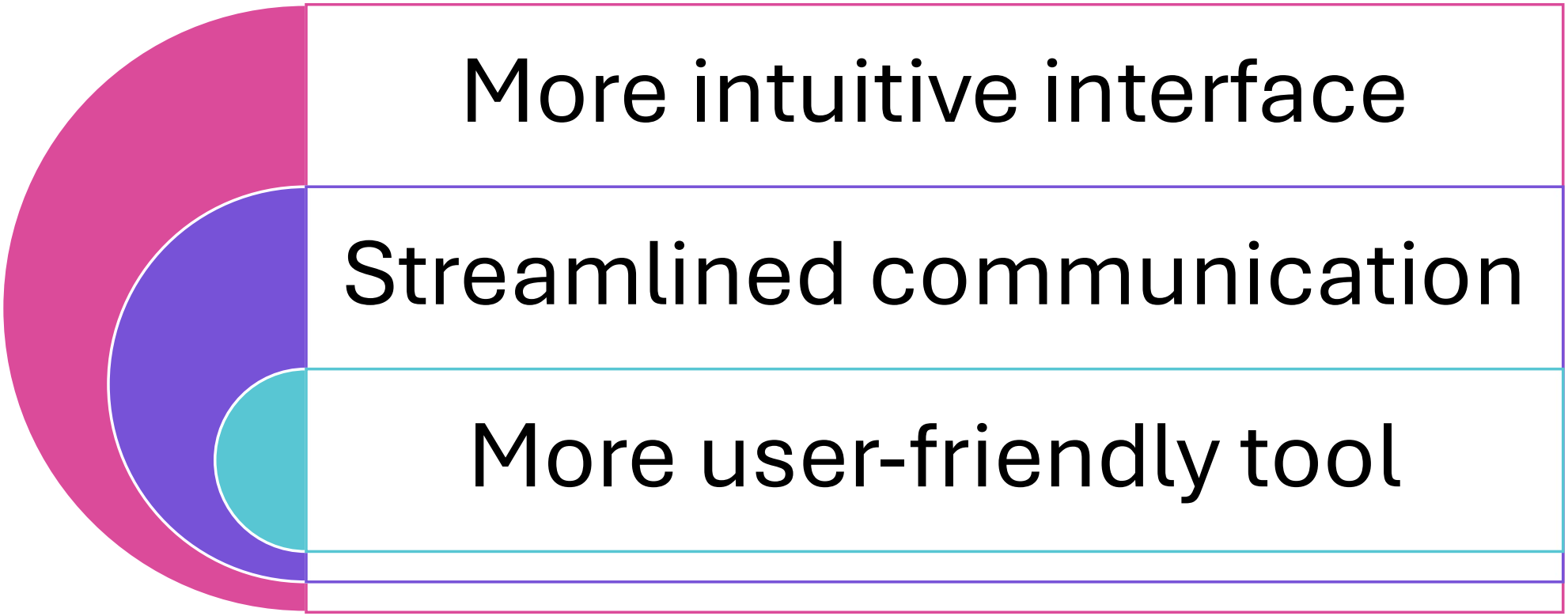
Fill in this column only

Practical/Theoretical	Requirement 1	Session type	Duration (hrs)	Requirement 2	Calculation 1	Calculation 2
Practical sessions	at least 50% of the total duration of the sessions	**Hands-on sessions**: attendees participate actively. They perform specific procedures on settings and environments appropriate for the practice of the relevant procedure.	8	at least 33% of the total duration of the sessions	82,35%	47,06%
		Streaming (e.g. video, 3D-rendering software, augmented reality) or demonstrations of live surgeries *followed immediately* by participation of attendees in related hands-on sessions. Such demonstrations would only qualify as practical sessions if they are followed by hands-on sessions, because they do not normally require active participation of the attendees.	3			
		Case study sessions where the trainees learn about procedure preparation, the tips and tricks, and complications handling of the procedure from specialty experts. Those sessions must be **interactive** and based on pictures, videos, animations, 3D rending software, augmented reality, etc.	3			
Theoretical Sessions			3	18%		
TOTAL			17	100%		

Does it qualify as a TPPT?	*Yes, it qualifies as a TPPT*

Part III: How to Submit an Event in CVS/e4ethics 2.0

CVS/e4ethics 2.0 launched in July 2024



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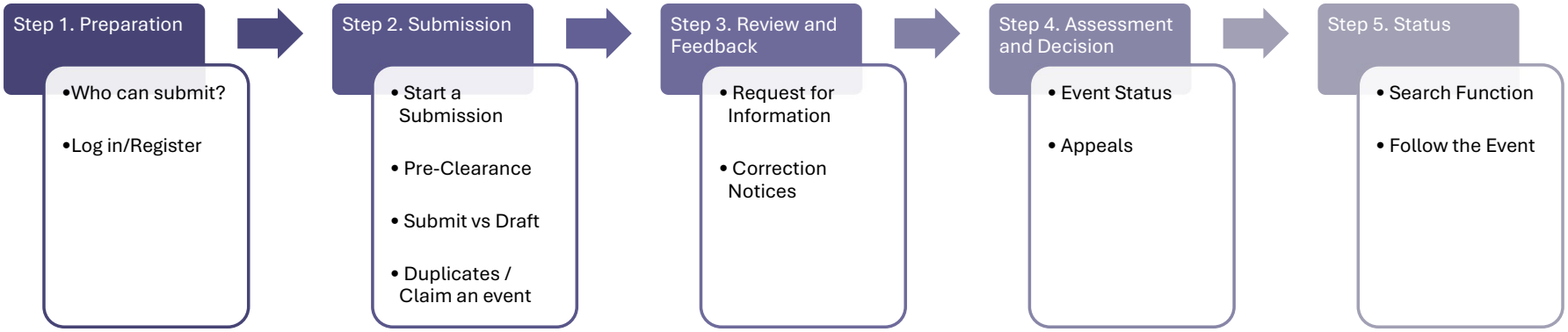

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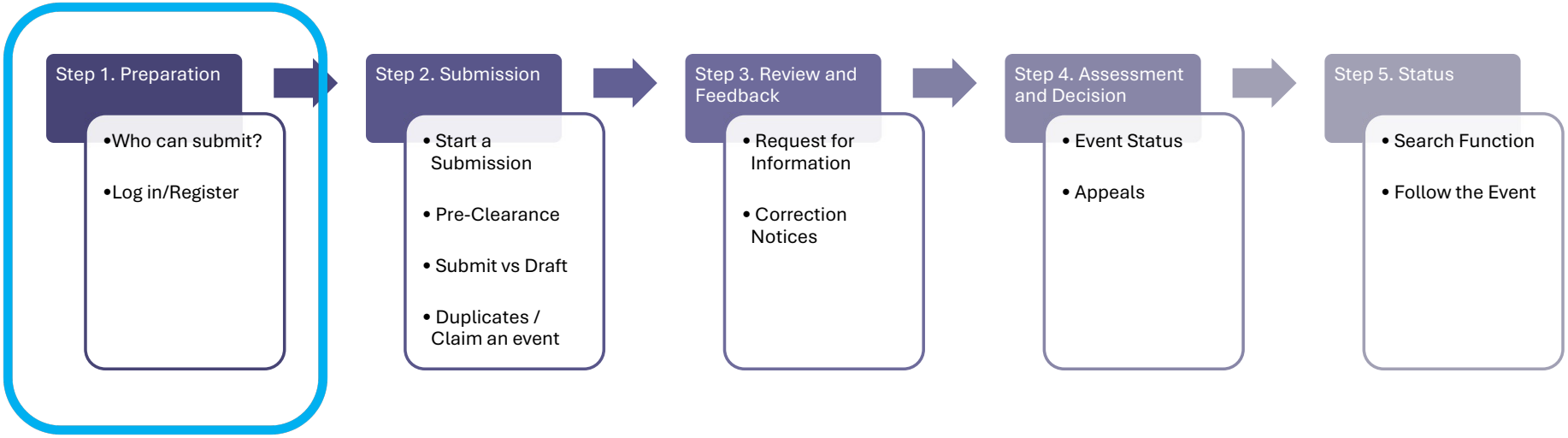

1. Who can submit an Event in CVS/e4ethics 2.0?

The following categories of **stakeholders**:

- MedTech Europe corporate members; Mecomed members; EFPIA corporate members
- MedTech Europe national associations and associate members*; EFPIA national associations and associate members
- Healthcare Organisations (HCOs) including hospitals
- Professional Conference Organisers (PCOs)

* Please note that Members of the national associations who are not direct corporate members of MedTech Europe may only file a submission through their national association

2. Log In to CVS/e4ethics 2.0

➢ Register as new user

As a first-time user, you need to register and create a new profile:
https://cvs.solutions.iqvia.com/register

➢ Submit an event

Once you have created a profile, log in on the page.

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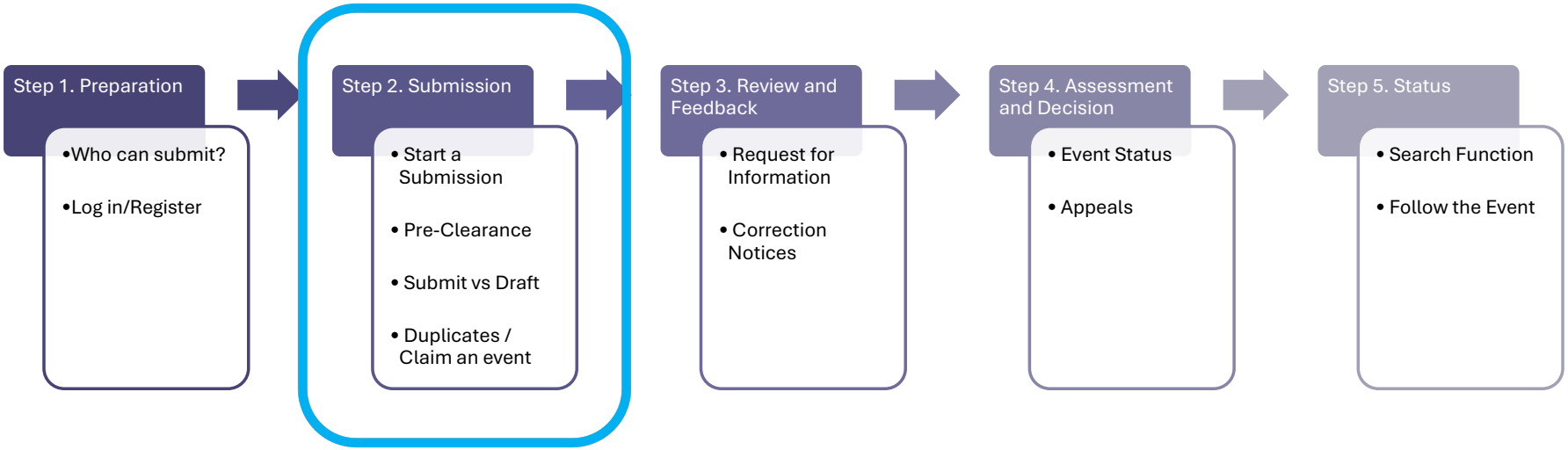
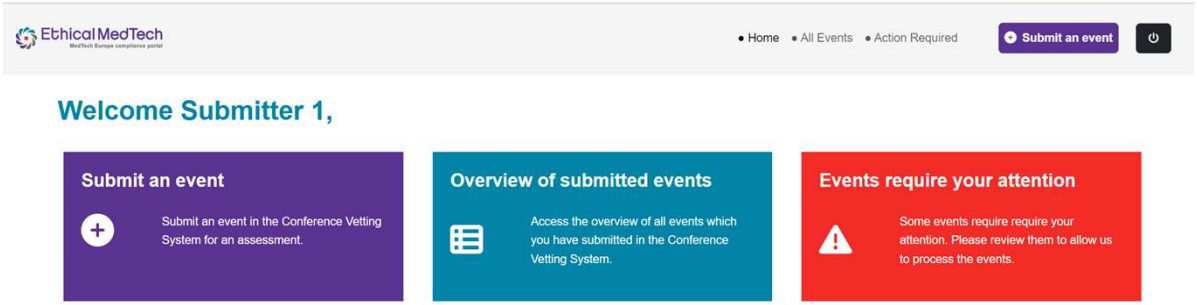


1. Click on “Submit an event”.

The information to be provided is very similar to the information required in the previous system.



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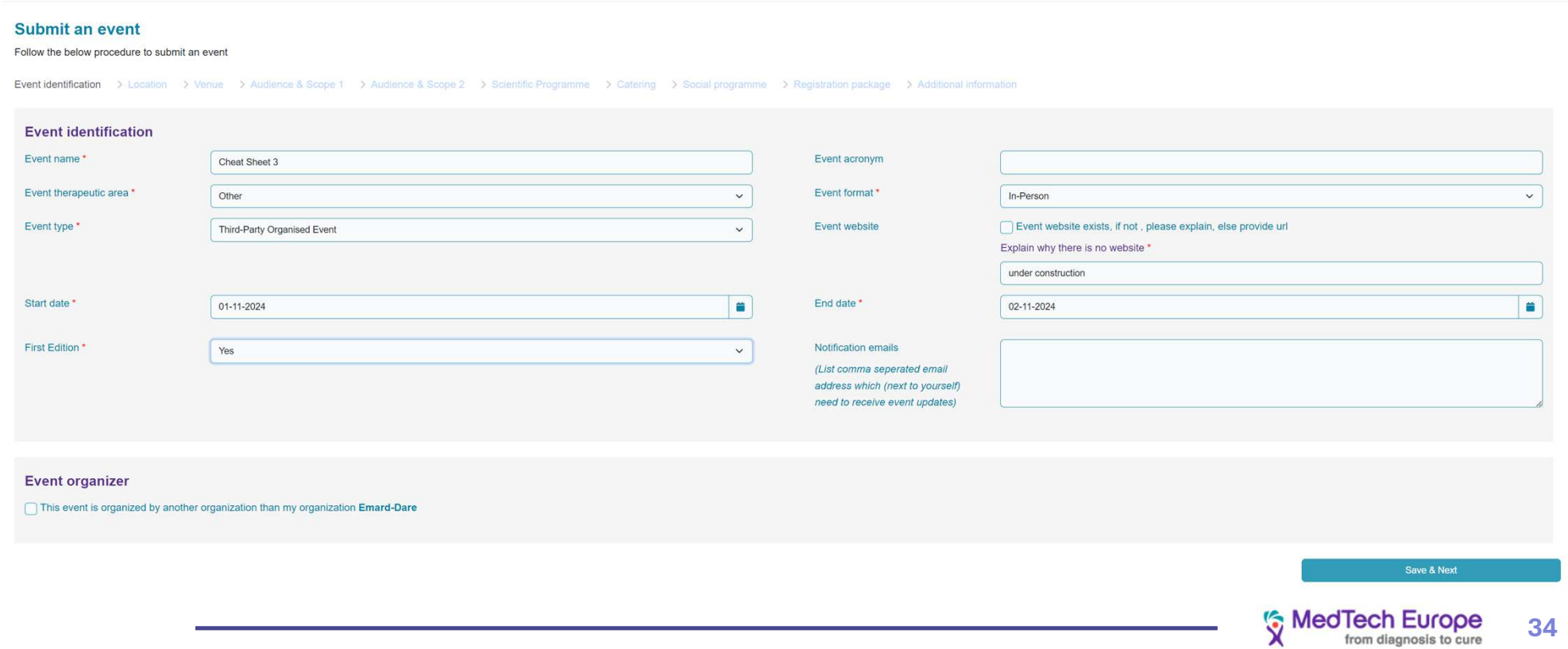
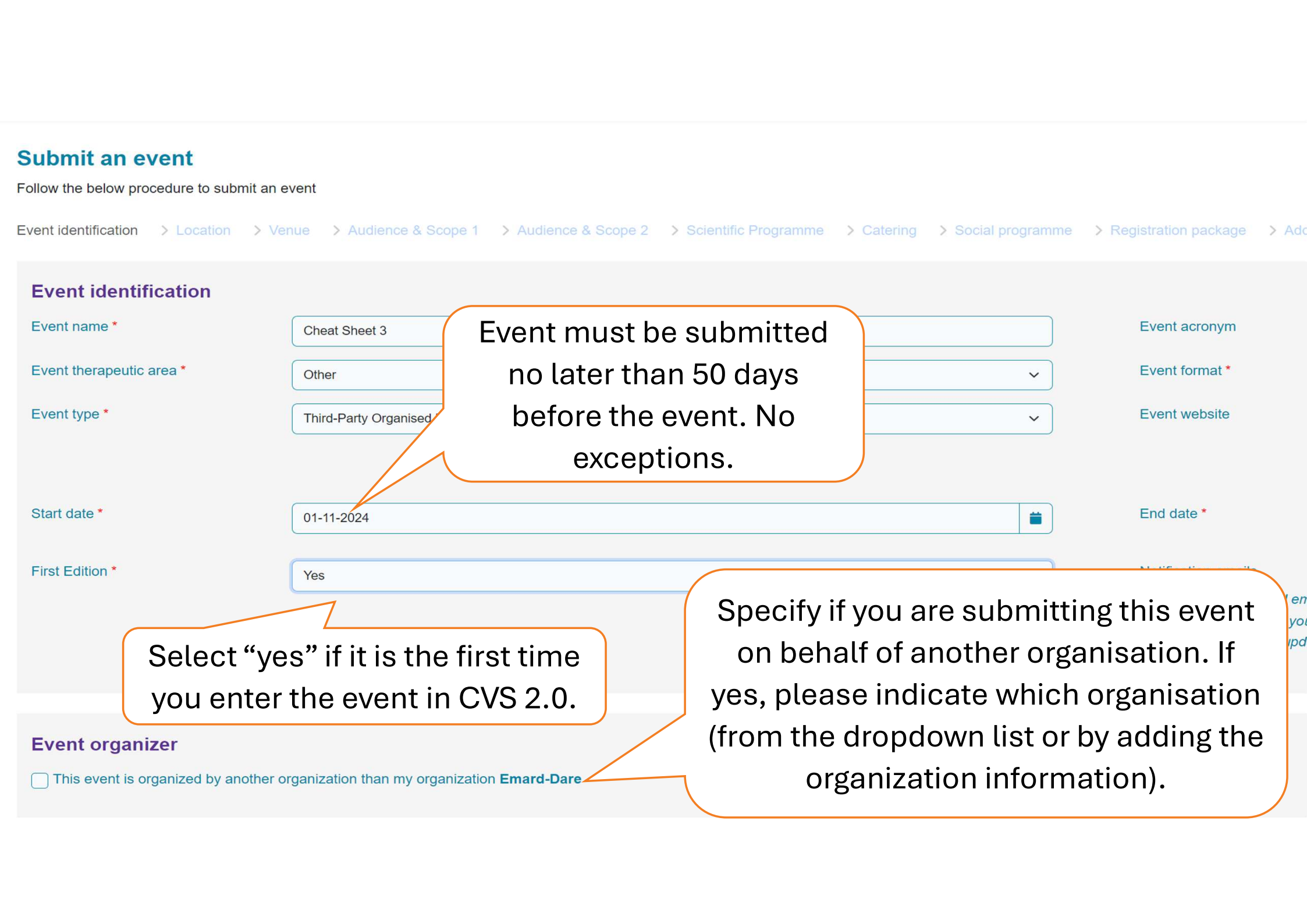
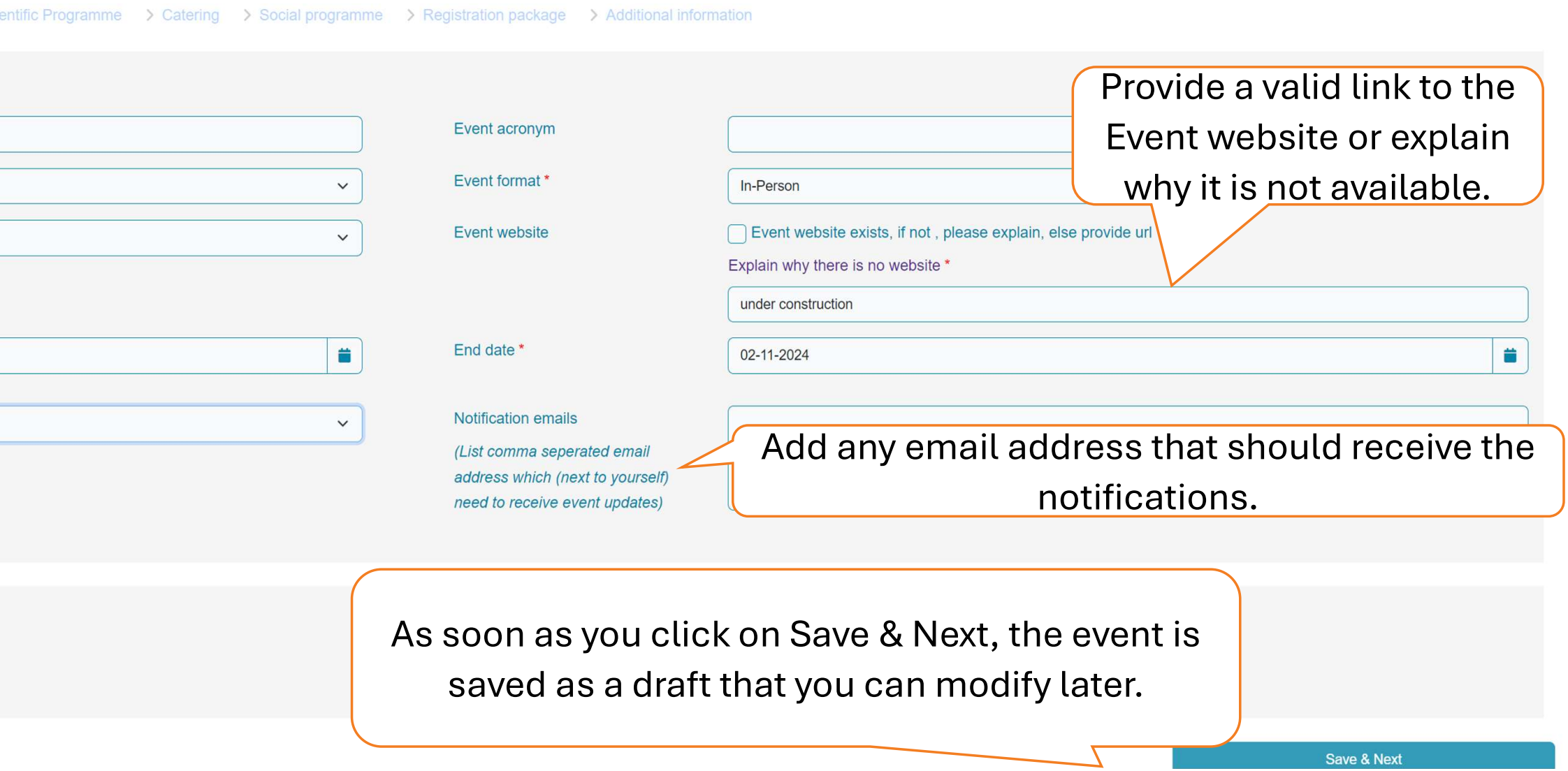



Submit an event
Follow the below procedure to submit an event
Event identification
Location
Venue
Audience & Scope 1
Audience & Scope 2
Scientific Programme
Catering
Social programme
Registration package
Event identification
Event name *
Cheat Sheet 3
Event acronym
Event therapeutic area *
Other
Event format *
Event type *
Third-Party Organised
Event website
Start date *
01-11-2024
End date *
First Edition *
Yes
Event must be submitted no later than 50 days before the event. No exceptions.
Select “yes” if it is the first time you enter the event in CVS 2.0.
Specify if you are submitting this event on behalf of another organisation. If yes, please indicate which organisation (from the dropdown list or by adding the organization information).
Event organizer
This event is organized by another organization than my organization Emard-Dare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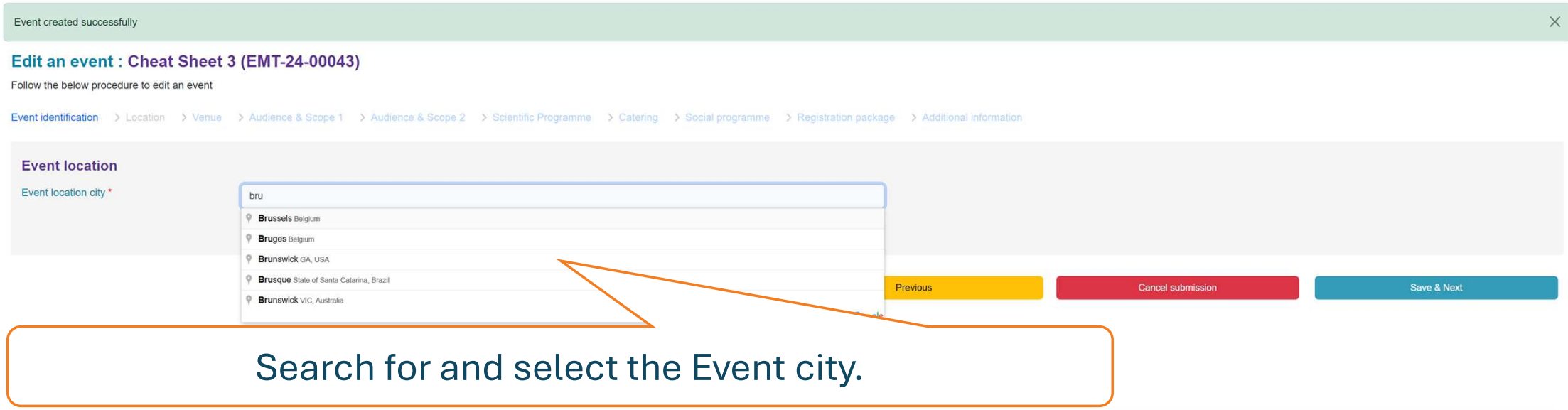
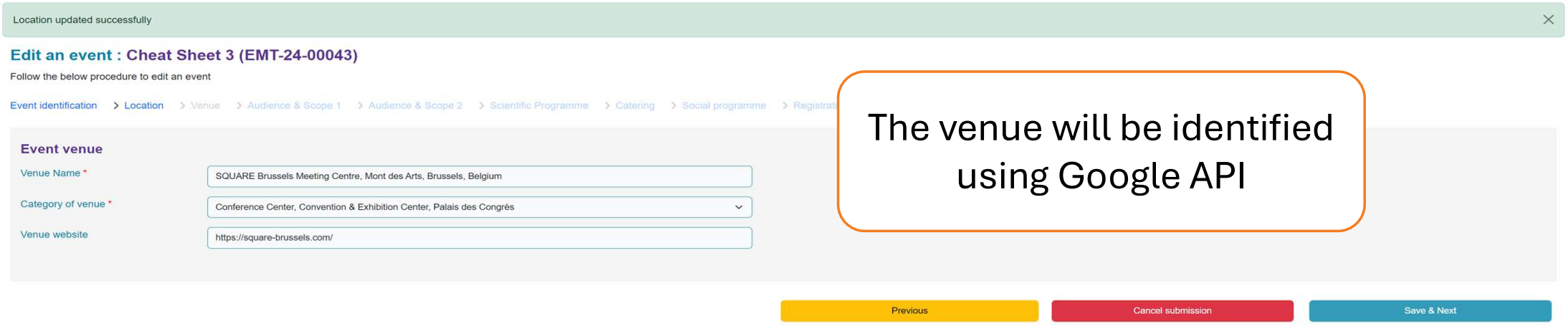
Additional information
Event acronym
Event format *
In-Person
Event website
Event website exists, if not , please explain, else provide url
Explain why there is no website *
under construction
End date *
02-11-2024
Notification emails
(List comma seperated email address which (next to yourself) need to receive event updates)
Provide a valid link to the Event website or explain why it is not available.
Add any email address that should receive the notifications.
As soon as you click on Save & Next, the event is saved as a draft that you can modify later.
Save & Next

3. Location and Venue



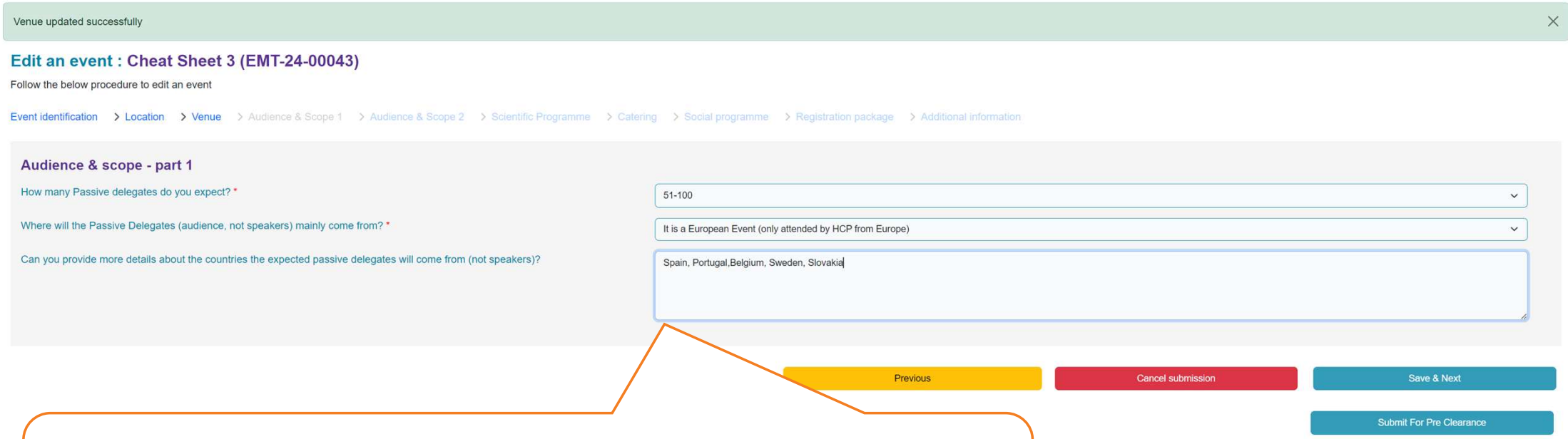
Search for and select the Event city.



The venue will be identified using Google API

4. Audience & Scope – Part 1

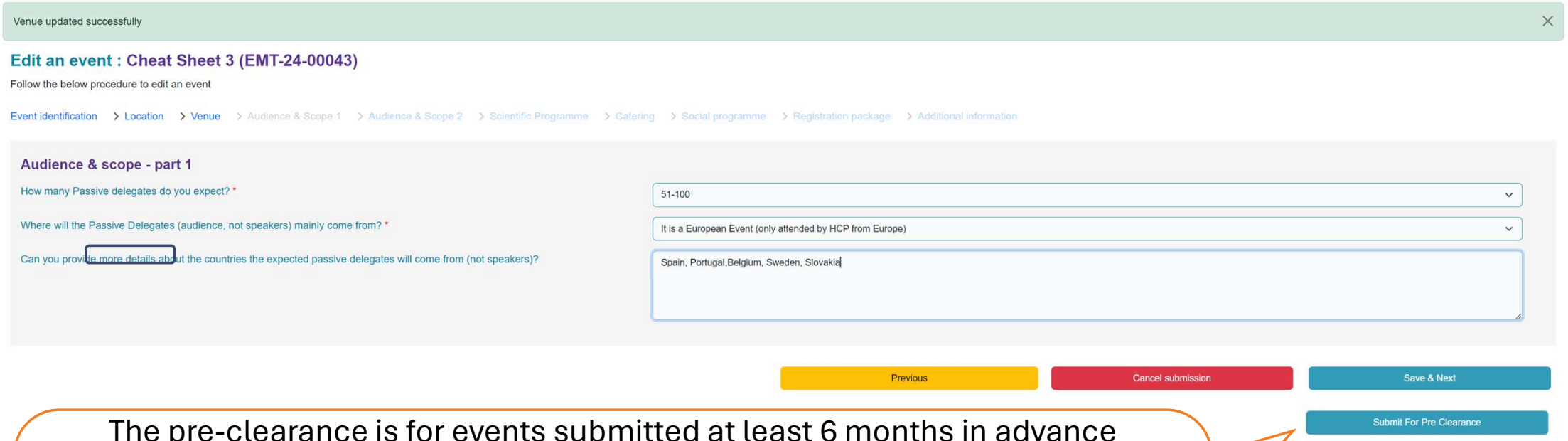
Please note that the questions focus on the **passive delegates** (i.e., the audience)



National events are out of scope of CVS/e4ethics (except for events in the Mecomed region).

5. Pre-Clearance

On the same screen, you can submit for Pre-Clearance (events > 6 months in advance)

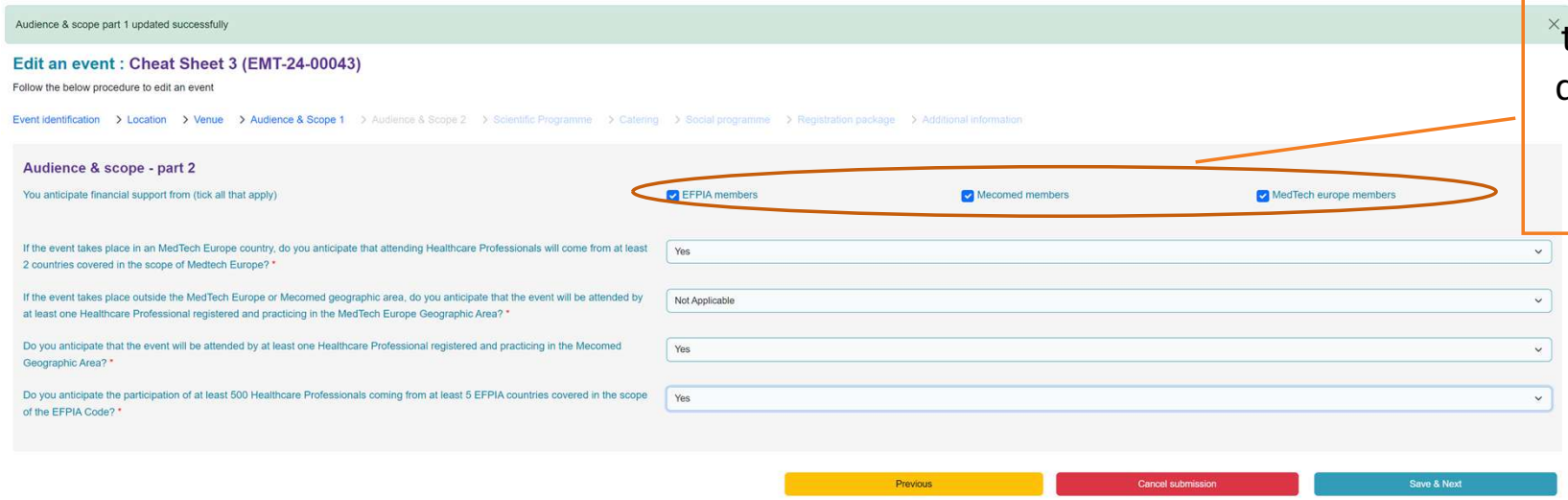


The pre-clearance is for events submitted at least 6 months in advance (assessment on the location and the venue only).

You can add the information about the scientific programme, catering, social programme, and registration package at any time, then **submit** into regular submission; but you must complete the regular submission no later than 35 days before the event starts.

6. Audience & Scope – Part 2

The questions help ensure the event is within the scope of CVS.



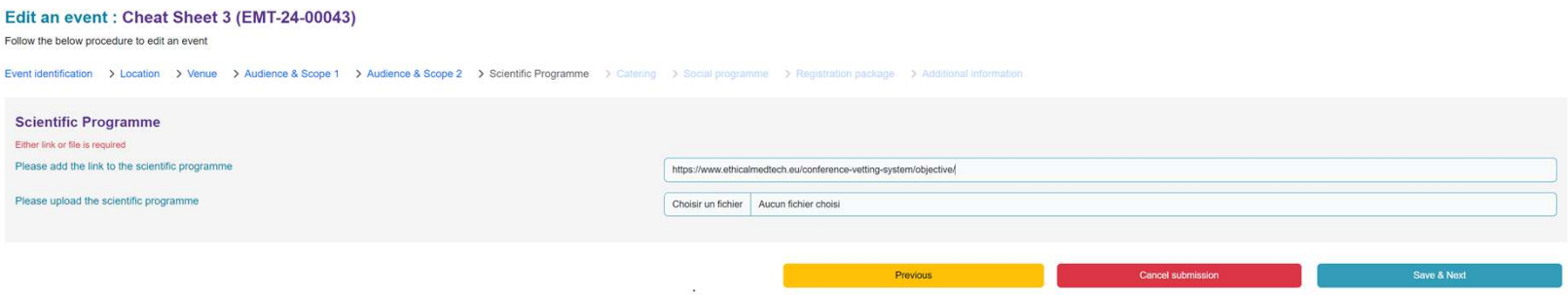
Select the categories that apply – it helps us determine whether it is in scope of CVS or e4ethics

Example: If you answer « No » to all the questions, it is not in scope.

7. Scientific Programme

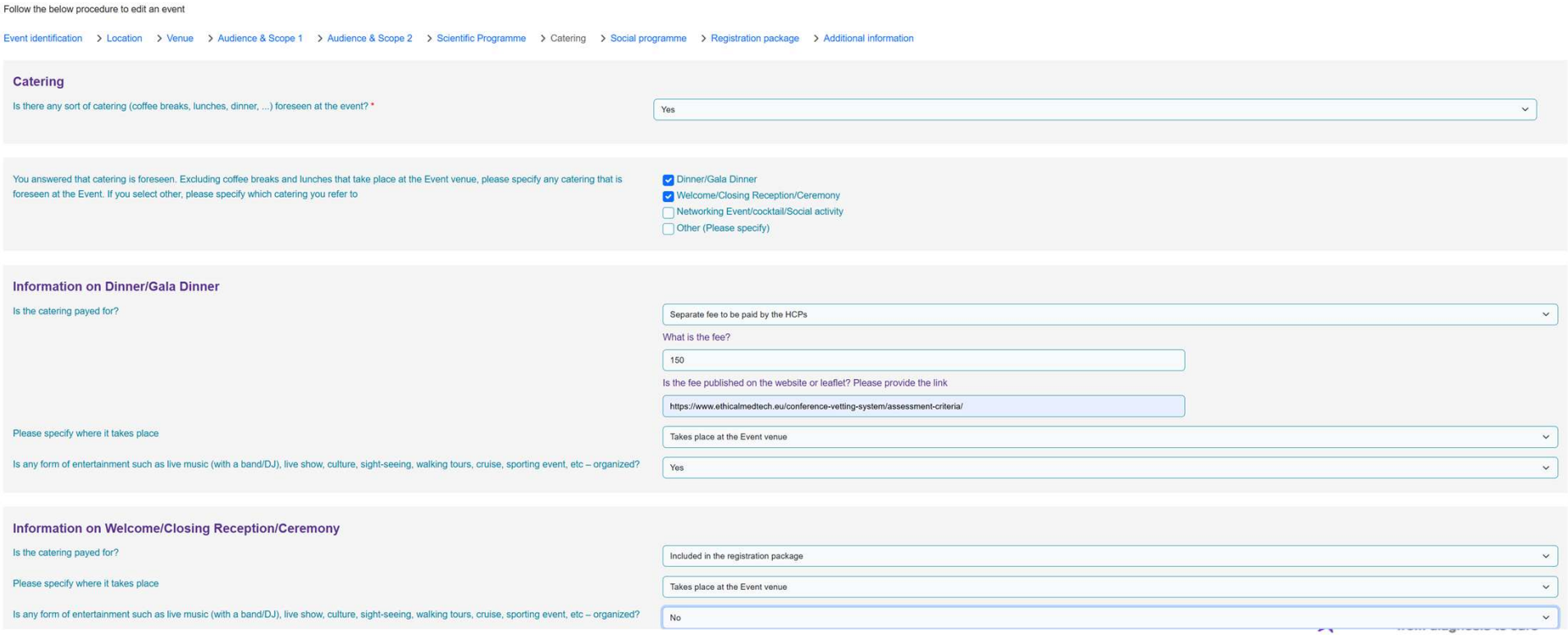
- Must be in ***English***

- You can add a link to the programme on the website **and/or** upload 1 pdf file (in English)

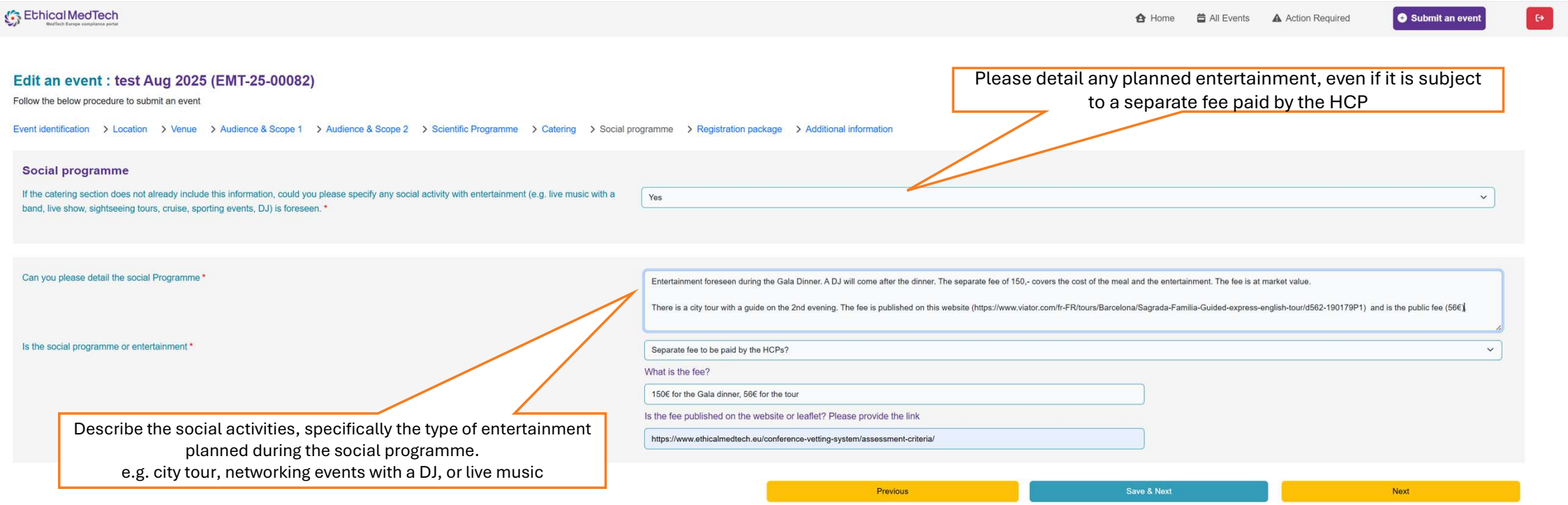


8. Catering

- Identify the hospitality provided to the delegates
- Align the answers with the registration package
- Lunches and coffee breaks are usually organised at the Event Venue. Specify if located elsewhere
- Specify any entertainment



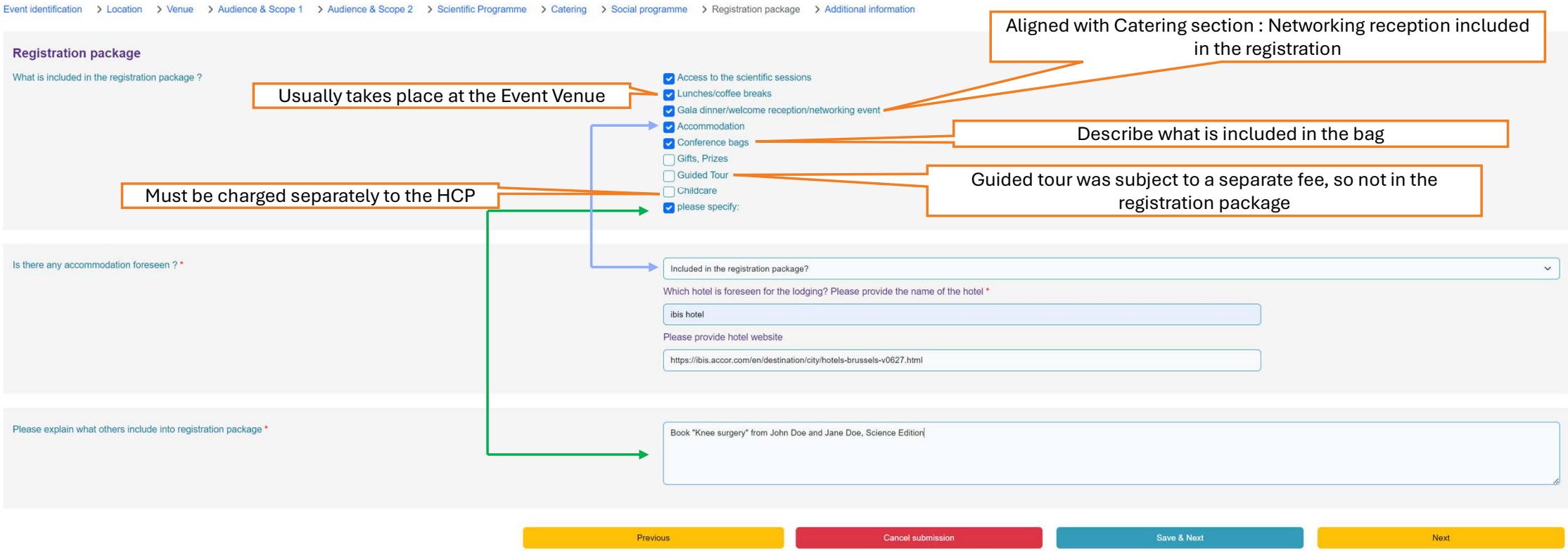
9. Social programme



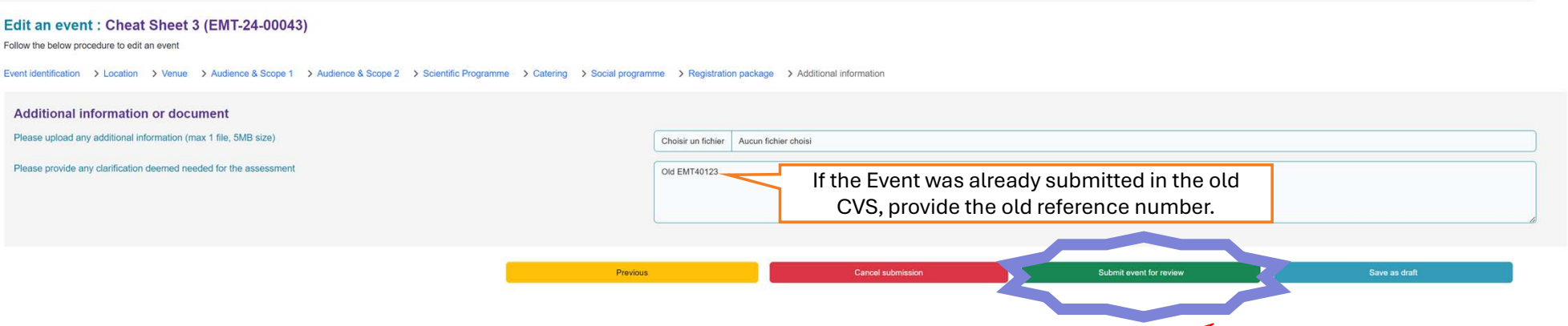
Please detail any planned entertainment, even if it is subject to a separate fee paid by the HCP

Describe the social activities, specifically the type of entertainment planned during the social programme.
e.g. city tour, networking events with a DJ, or live music

10. Registration package



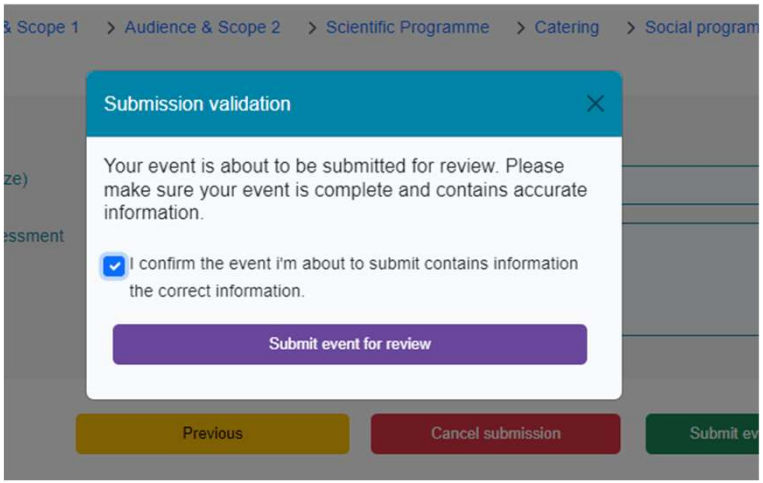
11. Additional information

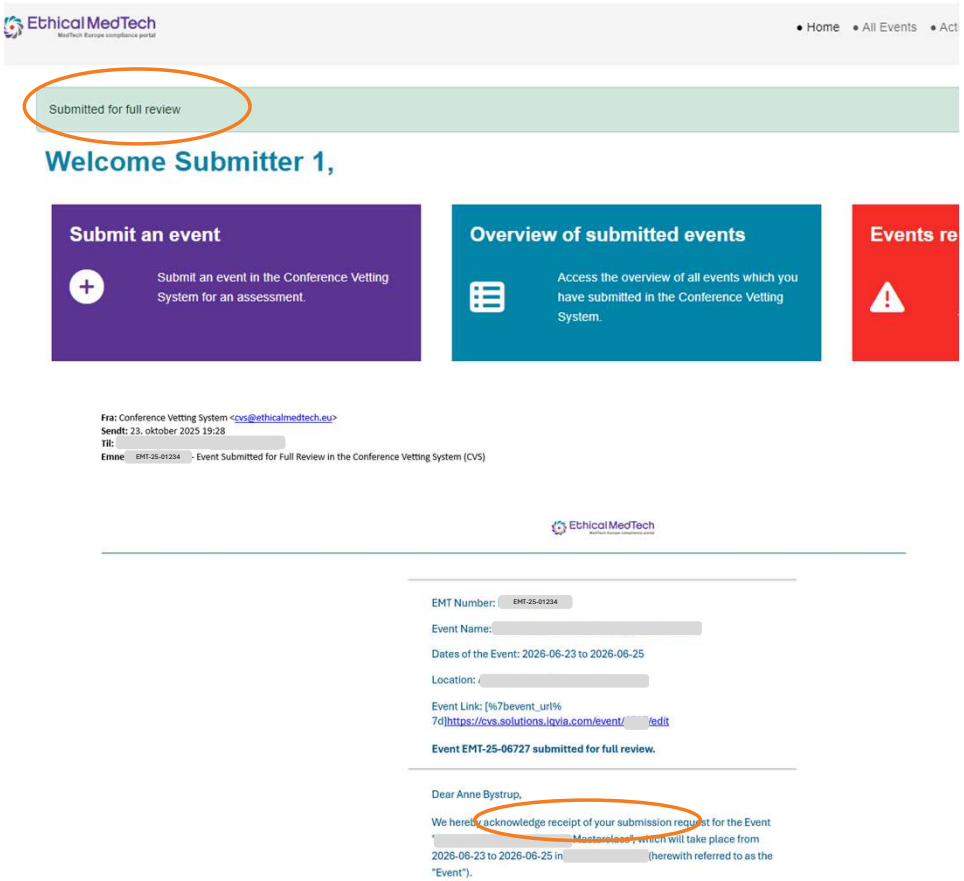


Don't forget to submit, otherwise it remains in draft status.

Compliance Officers do not see the draft and it is not in the queue for review.

12. Final and Important Step : Submit the Event





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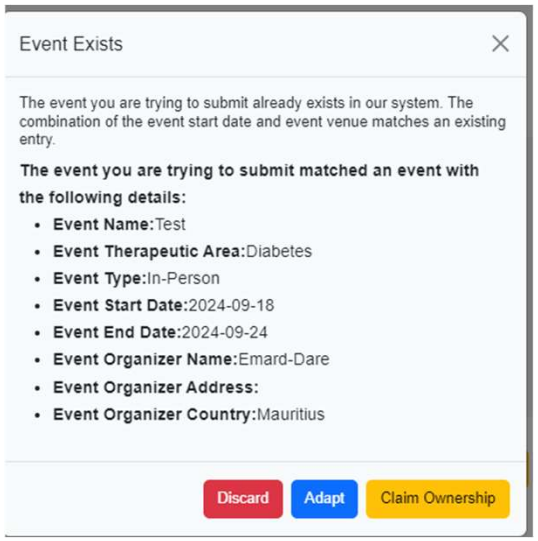

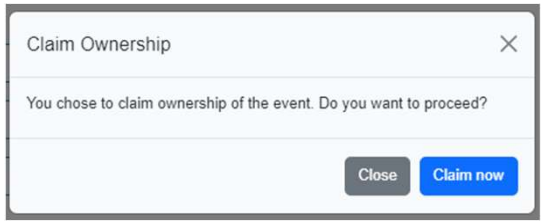

- Avoid duplicates! Always check upfront in the search if the event was already submitted.
- Automated control based on several Event details.
- If you're the organiser, you can claim ownership, so that you can adapt the Event.

Adapt: Allows you to change the Event details.
Discard: Deletes the record you just created.

Summary for a submission

Step-by-step

1. Click on « Submit an event »
2. Create the event
3. Location and venue
4. Audience and scope – Part 1: specify where the HCPs are from
5. OPTIONAL: Submit as pre-clearance (6 months in advance)
6. Audience and scope – Part 2: information about sponsors and attendance
7. Scientific Programme
8. Catering
9. Social programme
10. Registration package
11. Additional information if relevant for the assessment
12. **Submit the event**

Checklist

- ❑ Scientific programme in English (attachment and/or link)
- ❑ Details about catering
- ❑ Information about social activities and entertainment – *specify if at any point live music, sightseeing, city/museum tours, live show, are planned and subject to a separate fee*
- ❑ Items of the registration package
- ❑ Event website with all the information, including the fees for the activities not included in the registration package
- ❑ If a previous edition was already submitted in CVS 2.0, the CVS 2.0 EMT number of the previous edition
- ❑ Any other relevant information

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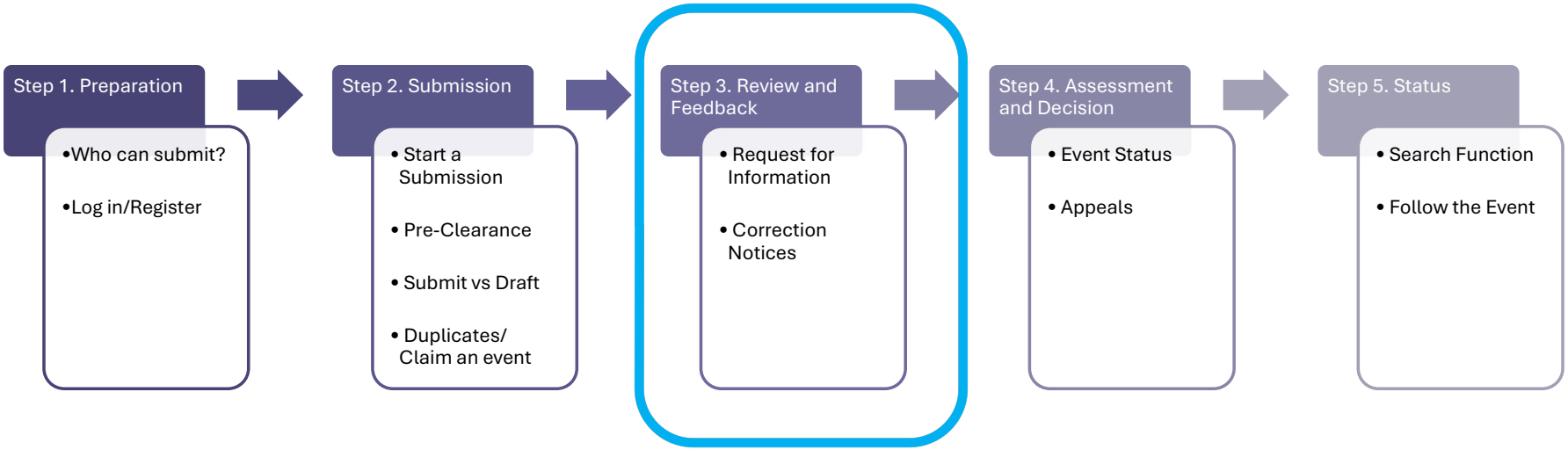
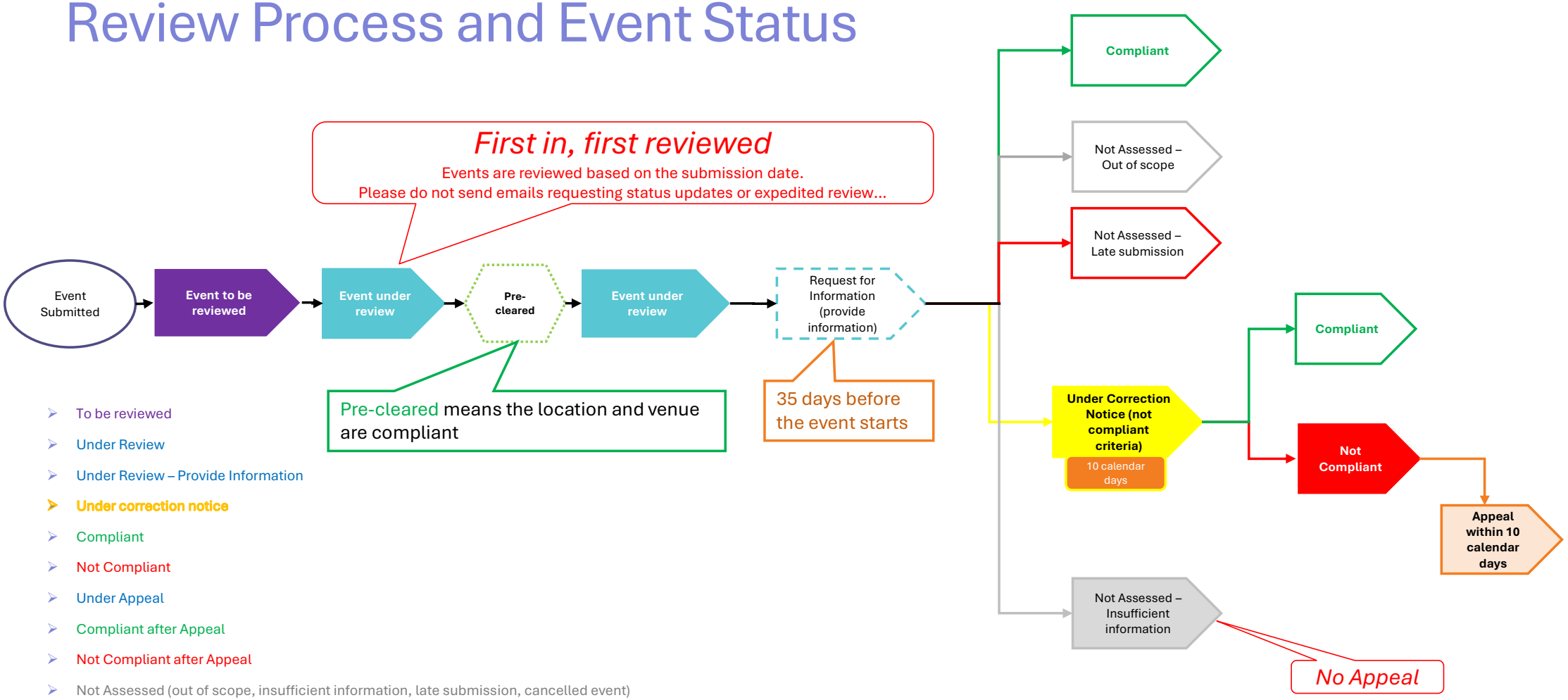


Review Process and Event Status



- To be reviewed
- Under Review
- Under Review – Provide Information
- **Under correction notice**
- Compliant
- Not Compliant
- Under Appeal
- Compliant after Appeal
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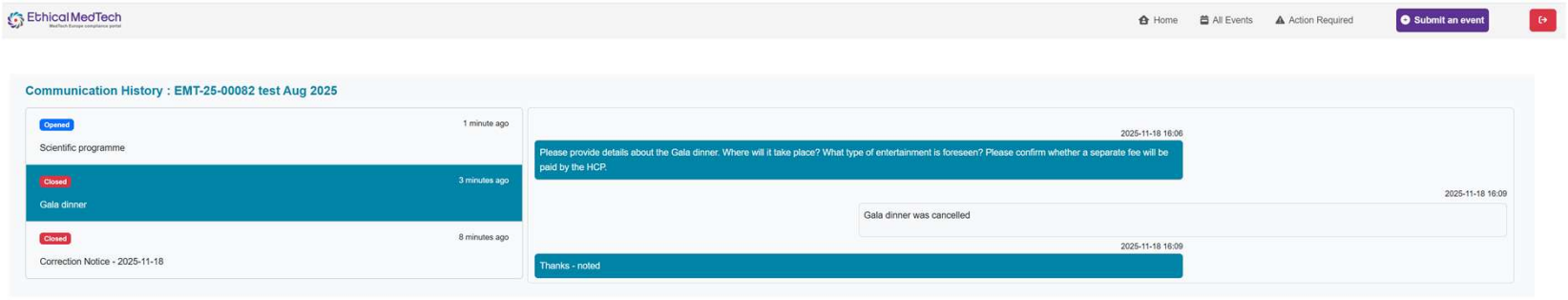
Request for Information

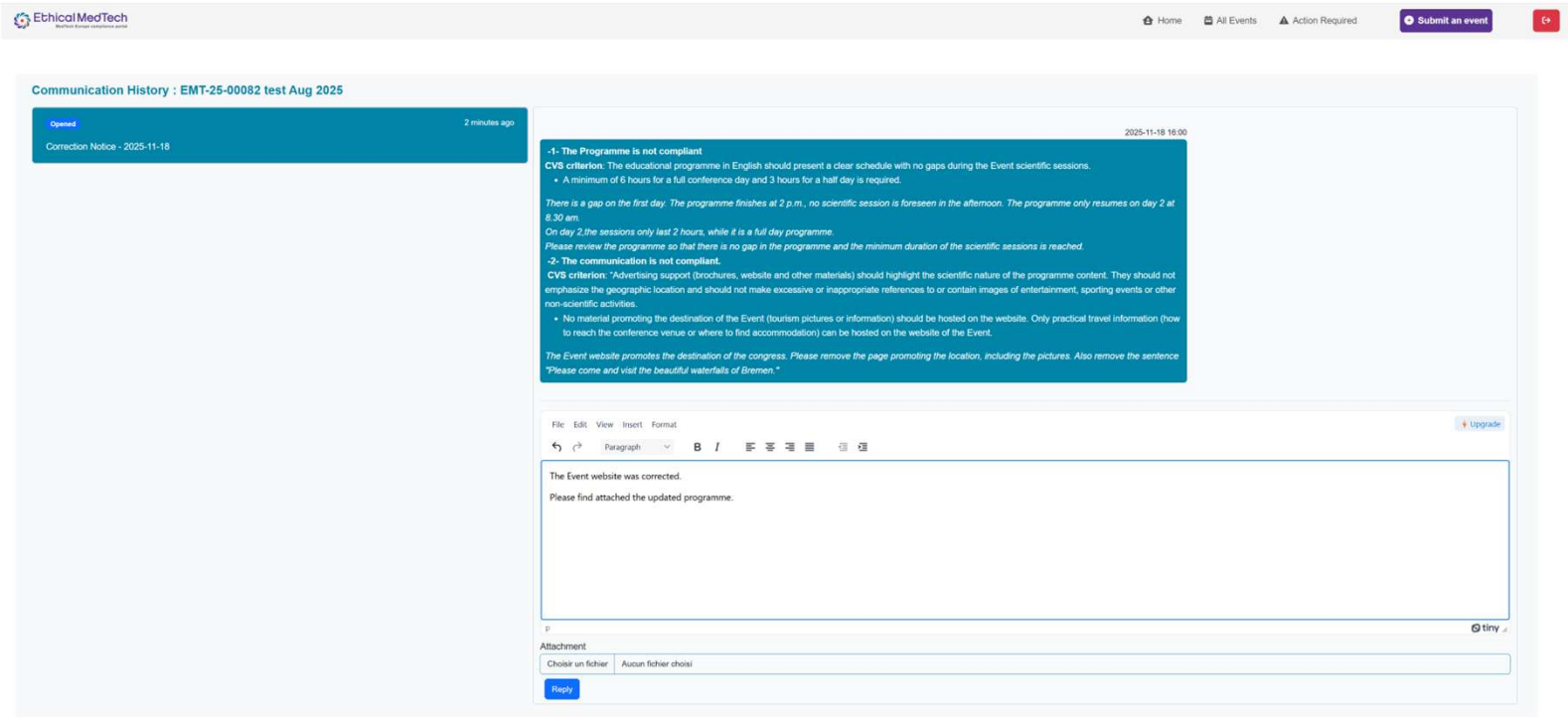
- You receive an email notification specifying the requested information.
- Visible in the messaging (red bubble).
- Reply through the messaging system (do not reply via email).



Information must be provided at least 35 days before the event starts

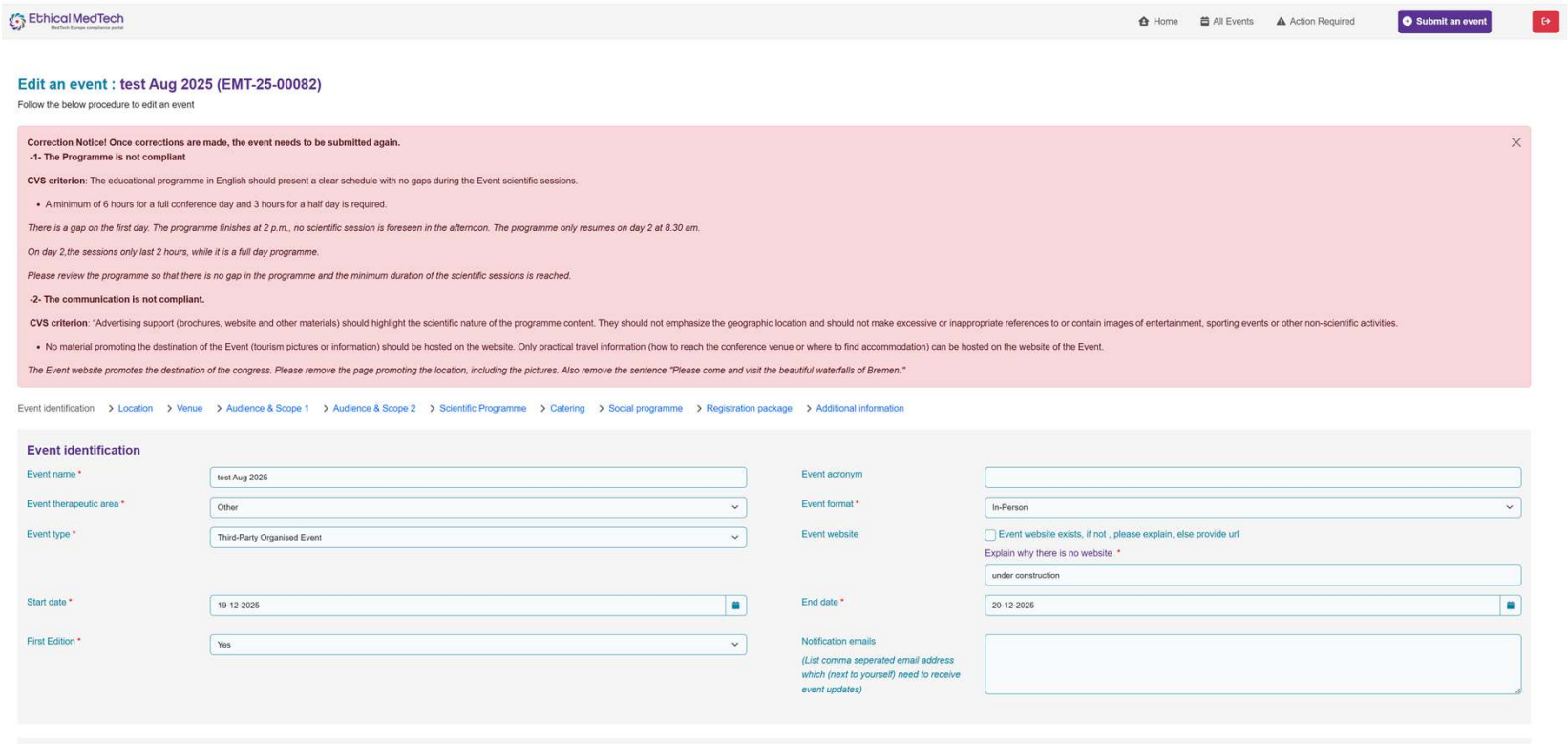
Event under Correction Notice

- Text of the correction notice
- You can reply to the correction notice (e.g., to specify which corrections were made).
- Important: You must update the Event details, save and « Submit » again to send it back for review.



Event under Correction Notice

Edit the Event to implement the requested corrections.



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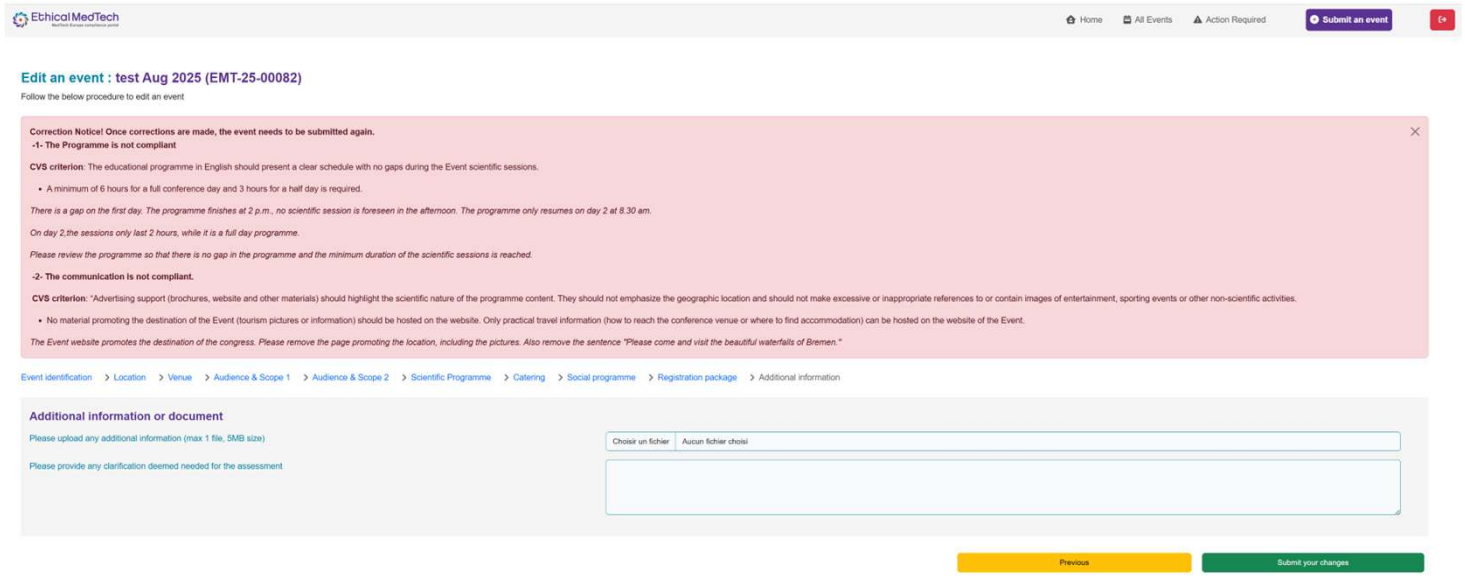
Save *the changes and* ***re-submit*** *the event on the last screen*



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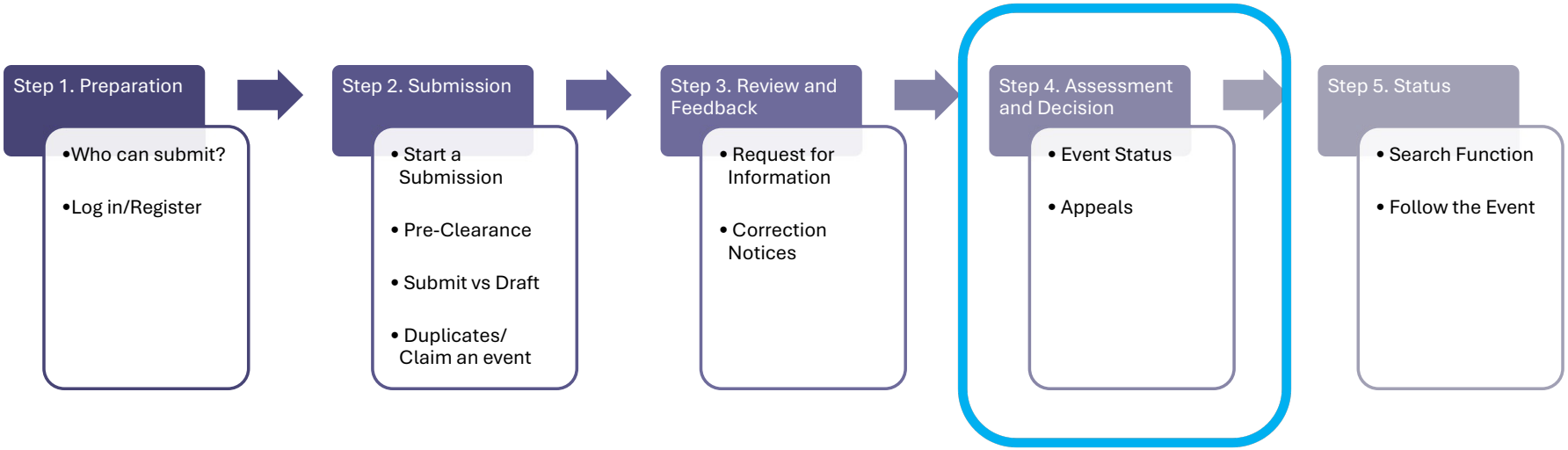

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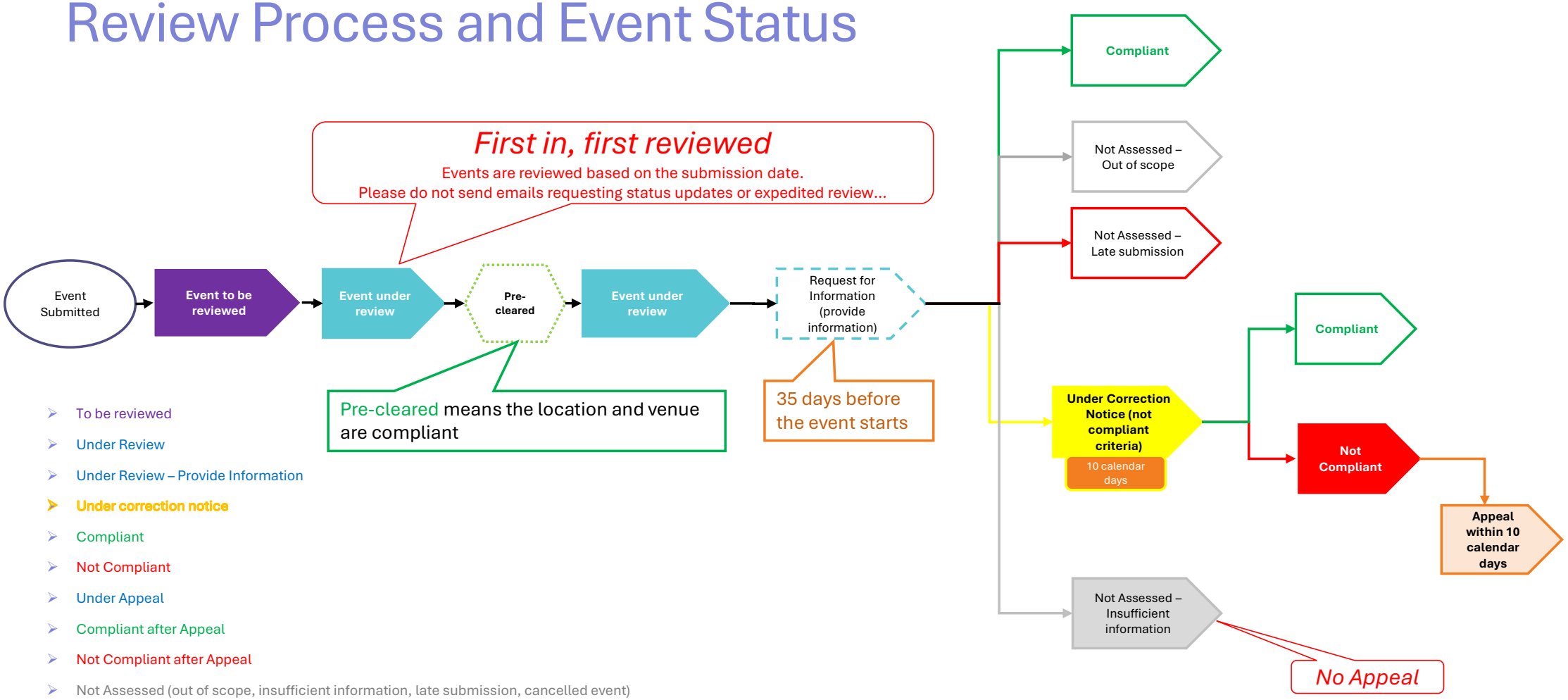

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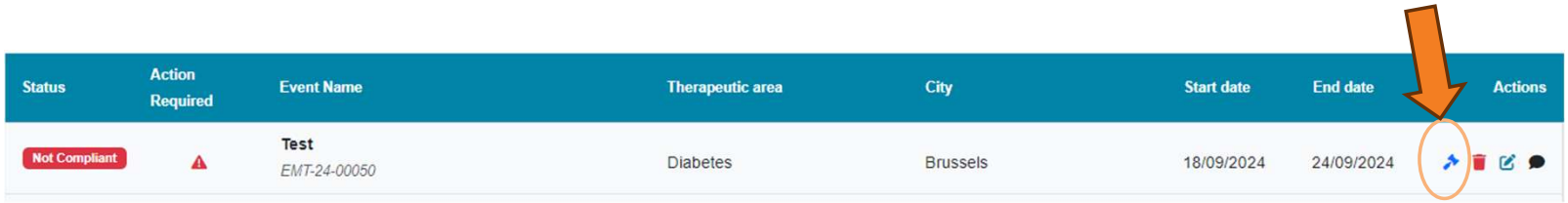
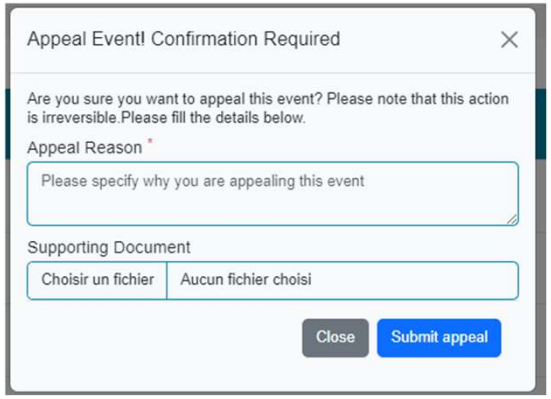
Appeal via CVS 2.0

You may file an appeal for a Not Compliant Event only.





In your appeal:

- Explain why the event compiles with the criteria.
- Add any supporting attachment (1 file).
- All relevant information must be provided by the time of the Appeal (not considered at a later stage).
- The case is then reviewed by the Compliance Panel .
- The Compliance Panel's decision is final.

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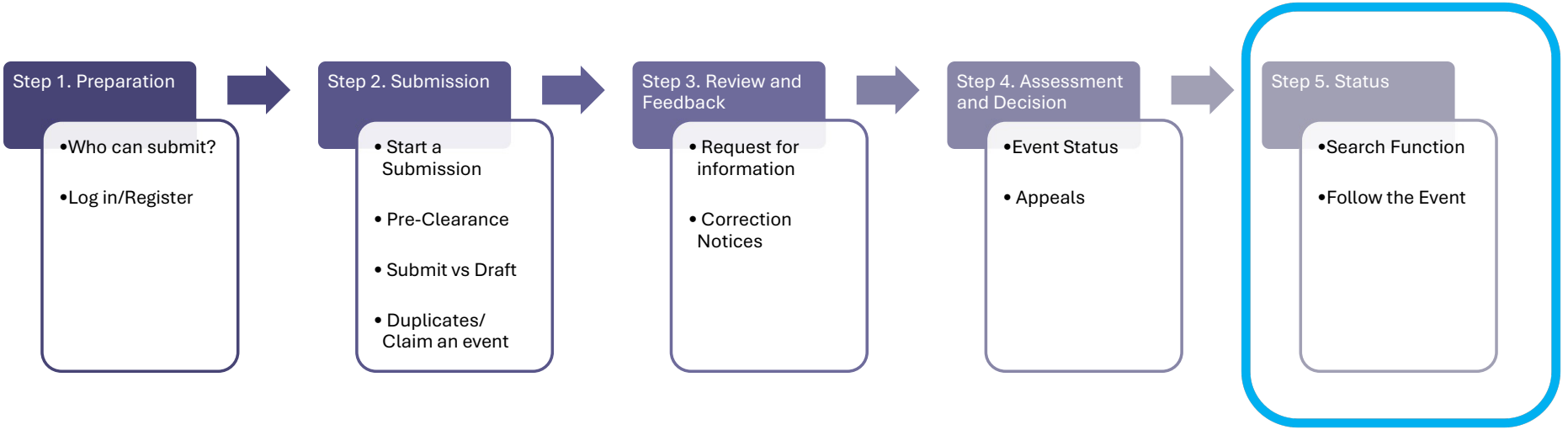
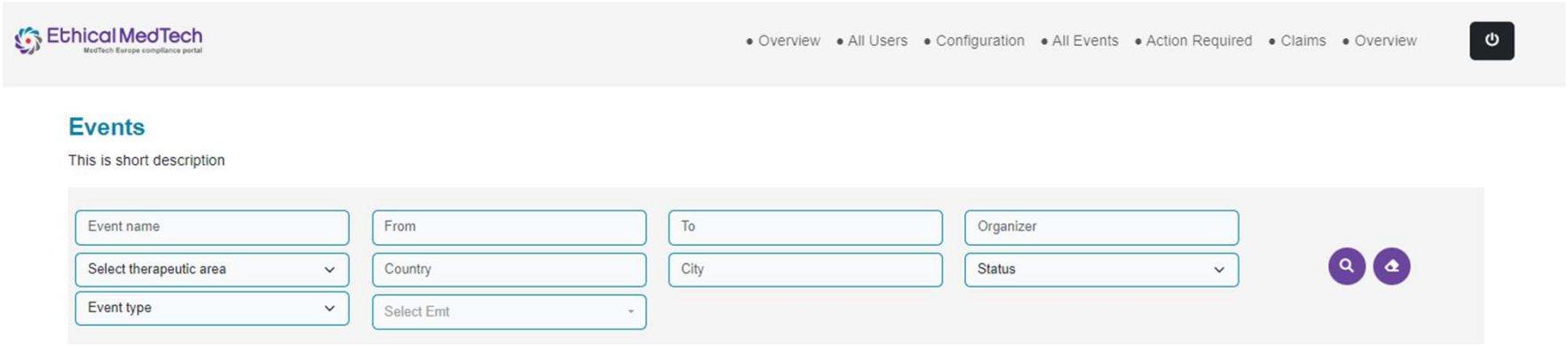


Search Function and Event Status

Search for Events

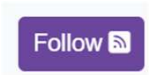


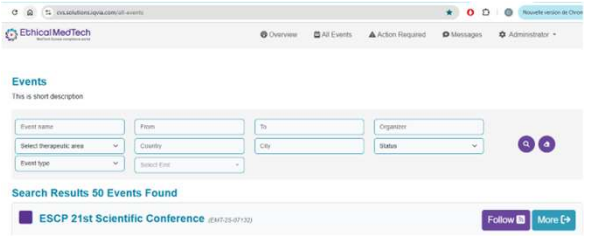
- Calendar view removed

Please do not email regarding the status of an Event.

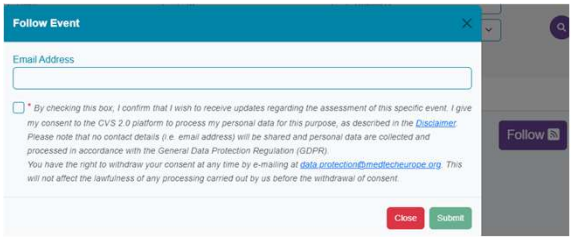
Follow the Event and Event Status

- On the public page, a button is available for each event.





- Provide your email address and you will be notified when the event status changes.



- You will receive notification about the progress of the assessment.

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Part IV: AOB

- Ethical MedTech Logo
  - Fill in the form
  - https://www.ethicalmedtech.eu/conference-vetting-system/ethical-medtech-logo/
  - A new request must be submitted for each event

- Termination of the Trusted Partner Programme
  - No Trusted Partner logo should no longer be used

Summary

- ✓ Conference Vetting System (CVS) and e4ethics: Scope and Governance
- ✓ CVS Criteria: Assessment and Application
  - 5 Assessment Criteria
  - Specific requirements for Third-Party Procedure Training (TPPT)
- ✓ Step-by-Step of a Submission in CVS/e4ethics 2.0 and Review Process
- ✓ Ethical MedTech Europe Updates
  - Process for Ethical MedTech logo
  - Reminder: End of the Trusted Partner Programme

Contacts

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- Contact the Compliance Officers at
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Thank you for the support

The CVS team