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## Taking your events online

**Experiences from Innovation Norway** 

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### **Deliveries by Innovation Norway**

### Before COVID-19

• Physical events: matchmaking, launch events, travel grants

#### During COVID-19

• Fully digital events: informational webinars, matchmaking, launch events, digital communication online

### After COVID-19

- What will society, businesses, private persons be willing and able to spend their time on?
- Hybrid events, time-effective meetings, environmentally friendly solutions



### **Digital Deliveries by Innovation Norway: May - September**

Digital Matchmakings	
Total number of matchmakings	5
Thematic areas covered	4
Countries involved	10
Total number of matchmaking participants	380

Digital Broadcasts (matchmakings + webinars)	
Total number of digital broadcasts	10
Total number of speakers	51
Total amount of hours broadcasted	≈21
Total number of viewers (live and recorded)	≈4,000



## **Digital events – the steps**

### Before

### Determine purpose

- Result
- Metrics
- Agenda and timing
  - Short and to the point

### Website and software

- Event-site (EMS)
- Webinar platform

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#### communication

- Partners
- Participants
- Contributors

### "Validate" participants

- Target group
- Partner/ PO communication

### During

### **Event preparation**

- Roles
  - Admins (+ moderator)
- Dry-run

### **Event execution**

- Record
- Keep in mind your audience
- Expectation management

### After

### Feedback

- Short feedback form or direct follow-up
- Were the metrics achieved?

- Follow-up
- Webinars?
- Physical event?

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## Website/EMS and softwares



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## **Common webinar platforms**



#### Pros

- Part of O365
- 0-10 000 Attendees
- Good security and simple settings

#### <u>Cons</u>

- Must have Teams licence (O365) to present
- Very manual to use
- Poor attendee report
- No in-built live poll



#### Pros

- · Anyone can present, no licence required
- Easy to use (speaker and host perspective)
- Informative attendee report
- Live poll with report

#### <u>Cons</u>

- Priced on amount of hosts and attendees (for webinar)
- Detailed settings → security
- Because the video is based on the audio (Zoom meeting), the host cannot choose who is being displayed

### **Event Management System (EMS)**



### https://www.b2match.com/



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### Website creation and participation validation in B2Match





## **Additional considerations**

### **Feedback**

 How do we know if the event is successful? What do we want to achieve?

### Follow-up

• What is the road ahead? What can you organise/send out to complement the digital event?

### **Thinking differently**

- Increased availability and flexibility
- «Unlimited» scalability
- Reduced costs, time-efficient
- = a different type of event

### Stay relevant

- Online events have exploded how do you ensure that your events are interesting and relevant?
- Make events interactive and remember the customer journey



# Thank you!



