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Introduction

A number of basic aspects shall be considered when equipping a conference venue with permanent booths. As interpreting is an activity that requires high concentration, stress factors have to be avoided, and the working environment accordingly has to meet the highest ergonomic standards and provide an environment that enables interpreters to carry out their work properly.

This document addresses the following:

- a) sound insulation, both from the noise transmitted from the booth's environment to a booth and vice versa and from noise passing from one booth to another;
- b) good visual communication between the interpreters and the participants in the event;
- c) adequate working conditions for the interpreters, whose booths are their workplace, such as to enable them to sustain the intense effort of concentration required throughout the day's work.

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