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Hello,

RightsCon is just around the corner. We wanted to send a little note to attendees regarding the Schengen visa.

Take a look at these [tips and documentation](#) needed to successfully obtain a Schengen visa:

- Arrange the appointment at a sufficient number of days prior to your departure. The visa process is time-consuming. Because of the current geopolitical climate, the embassy might need more time to run background checks. So apply as early as possible.
- Valid passport (at least 3 months prior to your departure is required).
- Fully completed visa application form and 1 passport-format photo. (Look at the consulate website you are applying from and find the application and other requirements there).
- Round trip reservation or itinerary with dates and flight numbers specifying entry and exit from the Schengen area.
- Schengen travel visa insurance. Insurance companies offer travel insurance for a very reasonable price. To learn more about the requirements click [here](#)
- Proof of accommodation for the whole duration of the intended stay in the Schengen area. If you are willing to stay at Crowne Plaza Hotel, our conference venue, please follow [this link for reservation](#).
- Proof of sufficient fund during the intended stay in the Schengen area. Varies from country to country. Consulate officers often ask for a statement of your bank account or proof of travel support.
- Any other documents that prove your ties to your home country are highly recommended. These include a valid employment letter, school enrollment verification letter, family ties, evidence of a business, car or land ownership.
- If you have ever gotten a Schengen visa, make sure to have a document to support it, such as older passport or copy of the former Schengen visa.

Please let us know if you have additional questions,

Team RightsCon