# The Future of Event Marketing

**2nd Edition** 

How to win more attendees in 2019 and beyond

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## **Executive summary**

Quite a lot has happened since the first edition of The Future of Event Marketing.

# Here is a summary of the most significant changes:

- Events are the most sought after marketing channel for 2019.
- Organic social media is slowly dying, leaving space for mostly paid initiatives.
- Organic marketing opportunities exist on search engines and with video.
- The rise of experiences has opened new marketing possibilities for event professionals.
- Last minute decisions are increasingly popular, making moment marketing more relevant in 2019.

The second edition of The Future of Event Marketing will help you navigate through these overarching trends, with a twist.

We are introducing a new wealth of quantitative and qualitative research as well as an update on our tools section, looking back at what is still relevant in 2019 and what will be relevant going forward.

#### The structure of this report:

- Five overarching trends impacting event marketing in 2019 and beyond
- · Quantitative research: What event marketers say is working.
- Qualitative research: Tools, Challenges, Internal Selling and ROI -7 experts weigh in
- · The Event Story Strategy Before Tools
- Event Marketing Tools What still works in 2019
- · Event Marketing Tools 2019 and beyond





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