# Keynote | [Video Experience Cloud] Creating a Winning Hybrid Events Strategy



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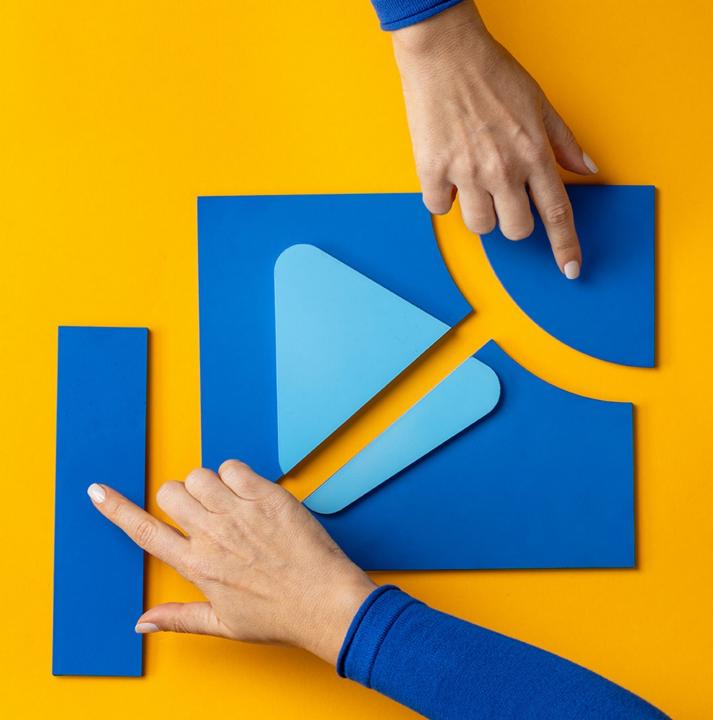




## Crafting a winning events strategy

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#### The new 'New Normal'

**Enterprises** 

**ROI** & cost saving pressure

Higher expectations

**Customers** 

How can I engage my customers with less \$?

How do I feel about this product?

Marketers today are required to

BUILD AN AGILE AND RESEILIENT STRATEGY

to attract and retain a DIGITAL CONSUMER

while contending with CONSISTENT DISRUPTION



#### Welcome to the cost-effective engagement marketing age

**Enterprises** 

ROI & cost saving pressure

COST-EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT MARKETING

Higher expectations

**Customers** 

How can I engage my customers with less \$?

- Engage with the product
- Meaningful interaction
- Long-term relationship

And...

- Automate and manage with ease and at scale
- Replicate and repurpose for recurring events and campaigns

How do I feel about this product?



### Finally, the CMO and CFO agree on something

Virtual events are an excellent option for most customer and prospect <u>engagement</u> opportunities



- ✓ Lower costs
- ✓ Higher registration (10x)
- ✓ Global reach, localization
- Flexible time span & event duration
- Top speakers & executive attendees
- Real-time data points & lead intelligence
- Flexible, data-rich, sponsor packages
- Production value over time due to reusability



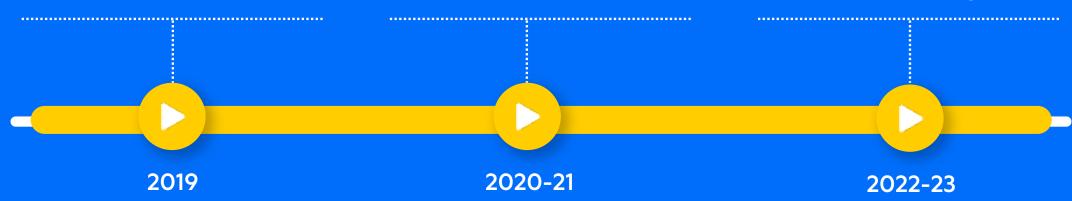
#### Virtual events go mainstream, tech stack becomes critical



- Buyers are junior event managers
- Virtual is an afterthought at best

- Event Tech becomes lucrative
- Buyer is the CMO
- Virtual is center stage

- Vendor consolidation
- Buyer consolidation
- Virtual stabilizes for many events due to ROI
- In-person doesn't go away but takes a smaller portion due to high costs





#### The power of virtual reflected in the overused term 'hybrid'



events are increasingly becoming digital experiences





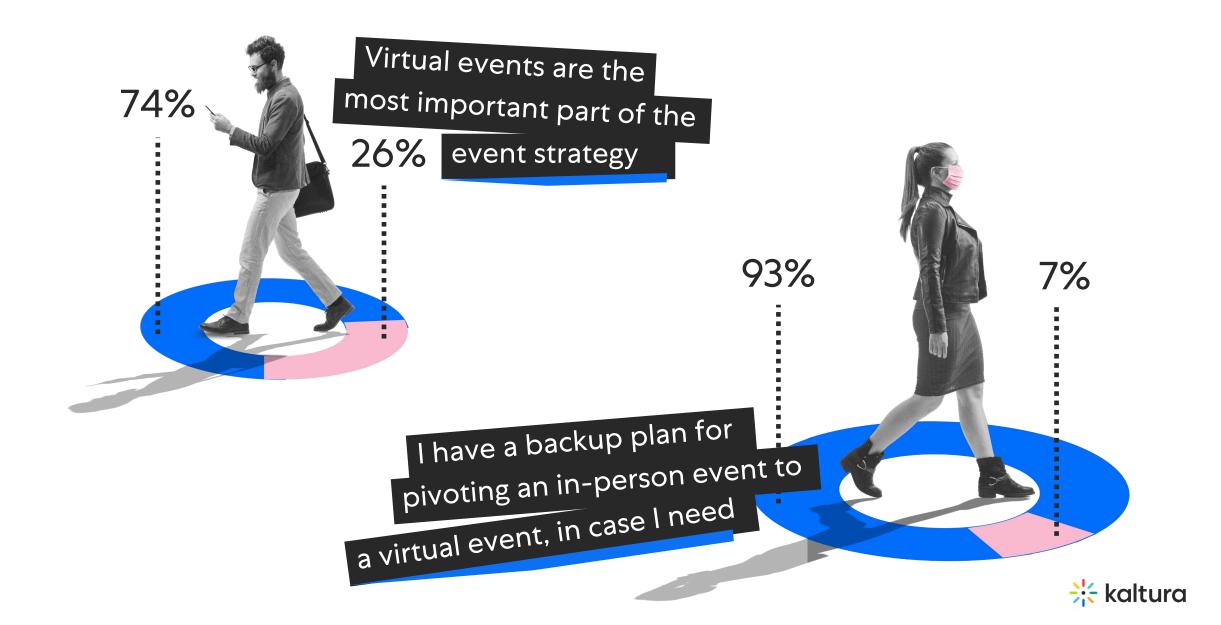
## The State of Virtual Events 2022

A global survey of 1250+ organizers and attendees





#### Marketing strategy is no longer complete without virtual events



#### Virtual and Hybrid Events are here to stay

90%

Agree

10%

**Disagree** 

All Large-Scale

Events will be Hybrid or

Virtual in the Next 2 years





#### The New Hybrid - Definitions

Mostly In-Person

Unified

**Mostly Virtual** 



### Engagement tools to boost your virtual events

- Group chat
- 1:1 chat
- Q&A chat (ask the expert)
- Live reactions & crowd reactions
- Polls
- Gamification (leader board, badges)
- Announcements & notifications
- Bring to stage







## So which option best fits your event strategy?

#### **Key considerations:**

- Brand presence
- Demand generation
- Target audience (prospects, customers, employees, partners, etc.)
- Budget constraints and revenue goals
- Networking and community creation
- Ongoing engagement and nurturing
- Regional and localization needs
- Accessibility considerations DEI
- Sponsors and partner relationships
- Content mix and distribution channels
- Top tier speaker accessibility



#### Final Words of Wisdom

- 1. Content & networking
- 2. Be data-driven
- 3. Connect the dots





### Thank You!

Questions?

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