



AIJA HOME HOSPITALITY DINNER

Frequently Asked Questions



As you have heard on multiple occasions – AIJA's 64th Annual Congress is taking place in Vienna from 24 to 29 August 2026. It is a much awaited event and we expect up to hundreds of international lawyers participating.

The absolute highlight of the AIJA Congress is the HOME HOSPITALITY DINNER, which will take place on Wednesday, 26 August 2026.

Here are some of the Frequently Asked Questions that shall provide you with more insights:

1. Can I host the home hospitality dinner if I am not participating in the Annual Congress?

Yes, you can. Nevertheless, we wanted to use the momentum and encourage you to register and even become an AIJA member!

2. Can I host the home hospitality dinner even if I am “outside” the young lawyer definition (within AIJA, above 45 years old)?

Yes, absolutely. As long as you are open minded and ready for a great evening with an international team, please do sign up!

3. How many guests shall I host?

The minimum number of guests you can host is 3 guests, but as we usually say in AIJA: you are free to welcome as many as you feel comfortable with or have seats around the table. Average number of guests is normally between 5-8 per host.

4. Can I inform a range of guests rather than a set number?

Yes, absolutely – we will do our best to guarantee the minimum requested number of guests (and in no circumstance we will assign you more than the maximum).



5. Do I live too far to host a dinner?

We don't set a strict limit on the distance for hosts. If you live in or around Vienna — for example, if you work in the city on most days — your home is certainly close enough to participate. If you're unsure, feel free to contact us at home_hospitality@aija.org, and the AIJA Team together with the Vienna OC will review your location.

6. What is expected of me as a host?

Nothing more than what you would do on a regular Wednesday evening at home with friends – some food, some drinks and nice, informal atmosphere. There are no rules as to what should be served and there is no need to provide fancy meals; just take it easy and enjoy, along with your dear guests. Just keep in mind that, when the dinner is over, everyone (including the hosts, of course) is invited to meet for an afterparty. Working language in AIJA is English, hence you can expect that all guests will speak English, but that does not exclude other languages.

7. When will I learn who I am hosting?

Around one week before the dinner, you will get an e-mail with this information. The AIJA Team will connect you with your guests and share information on the location, commuting time and your contact details, among others.

8. What will I get in return?

- a truly memorable evening,
- a chance to show your city in the most personalised way,
- insights as to what the famous AIJA spirit is,
- potential friends for a lifetime,
- business contacts,
- nice gifts from your guests' home countries (it is part of the tradition that your guests arrive with small gifts from their countries) and
- invitation to join a private afterparty and get to meet all the hosts and guests (free entrance for congress participants, all hosts and their +1s).

If you know anyone else from the legal profession who would enjoy such event and hosting, please pass on the message to sign-up!