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5 Post-Event Tips for Supercharging Your ROI

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Why Post-Event ROI Matters

We tend to be overly focused on preparation & planning

SURVEY

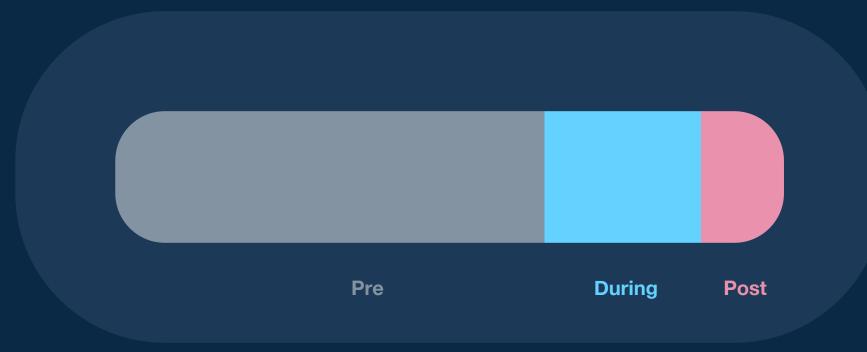
When considering how much time you spend on event planning and execution, what percentage of that goes towards post-event motions?

> **11%** More than 20% of time spent on post event

2% Moving on immediately 47% 10-20% time spent on post-event

39% 1-10% time spent on post-event

Event Focus Areas



We often gauge an event's success on things that occur before or during the event

Pre-Event

- Registration numbers
- Ticket sales
- Types of accounts registered
- Revenue from registration
- Pre-booked meetings
- Speaking submissions
- Visits to event page
- Promotion email open and clickthrough rates
- Credibility of speakers

Day-of

- Attendee numbers
- Poll engagement
- Session popularity and attendance
- Social media posts and tags
- Press interviews
- Onsite meetings
- Booth scans
- Demo requests
- Level of audience participation in sessions

Post-event success looks different

Post-Event

- Survey feedback
- On-demand views
- Leads generated
- MQLs generated
- Funnel progression
- Pipeline generated
- New business won
- Post-event email rates
- ROI- total cost vs revenue generated
- Media coverage
- # of new accounts closed
- Meetings booked post-event

Event Focus Areas



Where are you in your data driven post-event ROI reporting journey?



52% of survey respondents say event marketing drives more business value than other marketing channels, yet only 25% say they can calculate ROI for events.



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5 Tips for Supercharging Post-Event ROI

TIP

Create a plan for capturing ROI

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3 steps to creating your plan

1. Identify the goals you want to track

- 2. Identify the data you need to track your goals
- 3. Determine how you will capture it

It looks different at each company

- Customer relationship management (CRM)
- Business insights
- Marketing automation
- Spreadsheets
- Event applications
- Analytics platforms
- Attribution models

There is no right or wrong way. You just need a plan



- → Educate yourself of larger company sales goals and OKRs
- → Create a list (with lots of other people) of the goals that you want to track, that tie back to the larger company goals
- → Learn the company tools that track revenue and any current analytics reporting that your company has
- Meet with those that assist in reporting and get aligned on what data you can pull
- → Once you know the tools and what is available, start working to put a plan in place to pull this after your events

ACTIVITY TIME

Break into groups of two people

Consider the question you're given

Discuss amongst yourselves You'll have 5 minutes to discuss

ACTIVITY TIME

Create a list of the data sets you can capture today, and what you would like to capture in the future.

Discuss who/what teams in your company might be able to help you start tracking your 'wish list'.

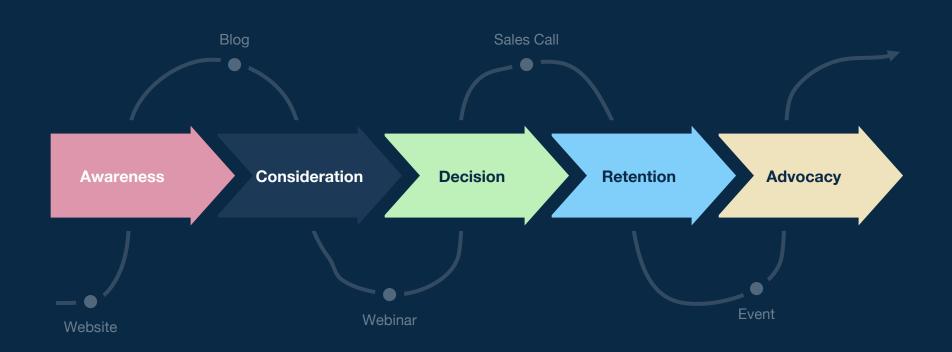


Examples of data sets

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TIP Understand where your event attendees are in their buyers journey

Attendee's journeys vary



Examples of post-event routing



Attendee's personas vary



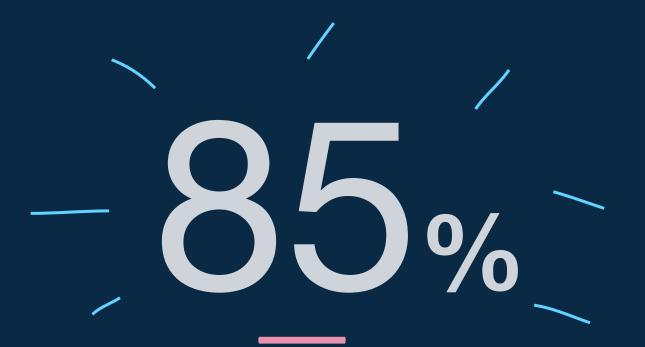
The right message at the right time drives ROI



- → Learn about your company's customer journey and ICP (ideal customer profile)
- → Leverage nurture programs for leads- existing or net new for your experience
- Make sure you know how lead scoring works at your company
- Know where and to who your event leads and MQLs are routed
- Segment post-event resources by demographics data
- → Know which content performs at the varying stages

TIP

Own the handoff from marketing to sales



Number of leads not followed up with post-event

https://www.integrate.com/blog/follow-trade-show-leads

Owning the handoff



Personalization really matters

Personalization impact

Personalized CTAs convert 202% better than default variants

Personalized emails including the recipient's first name in the subject line can boost open rates by 29.3%

Adding **personalized marketing strategies** earned companies 40% more revenue

Sources: Marketing Sherpa and Hubspot Marketing Insights



- → There is no such thing as over-communication
- → Understand how lead routing works and as a result who is responsible for post-event follow-up: marketing or sales
- → Make sure you are segmenting your leads appropriately
- → Schedule an event debrief with sales & key stakeholders
- → Share event data that can help stakeholders learn more about their prospects and how to properly follow-up
- → Leverage sales email tools that automate personal outreach
- → Create email templates and other resources for Sales and share widely
- → Hold Sales accountable- track event leads that haven't been followed up with

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TIP 2

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Discuss where and to who your event leads and MQLs are routed and any segmentation or custom messaging you do.

TIP 3

Owning the handoff to sales

Discuss how your partnership with sales for event follow-up is working well and areas of improvement. List one thing you will do for your next event to improve your current process and what you hope to achieve from that 05:00

TIP

Get the most out of your event's content

Just because the event is over, doesn't mean the content stops working

<u>R</u>educe

Transform big assets into small ones

- Turn attendee comments into social media posts
- Design an infographic with the best speaker quotes
- Create a short blog of 10 takeaways

<u>Repackage</u>

Combine multiple assets into one

- Combine videos from your event into a gated on-demand virtual event
- Produce a "roundup" podcast packed with the best clips
- Build a mini-email course with lessons from each session

Reposition

Update content to bring it to a new context

- Translate your content in different languages for international markets
- Take a customer presentation and turn it into a case study
- Use speaker quotes and slides to enrich blogs and articles

Source: https://www.airmeet.com/hub/blog/your-complete-post-event-playbook/

Post-event content can significantly drive ROI



- Meet early with your content or product marketing teams to lay out a content vision that includes postevent plans
- → Localize or translate your event content to other markets
- → Have a video plan to record sessions
- → Use on-demand bonus sessions to re-engage attendees
- → Practice the 3 Rs of content recycling
- → Work with PR for any post-event press opportunities
- → Make sure you are gating things to capture new leads

TIP Utilize data to improve your future strategies

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Tracking isn't enough – you need to...



Leverage data to evolve your strategy

Confirm or debunk assumptions
 More accurate ROI forecasting
 Confidence to test new things
 Know where to focus your resources

And so so much more!



- → Have quarterly event ROI review sessions
- → Make sure you are tagging your events in ways that will help with segmentation
- Analyze ROI against event goals and explore any discrepancies and what can be learned
- Educate yourself on industry standards around event ROI
- → Share your success with the larger company! Once you have quantitative data to share, share it!

RECAP: 5 TIPS FOR SUPERCHARGING EVENT ROI

- 1. Create a plan to capture ROI
- 2. Understand where your event attendees are in their journey
- 3. Own the handoff from marketing to sales
- 4. Make the most out of your event's content
- 5. Utilize data to improve your future strategy

Data-driven organizations are 23 times more likely to acquire customers, 6 times as likely to retain those customers, and 19 times as likely to be profitable.



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Thank you!

