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STABILITY **THROUGH** PREVENTION

Occupational safety and health as the key to corporate resilience

**Call for
Participation**

by 15 October
2026



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40th International A+A Congress for Occupational safety and health



Stability through prevention – occupational safety and health as the key to corporate resilience in turbulent times

The 2027 International A+A Congress marks the event's 40th anniversary. Held in Düsseldorf alongside the leading international A+A trade fair, the congress will bring together experts from policymaking, research, business, public administration and industry. This call for participation invites experts to submit their observations, projects, research findings and ideas and to play an active role in shaping the congress's anniversary programme.

15 October 2026 ●

Deadline for submitting papers/sessions

April 2027 ●

Confirmation to event organisers

May 2027 ●

Conference announcement with an overview of the planned events

May 2027 ●

Start of ticket sales

25 June 2027 ●

Deadline for CVs and abstracts

04 October 2027 ●

Deadline for submitting presentations

19–22 October 2027 ●

Duration of the 40th International A+A Congress

Conference venue: Messe Düsseldorf, Hall 5 & Congress Centre Düsseldorf, CCD South

For further information, visit: www.aplusa.de • www.basi.de

Further details will be announced as conference planning progresses from 2027 onwards



Message of greeting from Bärbel Bas, Federal Minister of Labour and Social Affairs

Dear colleagues,

In the face of all the discussions about reforms and our welfare state, we sometimes lose sight of the central role of occupational safety and health for companies and workers in today's world of work. So the motto of the 40th A+A Congress 2027 could not be more timely: "Prevention safeguards stability - Occupational safety and health as a key to the crisis resilience of companies in turbulent times".

Against the backdrop of international crises and tensions, climate change and the challenges posed by an increasingly digital world of work, occupational safety and health is not just about preventing sickness and accidents at work. It is also about creating an environment through smart prevention that enables people to have long and healthy working lives. If people are healthy and remain in good health, their work is more productive and reliable and they experience greater satisfaction at work. In this way, occupational safety and health and prevention do not only have positive effects on workers, but also on companies and thus on society as a whole.

It is crucial to engage in a dialogue regularly so that occupational safety and health remains up-to-date. What are the opportunities and risks of using AI in a business? How can we prepare for extreme weather events? And how do we react if critical infrastructure fails?

You will be able to discuss all these questions and much more at the A+A Congress 2027. Moreover, you will be able to take new ideas home with you. However, for something to be taken away, someone has to bring it along in the first place. Your input, ideas and best practices are needed! With this Call for Participation, I would like to ask you for your support: Please make active contributions to the annual programme! I invite you to share your points of interests and best practices so others can learn from them.

I very much welcome any input from you because the success of the congress depends on your ideas and contributions. The more experiences we share, the better occupational safety and health becomes thanks to our joint efforts.

Thank you for your commitment!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of stylized letters that appear to be 'B', 'A', and 'B'.

Bärbel Bas, MdB
Federal Minister of Labour and Social Affairs

Thematic Clusters – The Framework for Your Submission

The 40th International Congress on Occupational Safety and Health 2027 will thrive on the diversity of its participants' perspectives and observations. At the same time, all contributions share a common goal: using prevention to increase the resilience of companies, organisations and workers and equip them for action and for the future.

To underline this focus within the congress programme, the call for participation has been organised with reference to six topic clusters. These address the key challenges of our time, extending from organisational and human resilience to digital and technical safety and changes in the world of work, collaboration and the necessary legal and cultural frameworks.

Select the topic cluster that is most appropriate to your submission. Whether it concerns a case study, research findings, a project presentation, a workshop or an innovative format for dialogue: crucial to your proposal is that it makes a discernible contribution to the congress's central theme and provides new impetus for a resilient world of work.

The shared roadmap for the 2027 conference programme



Theme 1 – Key question: How can organisations, companies and educational establishments retain their ability to work, reach decisions and perform effectively, even in the face of crises?	• Safety and health culture • Resilient work organisation and shaping of processes • Risk and crisis management • Leadership, even during crises • Communication, even during crises • Securing of resources (financial and personnel) • Change and crisis management • First aid, emergency services and evacuation
Theme 2 – Key question: How do we safeguard lives, health and workers' fitness for work and employment, under exceptional conditions?	• Mental load, safety and health • Physical health in the workplace • Stress, stress management, resilience • Exhaustion, traumatisation • Dealing with uncertainty, anxiety and change • Working under makeshift conditions • Protection of particularly exposed groups of workers • Situations involving violence, terrorism, frenzied attacks and imminent danger
Theme 3 – Key question: How can technology, digital systems and infrastructures be kept secure, available and restorable?	• Operational safety • Biological, chemical and physical hazards • Maintaining and safeguarding critical functions and infrastructures • Emergency and incident management • IT and data security • Cyber security • Combating disinformation and hybrid threats • Supply chains and supply chain diversification
Theme 4 – Key question: How is work changing as a result of crises, digitalisation, climate change and demographic change, and how can it be organised in such a way that safety and well-being are assured?	• AI and digitalisation • Climate change, high temperatures, extreme weather events and sustainability • New forms of work and hybrid work models • Staff training and skills • Demographic change • Skilled worker recruitment and retention
Theme 5 – Key question: How can resilience be achieved through inter-organisational collaboration?	• Collaboration with public authorities • Civil protection, fire services, ambulance services • Providers of healthcare and rehabilitation services • Regional networks and coordinated crisis responses • Coordination with social partners • Cooperation between businesses, educational establishments and accident insurance institutions • Joint exercises and situation assessments • Interface management in crises • Communication with external stakeholders
Theme 6 – Key question: What legal, ethical and cultural requirements must be met to ensure that action is resilient?	• Laws, rules, regulations and contracts • Ethical standards and prioritisation in the face of crises • Allocation of responsibility between the state, businesses, accident insurance institutions and other stakeholders • Responsibility for action and leadership; personal and organisational accountability • Compliance and governance

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The right format for your topic

The A+A Congress 2027 offers you the right format for your topic. To engage visitors with your topic and actively involve them, interactive formats are encouraged.

- Barcamp
- Discussion
- Fishbowl
- Interview
- Lecture/Comment
- Lecture Session
- Network Meeting
- Open Space
- Panel Discussion
- PechaKucha
- Podcast
- Poster
- Symposium
- Trial & Error
- Workshop
- Workshop for the Future
- World Café



You can also find the explanation of the event formats on our website at **www.basi.de**.

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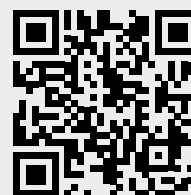
Please submit your paper for the 40th International A+A Congress 2027 via our online portal **by 15 October 2026** and help shape the programme.

Congress languages: German and English

Submission platform: www.basi.de

Submission period: 1 September to 15 October 2026

Feedback to authors: April 2027





In your view, how does prevention contribute to the stability and resilience of businesses, employees and society?

Prevention and effective occupational safety and health make an important contribution to safe and healthy workplaces. They help to prevent occupational accidents, occupational diseases and work-related health hazards, to reduce working days lost, and to retain workers' fitness for employment in the long term. Against the backdrop of demographic change and the shortage of skilled workers, in particular, occupational safety and health measures that are both proportionate and practical are of great importance. However, reliable economic conditions, innovation, a skilled workforce and entrepreneurial flexibility are equally crucial to companies' competitiveness and their ability to cope in times of crisis.

Saskia Osing,

Saskia Osing, Alternating Chair of the Basi e. V. governing committee



Everyone in an organisation benefits from well-organised occupational health and safety. Prevention means more than simply avoiding obvious hazards in everyday working life. Designing work in a way that meets people's needs not only helps to keep employees healthy; it also strengthens their sense of self-efficacy and contributes to the democratisation of work. Employee participation in organisational processes enables companies to respond to unexpected events, adapt to changing conditions and maintain operational stability. Forward-looking occupational health and safety, together with an established culture of prevention, therefore strengthens not only the safety and health of employees, but also the resilience of an organisation.

Dr. Sebastian Schneider,

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