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Call for Participation at the 40th International A+A Congress 2027: Stability through prevention

With immediate effect, we are inviting submissions of papers for the 40th International A+A Congress 2027. With its call for participation under the heading “Stability through prevention – occupational safety and health as the key to crisis resilience in turbulent times”, Basi, the German Federal Working Group for Safety and Health at Work, is seeking contributors to help shape the programme of the anniversary congress. The congress will be held in Düsseldorf from 19 to 22 October 2027, alongside the international A+A trade fair.

Basi’s Managing Director, Dr Christian Felten, is unequivocal: “Occupational safety and health is not a cost factor, but a factor for stability. Companies that invest in prevention safeguard their performance, not least in turbulent times. ‘People matter’. Visitors to the 40th A+A Congress in 2027 will be able to experience in full what this motto means. Our experts will demonstrate how occupational safety and health engenders resilience. At the A+A 2027, we will unite knowledge, practical experience and the will to bring about change, under one banner.”

Bärbel Bas, Germany’s Federal Minister for Labour and Social Affairs, supports the call for participation with her own personal greeting. She emphasises the importance of applied preventive activity for the resilience of businesses, workers and society as a whole in times of international crises, climate change and the digital transformation of the world of work, and calls for the active contribution of topics and practical examples to the congress.

Papers for the 40th A+A Congress can be submitted through the user-friendly online portal at Call for Participation – Basi. Guidance is provided by a set of six topic clusters that reflect the key challenges of our time. These range from organisational and human resilience to digital and technical security and legal and cultural frameworks:

- Organisational resilience and agency
- Human resilience, health and safe working practices
- Resilience of technology, digital systems and infrastructures
- Transformation of work, skills and fitness for the future
- Cooperation, networks and societal resilience
- Framework conditions, responsibility and a culture of resilience

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A case study, research findings, a project presentation, a poster, a workshop or a dialogue format: papers relating to the key note of the congress can take numerous different forms. Besides lectures, posters and panel discussions, Basi expressly welcomes and encourages interactive formats such as the World Café, Fishbowl and BarCamp, and the PechaKucha (a short-presentation format with 20 slides, each lasting 20 seconds, for concise insights).

Key dates at a glance:

1 September 2026	Launch of the call for participation
15 October 2026	Deadline for submitting papers/sessions
April 2027	Confirmation of acceptance to session organisers and speakers
May 2027	Announcement of the congress with overview of the planned sessions
May 2027	Start of ticket sales
25 June 2027	Deadline for submission of abstracts and bios
4 October 2027	Deadline for submission of presentations
19 to 22 October 2027	Duration of the 40th International A+A Congress

Further details and the online submission portal can be found on the Basi website at www.basi.de under ‘A+A Congress’ (www.basi.de/aa-kongress). Information on the International A+A trade fair can be found at www.AplusA.de.

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