

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

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37th International Congress
on Occupational Safety and Health
26–29 October 2021 | Düsseldorf



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Federal Association for
Occupational Safety and Health



Call for Participation —

We need your experience, observations and ideas.

Since the outbreak of the corona pandemic, we have observed new interest in the topic of occupational safety and health. The subject is not only the focus of the upcoming A+A Congress 2021. Safe and healthy work has also become a core issue during combating of the corona pandemic.

In conjunction with all responsible institutions, the German government has acted quickly and decisively. With the occupational safety and health standard and the SARS-CoV-2 occupational safety rule, we moved quickly to lay down binding workplace provisions concerning this infectious disease. In particular however, the high number of corona cases in the meat-processing industry revealed a need for us to do more in order for occupational safety and health to be effective. With the drafting of new legislation for enforcing occupational safety and health, we are laying down the foundation for greater responsibility on the part of companies, setting out standards harmonized throughout Germany for the inspection work of the state authorities' labour inspectorates, and substantially increasing the number of companies that we

inspect. The focus will lie upon companies presenting a particularly high potential hazard.

In addition, the German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs will in future have powers to impose particular occupational safety and health requirements temporarily, including in unusual crisis situations like those of the current pandemic.

However, the challenges presented by the corona pandemic cannot be resolved by politicians alone. We need the support of experts and practitioners in research, industry and institutes. I therefore cordially invite you, with this call for participation, to submit your ideas during the preparations for the A+A Congress 2021. Share your research findings, practical experience and reflections on strategy with your colleagues. Only together will we be able to overcome the challenges facing occupational safety and health now and in the years to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Hubertus Heil'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Hubertus Heil
Federal Minister of Labour and Social Affairs
Member of the German Bundestag





Your topics all have a place at the 37th Congress on Occupational Safety and Health of the A+A 2021

Is safety and health at work the topic of your profession, for example in companies, the accident insurance system, public authorities, the research community, or national and international organizations? Have you produced interesting ideas, research results, concepts, practical solutions or means of implementing legal provisions for important OSH topics – and would like to present them? Are you a specialist in training in safe working practices? Are you a decision-maker in business and politics, or a researcher, and are perhaps thinking about strategies for the future of safe and healthy work in the era of digital transformation and pandemics? Do you advise companies on safety and health at work? Or do you represent an industrial interest group, national or international industry association or trade union, or self-governing NGO?

At the A+A Congress 2021, you will meet and reach numerous people who will take up your ideas and carry the torch for you. They include:

- + OSH professionals and safety delegates
- + Company and occupational physicians
- + Labour inspectors at accident insurance institutions and state occupational safety and health administrations
- + Employers, plant managers, human resource managers
- + Decision-makers in business and politics
- + HSE managers and purchasers
- + Experts and decision-makers at national and international institutions and associations
- + Autonomous administrations of the social insurance institutions
- + Ergonomics experts
- + Experts in occupational and organizational psychology, workplace health promotion, integration, inclusion; trainers, advanced training professionals
- + Experts in company fire safety
- + Experts in company environmental protection
- + Researchers with expertise in ergonomics, occupational and environmental medicine, occupational psychology, safety science





The A+A 2021: congress, trade fair, venue for safety and health

From 26 to 29 October 2021, the full breadth of experts and major decision-makers from industry, the trades, public administration, government, the research community, and employers' and employees' representative bodies will meet at the A+A in Düsseldorf (Germany): one of the world's largest events for occupational safety and health at work, and one of the world's largest exhibitions of workplace safety and health products. The A+A comprises the trade fair with exhibitors and their products, the safety and health venue and the 37th International Congress on Occupational Safety and Health.

The A+A trade fair

At the leading international trade fair for safe and healthy work, exhibitors will present their products, innovative solutions and concepts: from personal protective equipment, through concepts for in-plant fire, environmental or other disaster control, to products and solutions for ergonomic and healthy workplace design – and much more. The corona pandemic has increased the interest in these issues and the demand for high-quality products and solutions still further.

The Meeting Point Safety & Health

The Meeting Point Safety & Health is the important link between the trade fair and the congress. At the Meeting Point Safety & Health, numerous organizations, authorities, accident insurance institutions, networks, research institutions, and also international organizations such as the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA), the International Social Security Association (ISSA) and the International Labour Organisation (ILO), will be presenting their extensive range of consulting and support services. Numerous exhibitors who are members or partners of the Federal Association for Occupational Safety and Health (Basi) will be available to answer visitors' very specific questions on safety and health at work. These services will be supplemented by the programme of podium talks, in which solutions for topical problems in companies will be proposed.





Call for participation: 37th International Congress on Occupational Safety and Health A+A 2021



The International A+A Congress 2021 is the key event in Germany for safety and health at work, and has global reach. It is hosted and organized by the Basi (www.basi.de) and its 86 members and partners, in conjunction with Messe Düsseldorf.

With this call for participation, the Basi is now reaching out to all experts in the field of safety and health at work to play a proactive role in shaping the A+A Congress 2021 and developing it further in a sustainable way. Embedding of the congress in the trade fair also gives rise to numerous synergies from which all visitors benefit.

Familiar OSH topics and important innovations for consulting on safety and health measures and their implementation in companies will feature prominently. Space will also be devoted to inclusion and demographic change.

Strategic topics will also form a major part of the congress programme. These include the consequences of the digital transformation for occupational safety and health and, in particular, the challenges posed by the corona pandemic. This explicitly includes the shaping of safe and healthy arrangements for working from home, mobility, mobile work and basic work. Issues of strategic political relevance will also be addressed in the

form of Work 4.0, the future of work, and topics relating to the definition of „good work“ and the enforcement of safety, health and sustainability within global supply chains. The concept of Vision Zero – a comprehensive prevention culture with the endeavour of completely eliminating fatal and serious occupational accidents and diseases – is to play an important role, as are the concerns of the Joint German Occupational Safety and Health Strategy (GDA).

Prevention of COVID-19

The further development of the COVID-19 pandemic cannot be predicted by anyone. Therefore, different scenarios are used as a basis when planning the A+A congress program 2021. During a face-to-face event in the CCD, all necessary health precautions, hygiene measures and distance rules are observed. This includes measures to manage the number of people and space as well as hygienic, technical and organizational measures that the state government of North Rhine-Westphalia has put in place for the operation of congresses and trade fairs.

If it becomes apparent that a face-to-face event will not be feasible in October 2021, the Basi office will review the submitted proposals and, in coordination with the senders, convert them into alternative digital event formats if possible.



Event formats

The various formats of the congress reflect the full breadth of safety and health at work. Numerous methods and formats exist that are conducive to people learning with and from each other. Select the format most suitable for your topic. Whether traditional lecture sessions or interactive formats, digital learning products or webinars: whatever you need, it will be available at the A+A 2021 Congress. To assist you in planning, the Basi has compiled a kit on its website comprising the various formats and event elements available.

Add content to these formats for example from your:

- + Presentations / posters / media / demonstrations
- + Current thesis papers, discussions of controversial positions, strategy concepts
- + Results of projects and research
- + Practical experience, good practical solutions

Detailed descriptions and explanations of the topics You can find detailed descriptions and explanations of the topics on our website at: www.basi.de.

Submit **your proposed** contribution to the topics of the A+A Congress 2021 now using our convenient online submission function at www.basi.de.





The five main topics of the A+A Congress 2021

I: Strategies for safety and health at work

With the adverse consequences of the corona pandemic, such as job losses and company bankruptcies, awareness is growing that safety and health at work is a crucial basis for all economic activity. At the same time, the digital transformation is radically changing the way a large proportion of employees work. Others continue to face the more familiar risks of accident at the workplace. Companies that implement sustainable measures in the field of occupational safety and health can expect a high return on prevention, for example under the keywords „vision zero“ or „good work“. Implementation of the GDA in Germany requires innovative concepts.

Play your part in shaping the future. Do you have a strategic, political, practical or visionary approach that responds to the strong need for effective structures for safety and health, return on prevention and strategies for qualified consulting, implementation and inspection? If so, we would like to receive it!





II: Health at Work

As in private life, physical health and the psyche are linked in many different ways in the world of work. Working conditions affect the health of employees to varying degrees. Levels of stress and personal aspects are significant factors and determine whether the influence upon health is favourable or adverse.

What can be done, and what preventive measures used, to retain and/or improve health at work? We look forward to receiving your suggestions.

III: Prevention of biological, chemical and physical hazards

People may be exposed to biological hazards (e.g. biological substances), hazardous chemicals and physical hazards (e.g. radiation) at the workplace. These may lead to serious illnesses.

What concepts and measures are effective in preventing adverse impacts on employees' health? How can the legal requirements and technical regulations be implemented? What procedure should be followed in the event of an occupational disease? Present your concepts and experience to all experts in a large forum.





IV: Occupational safety and health, industrial safety

Since the birth of the industrial revolution, technical safety has been a cornerstone of occupational safety. Notwithstanding the digital transformation and new forms of employment, it remains at the heart of safe and healthy work. Embedding of occupational safety and health in company management systems, and taking a comprehensive view of working conditions in risk assessment, have given rise to a modern understanding of safety and health at work.

Your practical concepts for technical safety and prevention measures in the company and for modern occupational safety management are indispensable.





V: Concepts targeting particular groups, sectors and networks

This category firmly addresses the needs of your target group. Your concept need not be limited to just one of the topics stated under I. to IV. „Safety and health at work“ is the common theme for the activities of numerous different disciplines, interest groups and company functions.

Do you supervise or manage a technical or professional network that is active in this field? If so, why not invite members of your network to a meeting at the A+A Congress. You could for example present a prevention concept geared to a specific target group or sector. Contact us directly – we will be happy to assist with organization.





At a glance: the A+A 2021 timeline for contributions

Should you wish to submit contributions or plan events for the A+A 2021, you can now do so conveniently using the online form at www.basi.de.

31 January 2021

Closing date for submission of contributions

April 2021

Announcement of the congress with overview of the planned events

May/June 2021

Notification of acceptance or rejection to the submitters

26 – 29 October 2021

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Congress venue

Congress Center Düsseldorf: CCD.Süd
Information available at: www.ccd.de

The congress languages are English and German.

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