

Thank you for your trust—and for your courage to embrace change



Dear colleagues, dear members of the BDIZ EDI,

Sometimes a year in the association's calendar also marks a milestone. Not in a loud or dramatic way—but through clear, responsible decisions that show our association is ready to move forward. The 2026 general meeting was such a milestone.

With your vote, you modernised the statute, carefully adapted outdated structures and reduced the size of the extended executive committee. In doing so, you have paved the way for an association that is more agile, efficient and fit for the future.

I would like to thank you for this. For your approval. For your trust. For your willingness to take on responsibility.

Parts of our statute dated back to a time when the association's work functioned differently to how it does today (letters instead of e-mail). With your vote, you have enabled us to update terminology, to enshrine hybrid meetings for exceptional situations and to flexibly adapt the size of the executive board to the association's needs.

These decisions are not merely cosmetic. They reflect an attitude: we want an association that moves with the times—without losing its identity.

Meanwhile, on the executive board, we have taken measures that were not easy for us. For the first time in over 20 years, the BDIZ EDI will not have its own booth at the IDS. This is a turning point: a symbolic one, an emotional one—and an economically necessary one.

The costs of exhibiting at trade fairs have risen massively in recent years. At the same time, we want to continue delivering what you expect from us: high-quality continuing professional development, strong political advocacy, reliable billing support, European partnerships and a digital presence that is growing

and making a difference. To ensure all of this, we must make savings where possible—and invest where it brings the greatest benefit to our members. During the IDS, we will be available to you online or via our helpline.

Your vote in favour of the first membership fee adjustment in 14 years has provided us with the basis for this. Your approval of the modernisation of the statute gives us the structure to use these funds responsibly.

An association can only remain strong if its members stand behind it. BDIZ EDI stands on a strong foundation—but we must work together to ensure that it remains powerful and capable of action in the future. That is exactly what you have done. You have shown that this association consists not only of the executive board, committees and the secretariat—but of a community that is prepared to shoulder responsibility.

We are heading into the coming years with your unanimous support, a clear structure, a solid financial basis and a strong team.

Dear colleagues, on behalf of my executive board, I would like to express my gratitude for your trust, your loyalty and your willingness to walk this path with us.

I look forward to the coming months, to the discussions, to the projects—and above all to working together for an association that remains strong because its members are strong.

Yours sincerely,

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