



BDIZ EDI board meets in Alsace

Setting a strategic course

The board of the BDIZ EDI met for a two-day session in Wissembourg to further develop the association's key projects and define its strategic direction for the coming months. The meeting served both to coordinate professional matters and to assess the association's position within the broader landscape of professional policy—two areas that have traditionally been closely linked for the BDIZ EDI.

Focus on curricula: structure, quality, and practical relevance

A key focus of the meeting was on the association's three major professional development programmes, which are set to launch in the coming months:

- Court-appointed & private expert reports: starting in October in Munich
- Southern Curriculum Implantology: starting mid-September in Ansbach
- Curriculum Implantology Cologne: the well-established classic, starting in November at the University of Cologne

All three programmes share a common goal: to provide structured, high-quality, and practice-oriented continuing education that equips dentists with both professional confidence and expertise in the field of expert assessment. The board emphasised the importance of a consistent didactic approach and clear guidelines—particularly for the new curriculum for expert assessors, which is intended to play a central role in the BDIZ EDI's continuing education portfolio in the future.

Professional policy issues: clear positions and consistent representation

In addition to continuing education projects, several professional policy issues were on the agenda. The BDIZ EDI reaffirmed its position regarding the ongoing lawsuit against the Federal Ministry of Health concerning the GOZ (German Fee Schedule for Dentists). This legal action remains a key priority for the association; the plaintiffs—six dentists, four of whom are affiliated with the BDIZ EDI—are seeking equal treatment for all dentists in accordance with Section 15 of the Dentistry Act (Zahnheilkundegesetz) and are challenging the failure to increase the GOZ point value, which has remained stagnant for decades. There are, however, no new developments to report from the Administrative Court of Berlin.

There was also intensive discussion regarding the impending GeDIG—the Act on Data and Digital Innovation in the Healthcare Sector. The board analysed the potential impact on dental practice and professional autonomy, formulating clear requirements concerning transparency, data protection, and practical applicability. In this context, the BDIZ EDI legal counsel examines the proposed legislation in the "Law" section.

To continue providing practical support to its members, the BDIZ EDI is planning additional webinars on legal matters and billing. These are intended to address current developments and offer concrete recommendations for day-to-day clinical practice.

Conclusion: tasks for the coming months

The board meeting in Alsace issued clear mandates regarding professional development, quality assurance, and representation of professional policy interests. The focus on structured curricula and an in-depth engagement with professional policy challenges demonstrate that the BDIZ EDI remains centred on the key pillars of its work.