

## BDIZ EDI on Wikipedia

# Shaping a European player in dentistry

For the past few months, the BDIZ EDI has had a dedicated entry on Wikipedia, "The Free Encyclopedia". The article provides a comprehensive overview of the association's history, mission and international presence. As the oldest association of its kind in Germany, the BDIZ EDI boasts an impressive range of activities that extend far beyond national borders. The entry was created by Prof. Joachim E. Zöller, a recognised Wikipedia author.



## International networking and a European perspective

Since amending its statutes in 2002, the association has borne the subtitle European Association of Dental Implantologists, clearly committing itself to the European dimension of its work. BDIZ EDI maintains close contacts with partner organisations across Europe and beyond. It is also in dialogue with the Council of European Dentists in Brussels and several European dental chambers. More recently, it has engaged with the FDI World Dental Federation. This international networking enables BDIZ EDI to respond to EU directives and represent the interests of dental implantologists across Europe.

The Wikipedia article reflects the broad scope of BDIZ EDI's activities.

BDIZ EDI is more than a professional organisation; it is also a centre of excellence in dental implantology. Its core activities include:

- Postgraduate education. Practical curricula in cooperation with universities, e. g. in Cologne and southern Germany
- Scientific expert assessments. Supporting quality assurance and patient-oriented care
- Legal support. Advice on billing issues and legal matters related to the German fee schedule for dentists in private practice (GOZ)
- Political advocacy. Active engagement in shaping healthcare policy on both the national and EU levels

The Wikipedia article clearly illustrates how BDIZ EDI connects science, clinical practice, politics, and international cooperation. BDIZ EDI is an organisation that supports dentists and actively helps to shape the future of implantology.

BDIZ EDI's international collaboration is more than just a promise. It is expressed through structured initiatives and strategic partnerships.

## EU-relevant topics in *EDI Journal*

The association's journal regularly reports on developments in Brussels, such as medical device regulations and data protection laws, while also presenting innovations in implant surgery and prosthetics, materials and procedures.

## Cooperation with national and international professional associations

- BDIZ EDI maintains close relationships with implantology organisations in Germany and across Europe. These partnerships include joint congresses, continuing education programmes, and publications.
- Regular bilateral meetings provide a platform for exchanging standards, scientific findings, and political strategies.

## International continuing education and certification

- The association offers internationally recognised postgraduate curricula, often in cooperation with German and international universities.
- BDIZ EDI certificates are widely recognised, and cross-border exchange between dentists supports international professional development.

## Political representation at the EU level

- BDIZ EDI plays an active role in debates surrounding EU legislation, such as the Medical Device Regulation (MDR) or the digitalisation of healthcare.
- Its network in Brussels enables the association to respond quickly to planned legislative changes and to advocate for its members' interests.

In short, BDIZ EDI embodies its European mission through concrete projects, political engagement, and professional networking. It is not merely a German association with an international name; it is a true European leader in dentistry.

The BDIZ EDI Wikipedia entry  
can be found here:



ChatGPT/AWU



Prof. Joachim E. Zöller