

## BDIZ EDI general meeting 2026

# Key decisions

The BDIZ EDI 2026 general meeting in Schwerin was marked by important decisions setting the course for the association's future. Against a backdrop of political tension—characterised by the planned Statutory Health Insurance Contribution Rate Stabilisation Act (GKV-Beitragssatzstabilisierungsgesetz) and noticeable financial cuts for service providers—President Christian Berger emphasised the importance of a strong professional voice and a reliable association structure.



The 2026 executive board in Schwerin (from left to right): Kristin-Theres Tischer, Prof. Dr Dr Johann Müller, Dr Wolfgang Neumann, Dr Stefan Liepe, Christian Berger, Legal Adviser Prof. Dr Thomas Ratajczak, Stefanie Tiede and Dr Dr Markus Tröltzsch.

"Today's meeting is a special one: we are discussing an amendment to the statutes that will ensure our association is fit for the future, and a modest adjustment to membership fees," said the BDIZ EDI president in his annual report.

## Amendment of the statutes: modernisation and legal sustainability

The general meeting discussed in detail the proposed amendment of the statutes, which was drafted by the legal adviser, Prof. Dr Thomas Ratajczak. The aim is to

establish a modern, flexible and legally sound organisational structure. According to the speech, the amendments include:

- "the modernisation of outdated terms"
- "the possibility of hybrid meetings, solely in the event of another pandemic or should other exceptional circumstances require it"
- minor structural adjustments to ensure organisational sustainability (e-mail instead of letters)
- the option of reducing the size of the extended executive committee

Berger emphasised that these reforms were moderate and necessary to ensure the association remained efficient and capable of taking action.

## Adjustment of fees: for the first time in 14 years

A key item on the agenda was the planned membership fee adjustment, which the executive board had already announced in its circulars and newsletters. Membership fees have not been increased for 14 years—despite a general rise in prices of 30 to 35 per cent. Other



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associations have already implemented more significant increases. The BDIZ EDI has deliberately opted for a moderate approach: “At around 23 per cent—which works out at less than 2 per cent per year—our increase is moderate, transparent and in line with actual cost trends,” explained Berger.

The adjustment to membership fees is intended to safeguard the association’s ability to function, in particular with regard to:

- high-quality training programmes
- legal and billing support
- practical guides, tables and analyses
- European partnerships
- political visibility

Berger made it clear: “Only with a solid financial foundation can the BDIZ EDI continue to offer its wide range of services to the high standard we have come to expect.”

## Outlook

With new curricula, the expansion of its peer review work and strong European

partnerships, the BDIZ EDI is looking forward to the coming years with optimism. The amendment of the statutes and the adjustment to membership fees form the structural basis for the association’s continued success. The general meeting unanimously approved the amendment and the fee regulations. The 2025 budget was approved and the 2027 plan, as presented by Treasurer Dr Wolfgang Neumann, was adopted unanimously, with no abstentions. Auditor Dr Maximilian Grimm read out the audit report and certified that the accounts had been kept impeccably.

Christian Berger read out the report on behalf of Prof. Dr Dr Joachim Zöller, in his capacity as head of continuing professional development and vice president. Speaking in his absence, Zöller highlighted the highly successful work of the two implantology curricula, as well as the Expert Symposium on Fuerteventura, which will take place for the 35<sup>th</sup> time in 2026 and is organised in cooperation with the BDIZ EDI.

Secretary General Dr Stefan Liepe highlighted the positive development of the Expert Symposium and the European Symposium and welcomed the new curriculum on court and private expert reports as

a further step in nurturing the next generation of experts, with a view to consolidating the high-quality expert work carried out by the BDIZ EDI.

## Statement of accounts and amendment of the statutes

Christian Berger’s presentation on association policy is available online for members to view. The statutes are also available online for members.

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Berger’s speech 2026



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