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Design icons, future-focused topics and festival spirit: Event highlights at ORGATEC 2026

Design history meets the future of workspaces and contract interiors; professional dialogue meets festival atmosphere - ORGATEC 2026 offers both an international line-up of exhibitors and a wide-ranging event programme. Highlights include a curated special exhibition on the Eames Pavilion System, the Innovation Award Architecture+ Office, themed routes and guided tours, plus the Wherever Whenever - Work Culture Festival, featuring talks by high-profile speakers. The musical highlight comes courtesy of pop singer Alice Merton, who will perform at the ORGATEC x WW-FESTIVAL PARTY. With this exciting schedule planned for 27 to 30 October 2026, ORGATEC in Cologne promises to bring its central theme - "From rooms to relationships: designing spaces in an ever-changing world" - to life in a multitude of ways.

Special exhibition on the Eames Pavilion System

One of the highlights of ORGATEC 2026 will be the curated special exhibition "ORGATEC 2026 presents the Eames Pavilion System by Kettal in collaboration with the Eames Office". Two walk-in structures built according to the Eames Pavilion System will be available for visitors to experience at stand N-048 in Hall 10.2, where they will occupy approximately 132 square metres of floor space. Selected designs, drawings, films and photographs from the Eames Office archive will also provide insights into the architectural work of Charles and Ray Eames and the origins of the system. The combination of design history and contemporary application on display echoes the central theme of ORGATEC 2026 and demonstrates just how relevant the Eames' ideas for flexible and adaptable spaces remain to this day.

Innovation Award Architecture+ Office 2026

The Innovation Award Architecture+ Office, organised by the architecture magazine AIT in collaboration with AIT-Dialog and Koelnmesse, will be presented for the 14th time as part of ORGATEC. The award recognises products, concepts and solutions that stand out from an architectural perspective thanks to their design, functionality and quality, and serve as a source of inspiration for modern workspaces and contract interiors. On the first day of the trade fair, a jury of renowned industry experts will select the winners from among the innovations submitted. The awards ceremony will then take place at the Innovation Award stand (A-021) in Hall 7.1. All of the entries will be on display in a special exhibition for the entire duration of the trade fair. In addition, a guided tour on day two of the trade fair will give visitors the opportunity to learn more about the award-winning innovations.

Guided tours



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A diverse programme of tours organised by external providers and partners will offer information, guidance and in-depth insights into the key themes of ORGATEC 2026. Visitors are invited to register for guided tours led by AIT, the Deutsches Netzwerk Büro e. V. (German Office Network, DNB), wow tomorrow, HR publication Personalmagazin, Landmarken and pro m², and interior design expert Dick Spierenburg. The topics covered will range from aspects of ORGATEC's central theme - "From rooms to relationships: designing spaces in an ever-changing world" - and the question of how spaces can foster connection and facilitate change, to health and well-being, space optimisation and new ways of working, through to design, sustainability and circularity, as well as AI and technology.

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The tours will introduce participants to selected exhibitors, products and concepts, highlighting various approaches to the latest developments and innovations. Alongside options suited to a broad professional audience, there are also guided tours specifically aimed at specialists and executives from the fields of HR, architecture, planning and workspace development. Participation is free of charge. As places are limited, early registration is recommended.

Your Perfect Day @ ORGATEC

Under the banner of "Your Perfect Day @ ORGATEC", ORGATEC 2026 aims to help visitors tailor their day at the trade fair to suit their personal interests. Editorial recommendations and themed routes will guide visitors around the event and make it easier for them to find relevant offerings. From product launches, live demonstrations and expert talks to networking and hospitality formats, the diverse programme offers visitors countless opportunities to customise their itineraries. These personalised trade fair experiences will bring people, ideas and solutions together, delivering first-hand insights into the event's central theme.

Wherever Whenever - Work Culture Festival

Following its successful debut in 2024, the Wherever Whenever - Work Culture Festival will be part of ORGATEC once again in 2026. Initiated by Germany's Interior Business Association (IBA e. V.) and its member companies, the event in Hall 6 will centre on three key themes: Empowered Experience, focusing on working environments that help people thrive; Connected Cultures, looking at collaboration and corporate cultures that bring people together; and Radical Impact, exploring the role of sustainability, innovation and AI as drivers of change.

With talks, panel discussions, workshops, immersive exhibitions and other interactive formats, the Wherever Whenever - Work Culture Festival opens up new perspectives on the future of the office, modern working environments and the work culture of tomorrow. The line-up of speakers includes former Formula 1 racing driver Ralf Schumacher; Professor of Corporate Communication Dr Miriam Meckel; former world number one tennis player Angelique Kerber; Primo Orpilla, co-founder of Studio O+A, a multidisciplinary design practice based in San Francisco; Christian Dzieia, Senior Vice President Workplaces at adidas; and Dr Guzmán de Yarza Blache, Global Design Strategy Lead at JLL Design, a leading international interior design firm.

ORGATEC x WW-FESTIVAL PARTY featuring Alice Merton live

On Wednesday, 28 October 2026, the programme will continue uninterrupted into the evening with the ORGATEC x WW-FESTIVAL PARTY. From 6:00 p.m., all visitors, exhibitors, media representatives and partners of ORGATEC 2026 are invited to embrace the motto “WORK OFF. PARTY ON.” and round off the second day of the trade fair together in Hall 6. Singer-songwriter Alice Merton will provide the musical highlight of the evening. With international hits such as “No Roots” to her name, Merton is one of the most successful German pop artists of recent years. The official programme comes to a close at 10:00 p.m. Admission is free for trade fair attendees. Food and drink will be available to purchase on site.

ORGATEC will be hosted in Cologne from 27 to 30 October 2026. Tickets are available online at: [Buy tickets | ORGATEC](#)

For an overview of the full event programme and to register for the guided tours, please visit [Eventsearch on the ORGATEC 2026](#)

Koelnmesse - Global Inspiration for Living, Contract and Public Spaces

Koelnmesse is the world's top trade fair organiser for the areas of Living, Contract and Public Spaces. Leading international trade fairs such as ORGATEC, interzum, FSB, aquanale and spoga+gafa come together at the Cologne trade fair location to form renowned and established industry meeting points. This strong portfolio is further enhanced by imm cologne and idd cologne, both of which are also held in Cologne. These fairs comprehensively represent the interior and design segment, the furniture and interior construction industries' supplying sections, the kitchen world, all topics for the modern working world, garden lifestyle as well as modern work environments, public spaces, sports and leisure facilities, along with saunas, pools and wellness centres.

Beyond that, Koelnmesse is strategically expanding its portfolio in international growth markets. The imm brand family includes imm india and IFFINA+ powered by imm cologne in Indonesia. The ORGATEC brand has established a global footprint with ORGATEC Tokyo, ORGATEC India, and ORGATEC WORKSPACE Saudi Arabia. The international presence of the interzum brand extends to interzum guangzhou, interzum bogota, interzum jakarta, and the interzum forum italy. The FSB brand is also internationally active, with the FSB Sports Show Riyadh and the FSB Forum Italy in Bergamo. Furthermore, the portfolio features La Feria De Diseño Medellín powered by idd cologne in Colombia.

Further information: www.orgatec.com/trade-fair/portfolio-worldwide/

The next events:

ORGATEC - The leading international trade fair for workspace and contract solutions, Cologne 27.10. - 30.10.2026

idd cologne - The urban industry event for premium interior design, Cologne 27.10. - 31.10.2026

FSB Forum Italy - The Networking Event in Italy for Sports, Leisure Facilities and Public Spaces, Bergamo 11.11. - 12.11.2026

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