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ORGATEC 2026 provides strong impetus for the future of workspaces and contract interiors

High quality, broad participation from across the world and further development of the event concept reaffirm ORGATEC's position as the sector's leading international trade fair in a challenging market environment

From 27 to 30 October 2026, ORGATEC brought the international workspace and contract design sector together in Cologne. Some 550 exhibiting companies from 39 countries presented innovative products, solutions and concepts for designing human-centred contemporary workspaces and contract interiors that can be adapted flexibly to changing requirements. Over 40,000 trade visitors from 116 countries attended ORGATEC 2026. Positive synergies were generated by Design Post Köln, which was also open to ORGATEC visitors as part of the parallel event idd cologne. Exhibitors were particularly impressed by the high-quality visitor profile and the numerous opportunities to establish valuable business contacts. With the introduction of an overarching central theme and the further development of the Wherever Whenever - Work Culture Festival, ORGATEC brought fresh impetus to its content and overall concept.

"ORGATEC 2026 demonstrated impressively how important strong industry platforms are, especially in persistently challenging market conditions. The sector's leading trade fair performed exceptionally across the board - from the innovative exhibitor showcases to the audience of international decision-makers it attracted, all the way through to the high-calibre event programme. Together with our partner, the German Interior Business Association (IBA), we have succeeded once again in positioning Cologne as the leading gathering place for the future of workspaces and contract interiors," says Oliver Frese, Chief Operating Officer of Koelnmesse.

Helmut Link, President of the IBA Management Board, also gave the event a highly positive verdict: "ORGATEC 2026 clearly showed how systematically the industry is driving the transformation of the world of work forward with new ideas and concepts. Given the contraction of the German market, it's now more important than ever before to open up international markets, consolidate customer relationships and establish new partnerships. In this context, ORGATEC is crucially important to the industry: It brings supply and demand together and creates tangible business opportunities, thereby strengthening our sector's competitiveness and future viability."

"From rooms to relationships": Central theme shapes the exhibition

With "From rooms to relationships: designing spaces in an ever-changing world",



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ORGATEC introduced an overarching central theme for the first time for its 2026 edition. This common thread throughout the exhibition focused on the question of how workspaces and contract interiors can be designed with people at their heart so that they foster interaction and collaboration while being able to respond flexibly to changing requirements.

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The tremendous diversity of answers to this question was reflected in the broad spectrum of offerings. Numerous companies picked up on the central theme in their presentations and with their new product launches. Modular and customisable interior design systems, flexibly configurable room-in-room solutions and multifunctional interior concepts demonstrated how spaces can be adapted to different needs and usage scenarios. Open areas for communication and informal gathering points with comfortable soft-seating concepts showed how face-to-face exchanges can be promoted and community strengthened. Ergonomic furniture and approaches that promote movement underscored the importance of physical well-being.

Event highlights at ORGATEC 2026

Once again, one of the special highlights of the ORGATEC event programme was the Wherever Whenever - Work Culture Festival. Staged in close collaboration with IBA, the festival returned for a second edition following its premiere in 2024. In talks and panel discussions, a high-calibre line-up of speakers provided crucial impetus for the future of offices, modern workspaces and the work culture of tomorrow. Workshops, exhibitions and interactive formats complemented the varied programme. The ORGATEC x WW-FESTIVAL PARTY provided opportunities for networking in a relaxed atmosphere with live music from pop singer Alice Merton.

The special exhibition "ORGATEC 2026 presents the Eames Pavilion System by Kettal in collaboration with the Eames Office" used two walk-through configurations of this system to demonstrate how the design principles developed by Charles and Ray Eames can be translated into a contemporary modular building framework. Guided tours helped visitors navigate the wide range of exhibits, while the planning tool Your Perfect Day @ ORGATEC enabled visitors to individually curate their visit based on recommended themed routes.

"One Week. One City. - Workspace. Contract. Residential."

Hosted parallel to ORGATEC, interior design days (idd cologne) expanded the thematic spectrum to include private residential interiors. The event's centrepiece was Design Post Köln, which showcased more than 40 international brands. To complement this offering, it was joined by two additional exhibition locations as well as numerous showrooms and stores across the entire city. Design Season Cologne further enriched the programme with an urban design festival featuring additional events and formats.

Staged alongside each other, ORGATEC, idd cologne and Design Season Cologne created an interiors week spanning the entire city. Through their showcases of workspace, contract and residential interiors, the trio of events connected different

segments of the interior design industry, bringing an audience of sector professionals and design enthusiasts together.

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ORGATEC 2026 in figures

A total of 550 exhibiting companies from 39 countries took part in ORGATEC 2026. International exhibitors accounted for 78 per cent. Taking into account the estimated figures including the final day of the trade fair and the synergies generated by Design Post Köln, which was also open to ORGATEC visitors, over 40,000 trade visitors from 116 countries attended ORGATEC 2026, with approximately 56 per cent visiting from abroad.

The next edition of ORGATEC will be hosted in Cologne from 10 to 13 October 2028 and is set to be a celebration marking 75 years of the sector's leading international trade fair.

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:

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

ORGATEC India - India's International Trade Fair for the Future of Workplaces & Ecosystems for Facilities, Mumbai 19.11. - 21.11.2026

imm cologne - The interior business event, Cologne 19.01. - 22.01.2027

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