

Live events with major appeal: 30 international guest events in the third quarter

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Demand for events in Frankfurt remains high. With a total of 30 guest events in the third quarter of 2026, Messe Frankfurt remains a highly sought-after meeting place for business, science, culture and society – in challenging economic times. Both German and international organisers of congresses, major sporting events, specialist events and concerts make use of the infrastructure at the Frankfurt exhibition grounds, underlining its appeal as a prime location.

This summer, public life in the heart of the city will be centred around the Frankfurt exhibition grounds: in the space of three months, the venue will host 16 congresses, 13 concerts and other events as well as one guest fair. The sheer density and variety of events scheduled for the third quarter once again make it a key meeting place for the worlds of business, science, culture and sport. At the same time, they highlight the huge appeal of Messe Frankfurt's exhibition grounds and affirm its strong competitive position on the German and international event market.

As Wolfgang Marzin, President and Chief Executive Officer of Messe Frankfurt, explains: "It is clear from the sheer variety and quality of our guest events that Frankfurt is a trusted event destination among both German and international event organisers. The high capacity utilisation in our exhibition grounds confirms the great strength of our business model, which offers a wide spectrum of sectors and formats the ideal setting for holding successful events. In times of economic uncertainty, formats that allow people to come together, share experiences and develop new perspectives are becoming more important than ever."

One highlight this summer is the Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships, which are being held in the Festhalle between 12 and 16 August 2026. While some 300 female gymnasts from all over the world are expected in Frankfurt, all eyes will be on Olympic champion and German Sportswoman of the Year Darja Varfolomeev, who won five out of a possible six titles at the 2025 World Championships. Other German medal contenders such as Margarita Kolosov, Anastasia Simakova and the German team that won bronze at the 2025 European Championships will also be competing for top places in front of a home crowd. After taking place in Rio de Janeiro last year, the World Championships – one of the most important sporting events of the year – are now coming to Messe Frankfurt in 2026. As Wolfgang Marzin adds: "The Festhalle is the perfect location for this major international event and we are delighted to be playing host to such an open-minded sporting culture that combines diversity, fairness and top performance and brings together people from all over the world." Contact: [German Gymnastics Federation \(DTB\) | Press](#)

Messe Frankfurt is also raising the bar in the congress and conference business. On 2 and 3 September, leading representatives from the international air cargo sector will be coming together for the Air Cargo Conference. Air Cargo Community Frankfurt e.V. is continuing its strong growth course with the 11th Air Cargo Conference at Messe Frankfurt's Congress Center. By moving to a larger location, receiving an Innovation Award for the first time and focusing more on international partnerships, it is underlining the growing importance of the event within the air cargo and logistics sector. With high-calibre speakers, innovative start-up pitches and plenty of networking opportunities, the conference has established itself as a key platform for discussing the future of global supply chains and the role of Frankfurt as an air cargo centre. Contact: [Air Cargo Conference 2026 | Air Cargo Community](#)

One of the most important medical congresses in the German-speaking world, the 42nd Annual Convention of the German Society for Vascular Surgery and Vascular Medicine (DGG), will be opening its doors between 23 and 26 September. Here, medical professionals will be coming together for an event called "Medical Science, High-Tech, Excellence – Shaping Vascular Surgery and Vascular Medicine. Now!", which will be held at the Kap Europa congress centre on the Frankfurt exhibition grounds. As well as surgical excellence and innovations in medical technology, topics such as evidence-based science and the future of training and professional development will be on the agenda. Participants will also have the chance to discuss key issues relating to health policy, including the impact that planned reforms will have on clinics, research and the next generation of medical professionals. Contact: [42nd DGG Annual Convention 2026](#)

On 23 and 24 September 2026, Compounding & Recycling Expo Europe will take place at the Frankfurt exhibition grounds, bringing together international experts in polymer technologies, recycling and the circular economy to provide insights into key future trends. This trade fair, for which admission is free, centres on the increasingly close ties between polymer compounding and recycling and provides a platform for discussion along the entire value chain. The main focus here will be on solutions for high-performance, sustainable and recyclable plastics – ranging from materials and additives to processing and recycling technologies, through to testing and quality assurance systems. Contact: [Compounding and Recycling Expo Europe | About AMI](#)

The world's leading international trade fair and conference for air service development, Routes World, will take place in Frankfurt from 21 to 23 October. The event will bring together the aviation industry's most influential decision-makers at Messe Frankfurt. Around 230 airlines and aviation stakeholders from 110 countries are expected to attend, engaging in approximately 11,000 pre-scheduled business meetings to negotiate new air services, expand international route networks, and forge strategic partnerships. With its outstanding global connectivity, Germany's largest aviation hub, and its central location in the heart of Europe, Frankfurt provides the ideal setting for the world's premier air service development event. Contact: [Routes World](#)

The programme is rounded off by popular live acts such as an open-air concert by German rapper Tream in Messe Frankfurt's outdoor event space Agora on 30 July. Contact: presse@rheinmainconcerts.de



The Agora open-air venue offers capacity for up to 10,000 visitors.

On 25 July, the 6PM Festival will also be held in the open-air Agora area, marking a return to the home town of the streetwear brand from which the event takes its name. Given the rapid growth of the event and the fact that the brand is celebrating its tenth anniversary, this is a real highlight for its community. With Yeat, Luciano and reezy, this year's line-up boasts some of the biggest names on the rap scene. It also includes artists like Lucio 101, Zsá Zsá, Joje and other exciting acts who are sure to make the festival an experience to remember. Contact: media@prk-dreamhaus.com

The impressive list of guest events in the third quarter of 2026 highlights the importance of versatile event venues in times of economic and social change. This means that Messe Frankfurt – as a platform for international interaction, innovation and face-to-face contact – is not only making an active contribution to its customers' success but is also helping to boost the appeal and competitiveness of Frankfurt and the Rhine-Main region as a business location.

For decades now, Messe Frankfurt has been hosting key guest events from a wide range of sectors and fields. With up to 250 events being held at its Frankfurt base every year, the company is one of the most important platforms in Europe for networking, sharing knowledge and generating new business. Its winning combination of flexible venues, state-of-the-art infrastructure and central location at the heart of one of the strongest economic regions in Europe provides the ideal conditions for this.

Further information about events on the Messe Frankfurt exhibition grounds can be found by using the event search function at www.messefrankfurt.com.

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