



Interdisciplinary research symposium
on the safety of nuclear disposal practices

safeND 2027

Call for Sessions

From 6 to 8 October 2027, the Federal Office for the Safety of Nuclear Waste Management (BASE) will host the 4th Interdisciplinary Research Symposium on the **Safety of Nuclear Disposal Practices (safeND)** in Berlin.

The program of the symposium will be prepared in two steps:

1. Call for Sessions (**from 31 August to 2 November 2026**)
2. Call for Contributions (**from 4 January to 26 March 2027**)

The featured theme of the upcoming conference is:

Better together: Cooperation and knowledge sharing across borders

Nuclear waste disposal is a complex sociotechnical challenge requiring decades of research and development. International cooperation creates mutual synergies, allowing nations with small waste inventories to benefit from advanced national programs while offering unique collaborative value in return. The safeND symposium will highlight collaborative efforts by featuring sessions on international research networks and the status of advanced waste disposal programs.

safeND 2027 will address the following topics while placing a core focus on international collaboration:

- Decommissioning of nuclear facilities
- Interim Storage, conditioning and transport of radioactive waste
- Site selection for deep geological disposal of radioactive waste
- Long-term safety of geological disposal facilities
- Alternative disposal methods
- Public participation and communication
- Nuclear safety culture and knowledge preservation
- Safeguards and non-proliferation in nuclear waste disposal
- Nuclear waste management related to alternative reactor designs and fusion
- Social sciences and humanities perspectives on nuclear energy and radioactive waste (including historical, economic and legal analyses)

Proposals for sessions and contributions related to the conference theme will be given priority with regard to the design of the conference program, but in principle contributions can be made for the entire range of topics covered by the symposium. Interdisciplinary perspectives are highly encouraged.

Call for Sessions

You are invited to submit proposals for sessions, panels and workshops within the framework of the Call for Sessions. A session follows an overarching research question or topic, which will be addressed in several 15-minute presentations or posters, respectively. Those who submit sessions agree to host the session with a co-host of their choice. Please coordinate with your respective co-host before submitting your session. The individual contributions for these sessions (abstracts for presentations and posters) will then be submitted as part of the Call for Contributions starting on 4 January 2027 (see also “Next Steps”). Following the Call for Contributions, the host and co-host will evaluate the submissions for their session.

Proposals for workshops and panel discussions can also be submitted during the Call for Sessions. Both formats are designed to discuss a topic in an interdisciplinary and interactive manner. They can range from 60 to 140 minutes. Panel and workshop proposals will be evaluated by the Scientific Committee.

You can participate in the Call for Sessions under the following link:

<https://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/safeND2027/provisionalprogramme>

The session, panel und workshop proposals can be submitted **until 2 November 2026**.

Next steps

Following the Call for Sessions, the [Scientific Committee](#) of safeND 2027 will evaluate the proposals for sessions and BASE will publish a list of those sessions for which abstracts for presentations and posters can be submitted as part of the Call for Contributions starting on 4 January 2027. The session chairs will select the contributions for their sessions with the support of the Scientific Committee and BASE.

Registration for participation in safeND 2027 is expected to start in May 2027.

About the safeND conference series

The conference provides scientists from a broad range of disciplines the opportunity to present their research results on the safe treatment and disposal of radioactive waste and to engage in both intra- and interdisciplinary discussions.

Further information on safeND 2027 can be found [here](#).

We are very much looking forward to your submissions!

Your safeND-Team