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## The Congress Capital

For over ten years, Berlin has been one of the top five cities for international association conventions. In the current **international city ranking** by the International Congress and Convention Association (ICCA), Germany's capital city makes a strong showing in fourth place with a total of 185 international association meetings and events. The top three slots are taken by Barcelona, Vienna and Paris. The ICCA ranking is one of the leading global benchmarks for international association meetings and events held around the world, and a major factor in decisions on the locations for many large congresses.

### **2018 was an outstanding year for Berlin's congress and meetings sector**

In total, Berlin hosted **143,390 events** (+ 2.3% over 2017 - against only 91,000 in 2001). The approx. **11.9 million participants** (+ 2%) accounted for around **8.06 million overnight stays** in Berlin's hotels - equivalent to nearly one quarter of all overnight stays in hotels in the city.

### **The visitBerlin Berlin Convention Office - a major success story**

Over the last 15 years, the meetings sector in Berlin has tripled the numbers of congress participants and overnight stays in hotels. The visitBerlin Berlin Convention Office (BCO) has played a crucial role in this outstanding track record. For fifteen years, the Berlin Convention Office has been actively acquiring conferences, congresses and meetings for Germany's capital city, supporting customers around the world with its free service. Since 2001, the BCO has brought around 1,050 events to Berlin, including European or

world congresses for many international associations.

More on Berlin as a congress and meetings location

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