Editorial Programme 2027 (as of 4 November 2026)

		Key events
1-2027 (March) **Publication date: 2 March 2027** Editorial deadline: 01 February 2027 **Advertising deadline: 11 February 2027**	**Producing circular packaging cost-effectively** ■ PPWR in everyday print production (recycling-friendly packaging design, material use and documentation) ■ Paper, film or composite (product protection, barrier performance, printability and recyclability) ■ Making production costs transparent (energy, material, waste, staff and capacity utilisation) ■ AI and connected production (assistance systems, requirements for data quality and interfaces) ■ Invest or retrofit (assessing new equipment, retrofits and continued operation commercially) ■ Efficient press peripherals (ink kitchen, cleaning, solvent recovery, material handling, storage) ■ Intelligent packaging (printed electronics for traceability, product protection and interaction) ■ Company management and market development (shifts in the job mix, strategic positioning) ■ Supply chains and procurement (qualifying alternative sources, managing material changes) ■ Energy and resources in the plant (energy supply: technical suitability and cost-effectiveness) ■ Documenting sustainability (substantiating verifiable claims about packaging) ■ Skilled staff and work organisation Special Section Packaging Films & Converting ■ **Special Packaging Films & Converting** ● Mono-materials and recyclates, surfaces for reliable adhesion, barriers and functional coatings, laminating with fewer resources, slitting, winding and splicing, pouches and flexible pack formats, material loops in film converting, food contact and composite safety	LOPEC, exhibition 03–04.03.2027; conference 02–04.03.2027: Munich/DE ICE Europe, 09–11.03.2027: Munich/DE CCE International, 09–11.03.2027: Munich/DE German Packaging Congress (dvi), 11.03.2027: Berlin/DE FESPA Global Print Expo, 06–09.04.2027: Munich/DE Fibre-based Packaging, 20–21.04.2027: Osnabrück/DE
2-2027 (May) **Publication date: 18 May 2027** Editorial deadline: 15 April 2027 **Advertising deadline: 22 April 2027**	**Making print processes more productive and more repeatable** ■ Presses for the packaging market (offset, flexo and gravure concepts for packaging) ■ Faster to saleable print (reducing make-ready time, start-up waste and job changeovers) ■ The printing unit as a system (printing plate, anilox roller, doctor blade, chambered doctor blade, ink supply) ■ Anilox rollers and ink/coating transfer (cell geometry, volume, specification, wear, cleaning) ■ Safeguarding print quality automatically (inspection, defect classification, AI-assisted defect detection) ■ Flexo, gravure and offset printing (challenges: new substrates, new ink systems) ■ Maintenance and retrofit (condition monitoring and service concepts for press and converting lines) ■ Web handling and electrostatic processes (controlling web tension, web cleaning, static charge) ■ Stabilising ink supply (monitoring viscosity, temperature, pH value, filtration, foaming) ■ Converting (matching die-cutting, embossing, cutting and gluing to the print process) ■ Automation (robotics, automatic material feeding and assistance systems in day-to-day production) ■ Standardisation in shift operation (structured handovers, defect analyses) Special Section Digital Printing today ■ **Special Digital Printing today** ● Inkjet and toner in packaging printing, creating printability deliberately, printheads and machine availability, data processing for changing content, measuring digital print quality, personalisation and web-to-print, digital converting, digital retrofits with printbars, business models and production integration, material and ink systems for the end application	Print4All, 25–28.05.2027: Milan/IT PRINT4ALL More than the sum of the parts. EMPACK Hamburg, 01–02.06.2027: Hamburg/DE UV Days, 08–10.06.2027: Nürtingen/DE

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3-2027 (September) **Publication date: 7 September 2027** Editorial deadline: 12 August 2027 **Advertising deadline: 19 August 2027**	**Digital production and effective packaging design** ■ Hybrid production (combining conventional and digital print processes with inline converting) ■ Which process for which job (run length, variants, substrate, lead time as decision criteria) ■ End-to-end colour communication (spectral colour data, proofing, fixed colour palette across sites) ■ Finishing with a function (effect inks, tactile coatings, hot and cold foil stamping, digital embellishment) ■ 2D codes in packaging printing (code design, data provision, inline verification, print quality) ■ Product and counterfeit protection (security printing, tamper-evident features, authentication) ■ **EUROPEAN PRINTING SUMMIT 2027** ■ Packaging development between brand and production (connecting design, repro and print intelligently) ■ Reducing spot colours and managing variants (standardised printing conditions) ■ Data-driven customer processes (digital approvals, interfaces, change management) ■ Short print runs and frequent job changes ■ Designing premium packaging cost-effectively Special Section Corrugated Board, Folding Cartons & Paper ■ **Special Corrugated Board, Folding Cartons & Paper** ● Fibre-based flexible packaging, printing and converting folding cartons efficiently, corrugated board in preprint and postprint, carton and corrugated base papers, water-based inks and barrier coatings, automating die-cutting and creasing, folding and gluing, e-commerce and shipping packaging, automated material logistics, fibre-based special applications, robotics	FACHPACK, 21–23.09.2027: Nuremberg/DE LUXE PACK WORLD, 04–06.10.2027: Monaco/MC LOUPE Europe, 05–08.10.2027: Barcelona/ES Fogra Symposium "Digital Printing Meets Offset", 20–21.10.2027: Munich-Aschheim/DE GRA International Gravure Days, October 2027 (planning month) exact date and venue to be confirmed European Printing Summit (EPS), September 2027 (planning month) provisional assignment; exact date and venue to be confirmed EPS EUROPEAN PRINTING SUMMIT
4-2027 (November) **Publication date: 23 November 2027** Editorial deadline: 26 October 2027 **Advertising deadline: 4 November 2027**	**Printing plates and ink systems for reliable production processes** ■ Connecting prepress and platemaking (workflow automation and offset plate production) ■ Flexo plates by application (water-washable, solvent-washable and thermally processed plates) ■ Advancing gravure cylinders (digital engraving workflows, alternative surfaces, engraving quality) ■ Inspecting printing plates digitally (checking geometry, surfaces, screening and engraving) ■ Printing inks for food packaging (matching ink and coating selection to the pack structure) ■ Inks and coatings in recycling (retentive and de-inkable systems as well as washing and separation processes) ■ Optimising drying and curing (hot air, IR, UV, LED-UV in terms of process reliability and energy demand) ■ Printing ink legislation and operational compliance (requirements for raw materials and documentation) ■ Changing and qualifying ink systems (water-based, solvent-based and radiation-curing systems) ■ Storing and reusing printing plates (cleaning, repair, storage conditions and identification) ■ Safeguarding production for the long term (data security, remote maintenance and protection of connected lines) ■ Technology transfer and outlook (investment priorities for the coming production year)	DFTA Technical Conference, November 2027 (planning month) provisional assignment; exact date and venue to be confirmed

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