**The European Sustainable Development Week (ESDW) is an initiative which facilitates the organization of activities that promote sustainable development and makes these efforts visible on a common platform. It takes place Europe-wide every year from 20 September till 26 September.**

The ESDW is a collective, bottom-up contribution of many European initiatives to sustainable development. As such, the ESDW aims to raise awareness for the 2030 Agenda and its [17 Sustainable Development Goals](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs) in Europe and calls upon local stakeholders to actively engage with sustainable development, in general, and the 17 SDGs, in particular.

The ESDW has been jointly presented by the Environment Ministers of France, Germany and Austria at Environment Council on the 28th October 2014, where it was welcomed by the Commission and several Member States. Since then, it took place every year from 31 May till 5 July. Due to coronavirus pandemics the ESDW has moved permanently to autumn starting September 20 to September 26.

ESDW takes place Europe-wide. As a joint international event, it is collectively coordinated by the ESDN Office at the Institute for Managing Sustainability at the Vienna University of Economics and Business in Austria. In every participating country, there is a national focal point, which is responsible for coordination and promotion of activities on a national level. In the Czech Republic, ESDW is coordinated by the Ministry of Environment of the Czech Republic.

Activities can be registered and viewed on [www.esdw.eu](http://www.esdw.eu). Additionally, Czech activities are also registered and promoted at [www.tydenudrzitelnosti.cz](http://www.tydenudrzitelnosti.cz) (other participating countries, such as Germany or France, have their own national websites as well). These websites are tools for organizers to promote their projects and attract higher participation.

To encourage inclusiveness and diversity, the registration for organizers is open to all forms of government agencies, research centres, educational institutions, museums, foundations, community organizations, associations, businesses and NGOs, as well as individual citizens, etc. The central eligibility criterion for taking part in the ESDW is that the proposed project / initiative addresses one or more dimensions of sustainable development and is not exclusively profit-oriented. This could include, but is not limited to: conferences, exhibitions, markets, film screenings, community activities, sustainable business initiatives and education projects.