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Sustainable Development XVII:

Security Without Borders

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Date:

14th – 16th October 2026

Place:

České Budějovice

Aims of conference:

The International Conference on *Sustainable Development* is a platform for discussing current issues and trends in the sustainable development of EU regions. It gives space for presenting research focused on practice in the fields of economics, management, political science, law and security sciences and space for responding to current events. In 2026, the conference aims to:

- To assess the current state of the security environment of the European Union and its Member States in the context of geopolitical changes, open borders, and increasing economic interdependence. To identify the main trends, opportunities, and risks affecting both national and collective security.
- To analyse current and emerging security threats, including hybrid operations, cyberattacks, terrorism, organised crime, and destabilising influences within the information environment.
- To discuss the economic security of the European Union, with a focus on supply chain resilience, strategic autonomy, the protection of critical infrastructure, and the impacts of globalisation and deglobalisation trends.
- To evaluate energy security in the context of energy source diversification, the transition to a low-carbon economy, the stability of energy markets, and resilience to geopolitical pressures.
- To analyse environmental security and the impacts of climate change on regional stability, migration, resource availability, and the emergence of new conflicts.
- To assess the internal security challenges facing EU Member States, including radicalisation, societal polarisation, the spread of disinformation, and the misuse of digital technologies.
- To discuss the role of digital transformation and emerging technologies (such as Artificial Intelligence, Big Data, and the Internet of Things) in the field of security, including their benefits and risks for public administration, the economy, and society.

Official conference languages: Czech, Slovak, English.

OUTLINE OF THE CONFERENCE

- 14th October 2026 – arrival of participants, informal meeting of participants, discussion evening
- 15th October 2026 – registration, plenary session, lunch, panel sessions, gala dinner (Budvar)
- 16th October 2026 – panel sessions, conclusions of conference, lunch, closing of conference

KEY CONFERENCE PANELS

I. **European and Global Security in an Era of Geopolitical Change (15 October)**
II. **Economic and Energy Security of the European Union (15 October)**
III. **Cybersecurity, Artificial Intelligence, and Digital Transformation (15 October)**
IV. **Democratic Resilience, Disinformation, and Hybrid Threats (15 October)**
V. **Crisis Management, Civil Protection, and Security Management (15 October)**
VI. **Prevention and Suppression of Crime and Other Antisocial Activities – Current Trends in Legal and Security Sciences (15 October)**
VII. **Innovations in Management, Marketing, and Entrepreneurship in the Digital Economy (15 October)**
VIII. **Regional Development, Public Administration, and Territorial Resilience (15 October)**
IX. **Modern Approaches to the Educational Process (15 October)**
X. **Public Administration, Local Politics, and Municipal Elections in the Czech and Slovak Republics (Not Only) Between 1990 and 2026: From the First Elections to the (So Far) Most Recent Ones (15 October)**

ACCOMPANYING CONFERENCE PANELS (NO PUBLICATION OUTPUT)

XI. **XI. 17th Meeting of Environmental Education Coordinators of the South Bohemian Region (16 October)**
XII. **Discussion Evening for (Not Only) Students: Current Issues in Energy Security (14 October)**

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- for paying conference fee (payment on the spot is not possible) by **30 September 2026**

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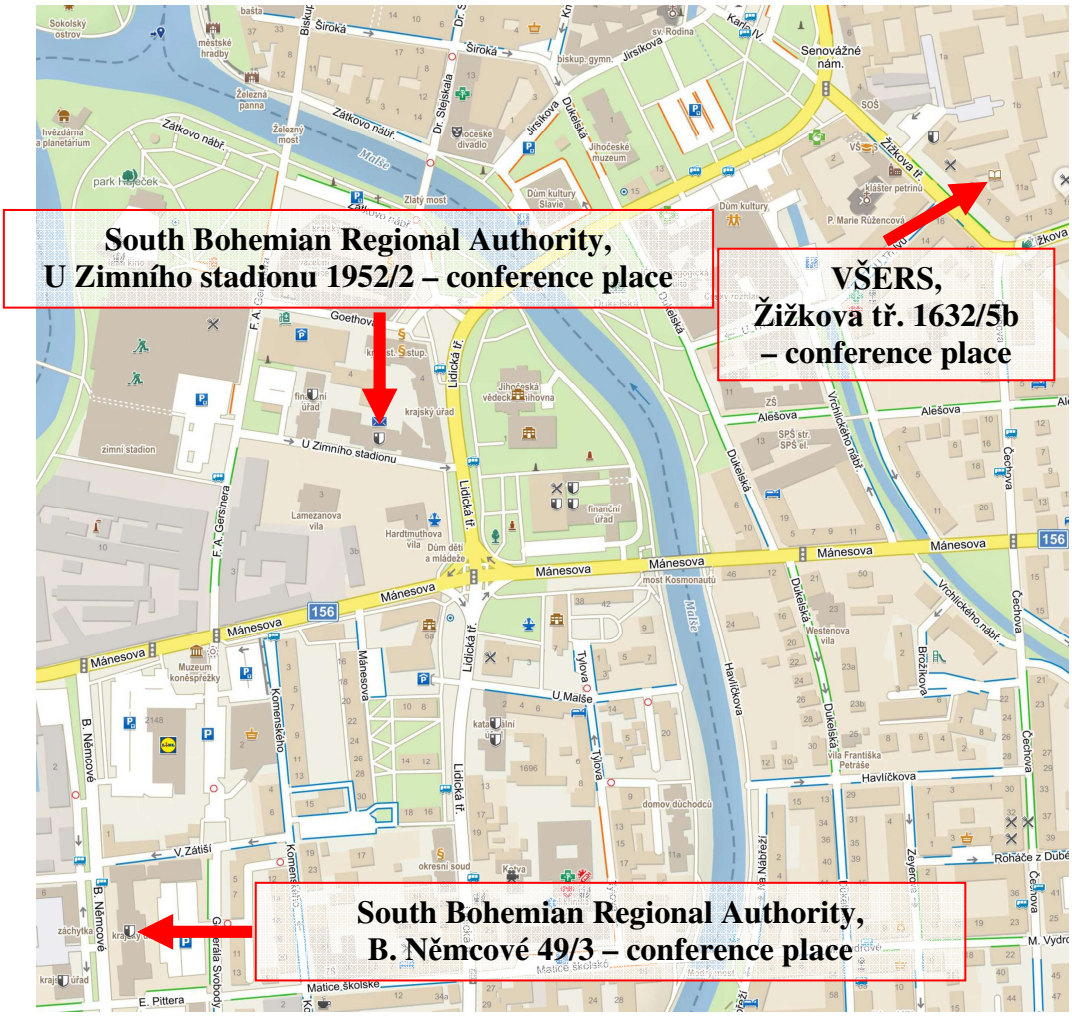

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The South Bohemian Regional Authority is situated in U Zimního stadionu, the public transport bus stop U Soudu – At the Courthouse (2 min.). You can take the trolleybus No. 5 from the bus and railway stations (public transport bus stop Nádraží – The Bus Station). From The College of European and Regional Studies you can get to the conference place on foot in app. 8 min.

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