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is hereby inviting you to the international scholarly conference

Sustainable Development XVI:

***Europe Without Borders: Challenges for Global and
Internal Security of the EU***

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Date:

15th – 17th October 2025

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 2025, the conference aims to:

- Assess the current state of EU security policy in the context of open borders and the free movement of persons, goods and services. Identify key benefits and security risks.
- Analyse current security threats that the EU is facing – including hybrid threats, cyber attacks, international terrorism, organized crime and migration pressure.
- Discuss internal security challenges of the EU Member States, such as extremism, polarization of society, the rise of disinformation or the abuse of technologies in the field of control and monitoring.
- Explore the trends of sustainable development for the stability and growth of the EU regions.
- Create a platform for presenting research with practical applications in the fields of economics, management, political science, law and security sciences. Discuss how theoretical knowledge can contribute to solving current issues.
- Provide space for discussion and reflection of current events and political decisions affecting the EU and its members. Analyse their impacts and look for possible reactions and solutions.
- Promote cooperation between experts from different disciplines so that they can jointly seek comprehensive solutions to problems of the EU. Promote an interdisciplinary approach to research and application of results.
- Encourage participation of young researchers and professionals, enable them to present their work and take part in expert discussion. Create opportunities for their career growth and networking.
- Allow open dialogue between representatives of academia, political institutions, the non-profit sector and the business community. Encourage sharing of opinions and experiences.

Official conference languages: Czech, Slovak, English.

OUTLINE OF THE CONFERENCE

- 15th October 2025 – arrival of participants, informal meeting of participants, discussion evening
- 16th October 2025 – registration, plenary session, lunch, panel sessions, gala dinner (Budvar)
- 17th October 2025 – panel sessions, conclusions of conference, lunch, closing of conference

KEY CONFERENCE PANELS

- I. Security of Europe in a Changing world: Threats, Challenges and Strategies of the EU (16th October)**
- II. Economic and Social Impacts of EU membership in the Context of a New Geopolitical Reality (16th October)**
- III. Digitalisation, Cybersecurity and Technological Sovereignty in the EU (16th October)**
- IV. Crises, Conflicts and Democratic Stability in the EU (16th October)**
- V. Security Management: Current Threats, Challenges and Response Options (16th October)**
- VI. Current Opportunities of Legal and Security Sciences in the Fight Against Crime and the So-Called Other Anti-Social Activities" (16th October)**
- VII. Trends in Education and Preparation for Changes in the Labour Market (16th October)**
- VIII. Business, Marketing and Management in the Dynamic European Environment (16th October)**
- IX. Regional Development and Economic Transformation in Europe (16th October)**
- X. Elections! Elections!! Elections!!! as seen by Czech and Slovak towns and regions (16th October)**

ACCOMPANYING CONFERENCE PANELS (NO PUBLICATION OUTPUT)

- XI. 16th Meeting of Environmental Education Coordinators of the South Bohemian Region (17th October)**
- XII. Discussion Evening (not only) for Students: Current Issues Moving the EU (15th October)**

Visit <https://konference.vrsers.cz> or <https://forms.gle/BQdooPZUgqVq635k7> for registration and more information. Registration for the conference is open **until September 30, 2025**.

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- for submitting registration WITH/WITHOUT contribution by **30th September 2025**
- for submitting a contribution to be published in the peer-reviewed conference monograph by **30th September 2025**
- for paying conference fee (payment on the spot is not possible) by **30th September 2025**

We are grateful that you follow the terms stated above. Information on conference: info@vsers.cz.

Conference fee for academic staff and expert public:

- panels I-IX + plenary session + gala dinner – 2,500 CZK (100 €),
- panel X + plenary session + gala dinner – 1,200 CZK (50 €),
- panel XI and panel XII is free of charge (no publication output and conference services),
- contribution to be published without personal participation at the conference – 1,200 CZK (50 €),
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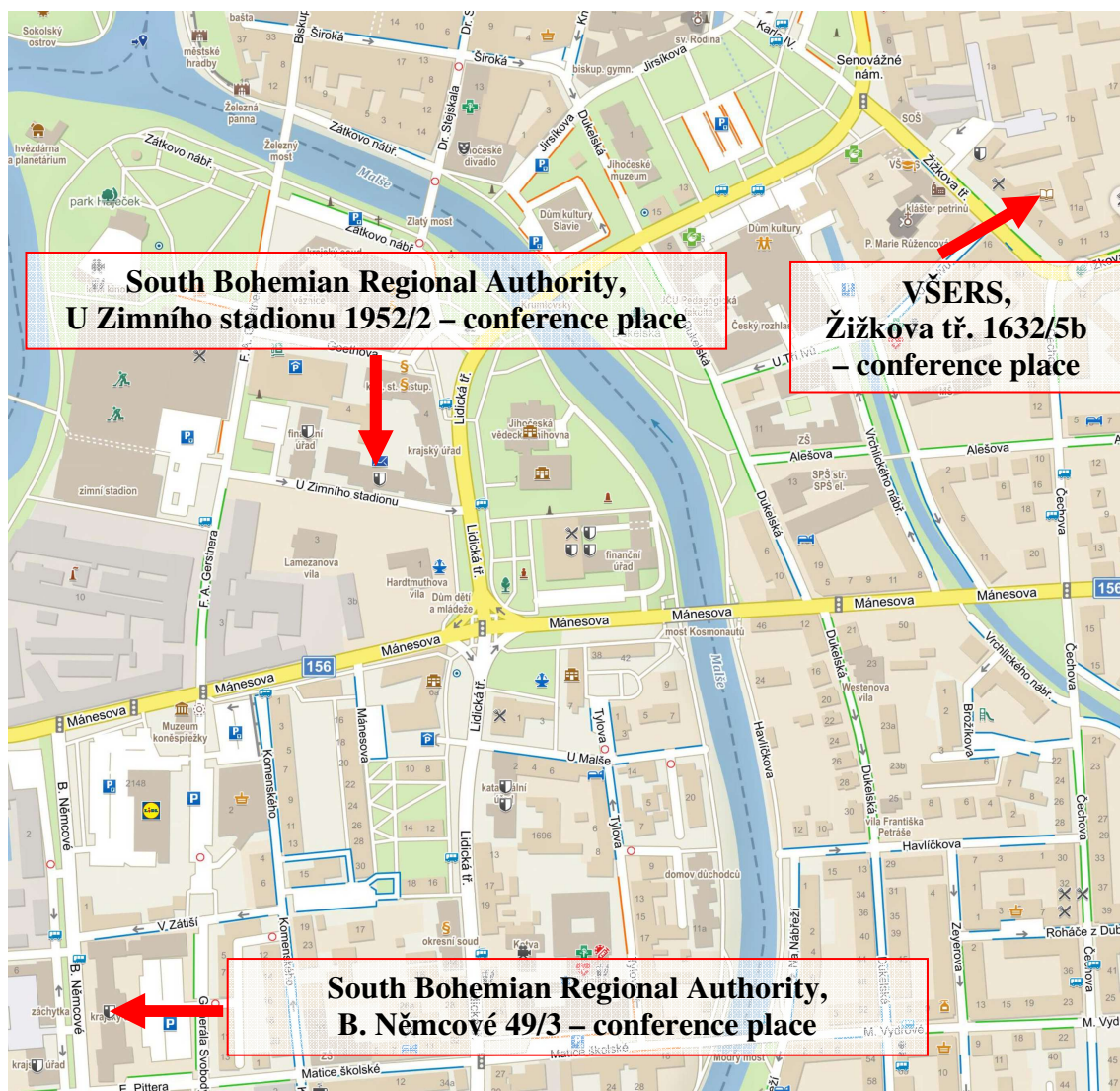
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The South Bohemian Regional Authority is situated in U Zimního stadionu, the public transport bus stop U Soudu – At the Courthouse (2 min.). You can take the trolleybus No. 5 from the bus and railway stations (public transport bus stop Nádraží – The Bus Station). From The College of European and Regional Studies you can get to the conference place on foot in app. 8 min.

The accommodation is paid by all the participants on their own. If interested, you can be provided with more detailed information individually on the accommodation facilities in České Budějovice. More information is available at the Rectorate of The College of European and Regional Studies (rektorat@vsers.cz).

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