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The EUROPEAN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT WEEK 2018!

The European Sustainable Development Week (ESDW) is already in its 4th year in 2018. Building on the success of the previous weeks, the **ESDW 2018 will take place 30 May – 5 June**. Last year, the **ESDW 2017 had 4,031 registered events that spanned 30 European countries and attracted an estimated 360,000 participants!** We are already looking forward to the many interesting and creative activities that will be registered this year! **Event registration for 2018 will open on 5 February.**

This year's ESDW will once again focus on events and activities that are linked to the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** in an effort to raise more awareness and support for them.



Although the ESDW 2018 will focus on all 17 SDGs, particular emphasis will be put on the SDGs that will be covered by the **UN's High Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2018**, which takes place 9-18 July 2018 in New York City. This year's HLPF theme is "Transformation towards sustainable and resilient societies", and will address the following SDGs:

SDG 6: Ensure availability and *sustainable management of water* and sanitation for all

SDG 7: Ensure access to *affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy* for all

SDG 11: Make *cities* and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable

SDG 12: Ensure *sustainable consumption and production* patterns

SDG 15: Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial *ecosystems*, *sustainably manage forests*, *combat desertification*, and *halt and reverse land degradation* and *halt biodiversity loss*

SDG 17: *Strengthen the means of implementation* and *revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development*



However, events can be registered for any and all of the SDGs!

Why should you register your event?

- Become a part of a European-wide initiative;
- Your support is important in implementing the SDGs at various levels (EU, national, regional, and local);
- Your event, together with all other events, shows that Europe can make a difference;
- Your event will be displayed online for thousands of people to see; and
- Gain access to ESDW logos and flyers to promote your event.

Partners of the ESDW

- The ESDW, a pan-European initiative organized annually by the European Sustainable Development Network (ESDN), is supported by the Austrian Ministry of Sustainability and Tourism, the French Ministry for the Ecological and Inclusive Transition, the German Federal Chancellery and the Germany Council for Sustainable Development (RNE).
- Partners of the ESDW include the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS), the European Environmental Bureau (EEB), The European Environment and Sustainable Development Advisory Councils (EEAC), the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Eurocities, European Green Week, ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, and the Water Agency.
- The ESDW builds on an active system of National Focal Points, who are able to provide information and support within your country and in your country's native language.

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