

Seville, 23 April 2025 European Skydiving Foundation

European Skydiving Symposium 2026 – For the First Time in Spain

The European Skydiving Symposium (ESS) returns in 2026 with a special edition that will, for the first time, take place outside of Poland. From 25th to 27th February 2026, sunny Seville, Spain, will become the global hub for the skydiving community. The event co-organizer is Skydive Spain, one of the most renowned drop zones on the continent.

ESS 2026 – A New Chapter in the Symposium's History

After five successful editions in Poland, ESS 2026 is moving to Spain, offering participants not only a rich educational program but also a chance to experience Spanish hospitality, culture, and perfect skydiving weather. The event will be held in **Seville**, a city famous for its stunning architecture, warm climate, and the much-loved Skydive Spain dropzone, popular among skydivers from all over the world.

Agenda & Participants

ESS 2026 will feature three intense days of **seminars**, **workshops**, **and presentations** led by world-class skydiving experts. The program includes five tracks: in addition to the main track for all skydivers, there will be specialized sessions for **tandem pilots**, **AFF instructors**, and **riggers**. A new addition this year is a **marketing track** for content creators. Each day will feature a **grand raffle** with many attractive prizes for attendees. A staple on the agenda is the **legendary after-party**, which this year will be held in a truly unique location—details to be revealed soon!

What's more, the day before the Symposium, the **USPA DZO Conference** will take place. Until now, this event has only been held in the USA, but for the first time ever, it will be hosted in Europe. It's a **one-day conference for all dropzone owners**—those affiliated with USPA as well as those operating under other local regulations.

Following the Symposium, the **USPA Standardization Meeting** will also be held—a mandatory gathering for all USPA examiners.

The previous edition of ESS in 2024 gathered **716 participants** from **32 countries**, representing **34 dropzones** and **over 40 industry companies at the Expo**. Among the attendees were also representatives from **11 different armies**.



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The organizers expect that the upcoming edition will attract even more participants, offering them invaluable knowledge and opportunities to network, share experiences, and explore the **latest trends and technologies** in skydiving.

Testing Days

For the first time in ESS history, attendees can jump as part of the event. Skydive Spain is the perfect place to test new knowledge, gear showcased during ESS, and services from Symposium partners. The Testing Days will be right after the ESS, from 28th February to 2nd March 2026 at Skydive Spain.

Registration & Information

Registration for ESS 2026 opens in July.

We encourage you to follow the official event website <u>skydivingsymposium.eu</u> and our social media profiles:

Instagram: @skydivingsymposium
Facebook: Skydiving Symposium

There you'll find all the latest updates on the agenda, speakers, and organizational details.

Dates: 25–27 February 2026

P Location: Hotel Ilunion Alcora, Seville, Spain

🚏 **Test Days:** 28 February – 2 March 2026, Skydive Spain

The European Skydiving Symposium is not just a conference—it is, above all, the perfect platform for experience sharing, networking, and collective efforts to improve skydiving safety standards.

Participant Testimonials

"I've never felt more welcomed than I did here—it was truly a pleasure! I'll definitely attend the next European Skydiving Symposium in Seville in 2026."

— Bill Booth, inventor, skydiving legend, founder of UPT

"What an extraordinary event! It exceeded all my expectations—and they were high. The selected seminars were very interesting and covered a wide range of relevant topics. The



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organization was flawless! I hope to return for the next edition!"

— Dan Brodsky-Chenfeld, DZO / author / multiple world champion, Skydive Perris, USA

"An event of this scale is incredibly hard to organize. It all looked effortless, and that's the best proof of how hard you must have worked. Thank you for this event and for uniting the European skydiving community. Great job!"

— Albert Berchtold, Executive Director, USPA

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