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Agenda:
- Public perception of ODA – Example of the Czech Republic
- Who are we? Branding and messaging for evolving sustainable development communications
- Q&A and discussions

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