## **Preface**

The 4th International Conference on "Advances in Environmental Engineering" (AEE 2023), organized by the Faculty of Mining and Geology at the VŠB-Technical University of Ostrava, Czech Republic, and the Faculty of Civil Engineering at the Technical University of Košice, Slovak Republic, took place from November 20th to 22nd, 2023, in Ostrava, Czech Republic.

The conference brought together over 58 delegates from five countries: the Slovak Republic, the Czech Republic, Spain, Poland, and Iraq, including PhD students and industry representatives. The conference proceedings comprise articles that focus on sustainable building materials and technologies. This publication offers a comprehensive overview of current trends in waste management, with a particular emphasis on characterizing various waste materials and their application in cement composites to promote sustainability goals.

Out of the submissions, 12 contributions were selected for publication. The organizing committee extends its heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated efforts of both the editorial board and the reviewers in preparing this edition. Special thanks are also extended to all the authors for their flexibility and adherence to deadlines.

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