



## Press release

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# The Paris 2024 Board of Directors sets out the headline decisions following the concept review of the Paris 2024 Olympic Games

**At its meeting on Wednesday 30 September 2020 chaired by Tony Estanguet, the Paris 2024 Board of Directors adopted the main orientations that have been under discussion for several months by the Organising Committee and all those involved in the project. Reflecting a united vision and a shared desire to adapt the project to take into account the current situation, the decisions made will help to create some room for manoeuvre in the budget while also bolstering the core values championed by Paris 2024, in particular the strong community focus in Seine-Saint-Denis.**

### **Optimise the Paris 2024 project and protect its identity**

In these unprecedented and uncertain times, Paris 2024 is keen to act responsibly by creating room for manoeuvre in its budget in order to uphold its commitment to control costs and deliver the Games within the initial budget of €3.8 billion while continuing to champion the values that form its identity:

- Environmentally friendly, especially by halving carbon emissions generated by previous Games
- Socially beneficial, with a strong community focus in Seine-Saint-Denis
- Sport and athletes at the heart of the project, with a unique celebration of sport

Paris 2024 has reviewed the project, taking a three-pronged approach to optimise its organisation – the number of venues, the level of services provided during the Games and non-event locations. It is in the first of these three areas, regarding the development of event venues, that the Board of Directors has agreed new proposals today.

### **Advocating existing venues**

The Board of Directors, having been asked to consider ways of better exploiting existing venues, agreed to:

- do away with two temporary venues – the Aquatics Stadium and the Le Bourget Arena. Consequently, the Swimming and Water Polo finals will be held in the Paris La Défense Arena and the Volleyball will take place in an existing venue;



- no longer use the Stade Jean-Bouin, and therefore move the Rugby Sevens events to the Stade de France;
- use the Stade Pierre-Mauroy (Lille) as an Arena;
- optimise the configuration of the venue at Place de la Concorde;
- the transfer of the climbing site to Le Bourget and the creation of a permanent legacy site, the project of which will be studied with all the players concerned.;
- reduce the number of football stadia used, from 8 to 7;
- confirm the venue at Colline d'Elancourt for the Mountain Bike Cycling events;
- optimise the Paralympic Games concept by applying the revised Olympic Games concept.

These decisions will be subject to the definitive approval of the International Federations, the IOC and the IPC, with which Paris 2024 maintains constant dialogue.

### **Placing Seine-Saint-Denis at centre stage**

The revised concept bolsters the central position the project affords to Seine-Saint-Denis. It will still host the same number of Olympic events, but will no longer require the use of two temporary venues that add nothing in terms of legacy.

Regular communication with all stakeholders involved has even made it possible to go one step further, as it has been decided to build an additional permanent sports facility in the area, and left as a legacy.

These decisions back up the major resolutions made since the bid stage to embed the Games in the heart of Seine-Saint-Denis. It is in this area that the Athletes' and Media Villages will be built, before they are transformed into housing at the end of the Games, along with the Olympic Aquatics Centre, which will be left to the local community, school children and sports clubs. Seine-Saint-Denis will also host the athletics, the most high profile and popular Olympic sport. Furthermore, it is here that Paris 2024 will base its headquarters.

With over 80% of public Solideo investment earmarked for this area, representing a total of nearly €1 billion, Seine-Saint-Denis continues to stand out as the main beneficiary of the Paris 2024 Games.

### **Taking decisions that leave behind an enduring legacy**

In a conscious effort to respond to the challenges thrown up by the current situation and leave an enduring legacy that will have a positive impact in sport and society in general, the Board of Directors also agreed the guiding principles for the Paris 2024 endowment fund. Put together following unprecedented collective mobilisation, the fund seeks to heighten the social impact of sport by supporting a number of national and local projects that harness sport to drive social innovation.

The Board of Directors also approved the creation of the Academy, the official Paris 2024 training body, to enable all those involved in organising the Games (employees, volunteers and service providers) to expand their knowledge and develop the skills they need to make the event a success and officially recognise the learnings drawn from the experience. Set up in collaboration with the French National Olympic and Sports Committee and the French Paralympic and Sports Committee, the Paris 2024 Academy will also help to boost sporting performance by also offering a complete training package.



Furthermore, the Board of Directors approved the Paris 2024 purchasing strategy. Applicable to 100% of the purchases made by the Organising Committee, i.e. €2.5 billion, the strategy favours socially and environmentally innovative businesses. The circular economy is at the heart of the strategy, in order to promote eco-design, minimise waste, factor in the end of life or the post-Games transition of all products and contribute to making the Games carbon neutral and environmentally friendly. The responsible purchasing strategy will also promote proposals that enhance the economic integration of vulnerable populations and create long-term economic, social and environmental value in the regions.

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### Paris 2024

The Paris 2024 Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games is responsible for planning, organising, financing and delivering the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Paris in 2024, in accordance with the Host City Contract signed by the IOC (International Olympic Committee), CNOSF (French National Olympic and Sports Committee) and Paris City Council.

The Olympic and Paralympic Games are the leading sports event in the world and have a unique media impact, bringing together some 10,500 Olympic and 4,350 Paralympic athletes respectively representing 206 and 182 delegations from five continents. The Games are followed by over 13 million spectators and 4 billion viewers around the world through more than 100,000 hours of TV coverage, and their impact as a global event of great sporting, economic and cultural importance is unparalleled.

Paris 2024 was established in January 2018 and is chaired by Tony Estanguet (three-time Olympic champion and IOC member). It is run by an Executive Board, which brings together all the project's founding members, namely the CNOSF, Paris City Council, the French State, the Greater Paris regional authorities, CPSF (French Paralympic and Sports Committee), Métropole du Grand Paris, Seine Saint Denis departmental council and representatives from the towns and cities involved in the Games.

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