

Project Management Update from France ¹



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INTRODUCTION

In each report, 'I'll try to give you insights about project associations in France and some projects.

PMI FRANCE



Project Management Institute® France

PMI in France was founded in 1995 and unified as one chapter PMI France in 2013.

With more 5000+ members, PMI France is the 1st Chapter outside of North America, 1st in Europe and regularly ranked between the 3rd to the 5th in the world.

PMI France is a unified Chapter with 12 regional "branches"; each branch can organize conferences, webinars, workshops, networking events, to name a few.

PMI France has launched a new English speaking community! This new international Community of Practice will address various aspects of digital and organization transformations. This community run by the Paris-Ile-de-France branch of the PMI France chapter will organize regular events and will provide opportunities for networking, experience sharing, publishing and speaking.

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Major Projects / Programs in France

Transat Jacques Vabre²

Transat Jacques Vabre has departed on 7th of November from the port of Le Havre in France, direction Fort de France in Martinique (France).

This boat race is also called 'Coffee Road' (la route du café).

This race takes place every two years since 1993.

Main numbers

15th edition

79 boats / 158 skippers / 13 nationalities

More information : <https://www.transatjacquesvabre.org>

Why from Le Havre ?

The French city of Le Havre is situated in Normandy: in 1728, the first coffee beans were brought from the colonies. At that time, Le Havre was the biggest port of importation of coffee in Europe. There was also a coffee 'stock exchange' in Le Havre.

Why is it called Jacques Vabre?

The brand Jacques Vabre wanted to recreate the coffee road, used by the boats of 17th century.

Some cornerstone events

- "CAP POUR ELLE"

In 2021, the Transat Jacques Vabre launched a project for women in the shape of the "Cap pour Elle" programme, a joint operation with Saint-James. Its aim is to support a crew entering a transatlantic race for the first time with financial (€40,000 grant) and sporting assistance (mentoring and coaching). Julia and Jeanne COURTOIS, a set of 29-year-old twins from Brest, won the contest in May. Jeanne works as an engineer in the defence industry and Julia is a pharmacist. Both have accumulated experience in sailing (including the Tour de France à la voile) and in other sports, with a combined total of 5 Ironman triathlons, 3 ultra-trail races and more. They support Fifty-Fifty, a charity that uses sailing to give female victims of violence a clean start and fights to move the sport towards gender parity. It is a cause close to their heart and, as one of

² Press release of Transat Jacques Vabre

the few 100% female crews in the upcoming Transat Jacques Vabre, they intend to speak out for it during the event. We sat down with the Courtois sisters, the lucky winners of the "Cap pour Elle" programme

- "CHALLENGE INNOVATION OCEAN & ENVIRONNEMENT

As a joint project with French Tech Le Havre Normandy and French Tech Martinique, the Transat Jacques Vabre is organising a double contest this year in which students and start-ups will vie to develop cutting-edge solutions to promote renewable power, the circular economy and the conservation of biodiversity. The Transat Jacques Vabre Normandie Le Havre is stepping up to the new challenge of becoming a commitment platform for a sustainable transformation.

Grand Paris Express – the most important urban program in Europe³

What is it ? the Grand Paris Express is the creation of 4 new metro lines that will connect the different suburbs around Paris (without having to go through Paris). This gigantic project will transform Paris and its suburb and must be ready for 2024.

Today, to go from a suburb of Paris to another suburb of Paris by train, you need to go through Paris.

Some numbers

- 68 stations and each station will have a different design
- More than 480 ha public space reused
- 150 projects

The trains will be automatic. 80% of the new stations will be connected to the actual network.

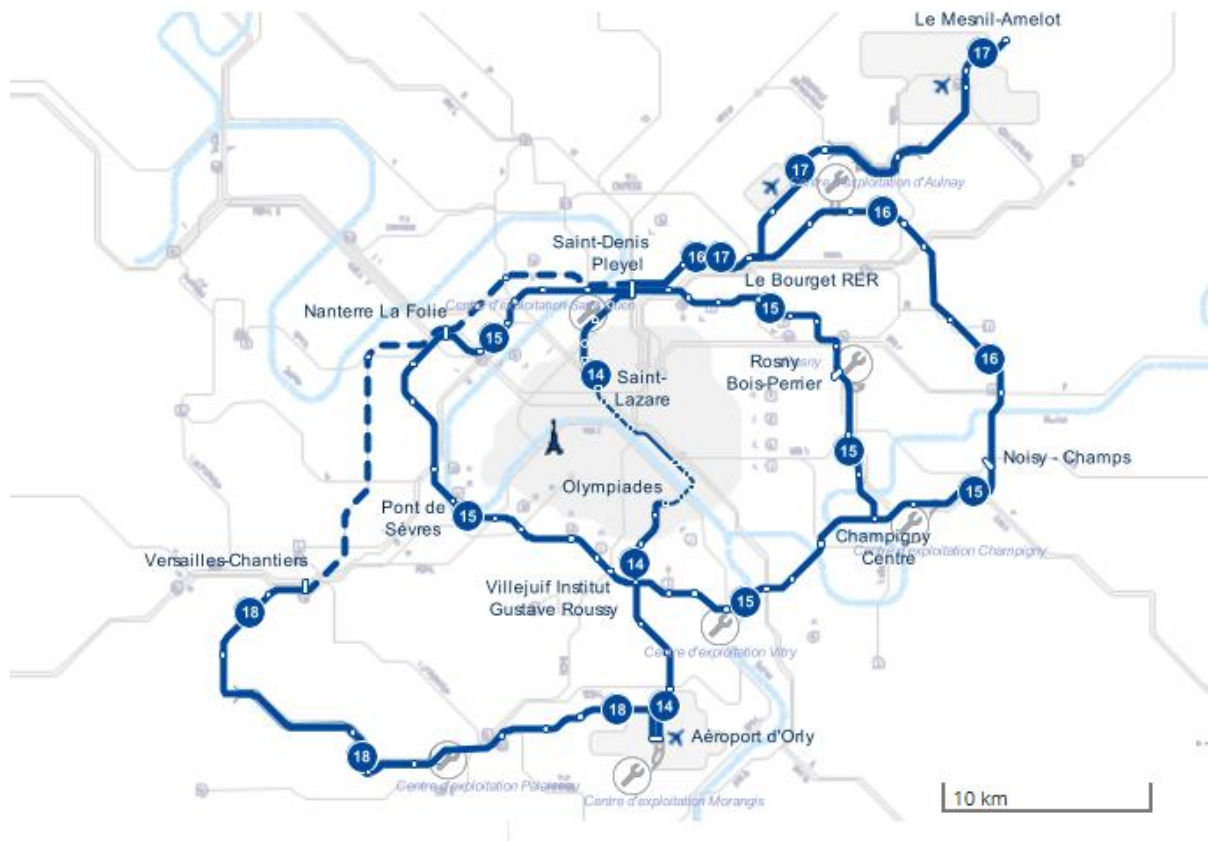
A huge transformation and impact in people's life

The Grand Paris Express is more than an architectural project.

- **Social**, it will bring transportation in cities where there were not.
- **Urban** : around the new stations, there will be new houses, offices, shops, services, green areas and public spaces.
- **Environnemental** : the aim is to reduce the transport time and then propose a real alternative to car, reducing the traffic jams and the pollution.
- **Economic** : **115 000 new jobs** must be created when it will operate. It will also contribute to attract more offers or services.

³ Press release of Societe du grand Paris: <https://www.societedugrandparis.fr/medias/presse>

Map of the new lines



More information: <https://www.societedugrandparis.fr/>

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