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The European City of Science sets up under the nave of the Grand Palais in Paris from the 14th to 16th of November 2008

*Organized during the French Presidency of the European Union
by the Ministry for Higher Education and Research,
the European City of Science will open its doors at the Grand Palais from the 14th to 16th of
November 2008.*

*Acting as the kick-off for the Science Festival, this event cannot be missed
with around 50,000 visitors expected*

An event belonging to the "European Cultural Season"

A live cultural event

The objective of this event is to provide the largest possible audience with a vision of European research that is more in keeping with the individual concerns and problems of our time; a framework for direct and lively dialogue between science and society. Spread out through the squares and streets of the European City, 80 "project areas" present in a practical manner and accessible to all, the work of the research teams and the ensuing innovations. Scientific objects, sometimes colossal - an airplane wing, balloons, a giant map of the Earth - fascinate children and adults alike. Areas reproducing the researchers' living and working conditions - weather station, laboratory, archaeological excavations - welcome the visitors, offer meetings, workshops or animations which enable the public to fully understand the scientific approach through first-hand experience.

As soon as the visitor enters under the nave of the Grand Palais, he is plunged into a life-sized city. He can stroll through the streets and meet a group of robots here, satellite antenna there, a state-of-the-art hot-air balloon a bit further on ... Multimedia resource centre, biomedical laboratory, garden, perfumery, sensorial experiences, mechanical workshop showcasing energies that respect the environment and many other areas swarming with activity. Over the course of his travels, the visitor becomes aware that scientific issues concern him directly.

Children benefit from an area where educational and fun programs are combined for learning via games and good humor, as the City is also designed to encourage vocations and to fight against the misconceptions surrounding scientific and technical professions!

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A genuine European area

It is with particular care that the Grand Palais was chosen for the event's location. A prestigious, historical site with exceptional dimensions, the Grand Palais is the undisputed symbol of cultural prestige and knowledge on an international level.

Amongst the 80 European research areas grouped at the Grand Palais, about twenty are led by research teams from around ten European countries. Visitors from all horizons and all countries are thus expected to actively celebrate the Europe of knowledge.

For further information: www.villeeuropéennedessciences.fr

Practical information:

Dates: from **14th to 16th of November 2008**

Opening hours: Friday 9am–6pm; Saturday and Sunday 10am–7pm

Location: Grand Palais Nave

Free entry

Metro, RER, Bus

Metro: lines 1, 9, 13 / Stations: Franklin D. Roosevelt, Champs-Élysées-Clémenceau

RER: lines C / Stations: Invalides

Bus: lines 28, 42, 52, 72, 73, 80, 83, 93

Vélib'

Station n° 8029, 1, avenue Franklin D. Roosevelt (close to the Palais de la Découverte)

Station : 8001, avenue Dutuit (close to the Petit Palais)

Parking lots

Rond-point des Champs-Élysées, place de la Concorde, par François 1er, Alma George-V, Champs-Élysées Lincoln, Maignon.

Reduced mobility access: avenue Winston Churchill

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