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Project Management Update from France

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Let's have a look on Project Management associations' program. What happened last month and what will happen in the following months?

Society of Project Management – SMaP

SMaP will welcome you on Thursday 5 March at 18:00 for an evening seminar. :
"Maîtrise d'ouvrage", Project Management from an owner point of view
This lecture will be led by Christian Altier, Head of Project Management at SNCF

As each evening seminar, the conference will be held at the amphitheatre of the IAE de Paris, 21 rue Broca, Paris.

These evening conferences are free; you need nevertheless to register yourself.

Project Management Institute – French Chapter

On February 19th was held the first Tips & Tools section of the PMI South of France French Riviera chapter about the estimation technique "Function Points" in Sophia Antipolis.

The Business Forum French Riviera awaits you on March 19th at the Agora-

Einstein (Cari Event) Sophia-Antipolis. You will deal with “Communication in all its forms”.

Let's then meet in March 26th at Europôle Arbois for PMI South of France Forum (co-organized by PMI, AFIM and Pôle Risques) on « Building well to maintain well... ». The event will be divided into two Tool & Tips and will lay emphasis on the value of integrating the ease of maintenance in the design and study of the project.

On March 10th will be held the 8th edition of the **PMI Paris Interviews** in partnership with [ImdR](#), [IIL-France](#), [AFITEP](#) and [Centrale Paris](#). The subject will be: « Optimize risk taking in your projects! »

AFITEP

The AFITEP already announces the Congress of Francophone Project Management - Project: Sustainable Management.

It will take place on October from 12th to 5th at Espace Saint Martin as the previous years.

→ Another big event will be this summer. It is indeed from 17 to 21 August at ESC Lille (Lille Campus) that will be held the:

**“9th International Workshop in Project & Programme Management and
4th International Research Seminar in Project & Programme
Management Special EDEN Doctoral Seminar”**

Theme: "Perspectives on Projects: Project Attributes"

→ For more information about these events please contact the organizing associations:

- SMAP - Top 3 chemin de Vaux 78600 Le Mesnil Le Roi
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<http://www.smap-asso.eu>

- PMI - Project Management Institute - French chapter
<http://pmi-fr.org>

- AFITEP - 60-62, rue du Faubourg Saint-Martin 75010 Paris
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