



Plenary meeting of the EUROPE DIRECT network - EUROPE DIRECT Centres (ED) and European Documentation Centres (EDC)

Tours, 8 to 10 November 2023

Agenda

Wednesday 8 November

Hôtel du Grand Commandement de Tours, 12bis rue des Minimes

- 14:00 - 14:15** **Arrival of participants**
Hôtel du Grand Commandement (5 minutes on foot from SNCF station)
- 14:30 - 16:30** **Joint plenary**
- Introduction by :**
Valérie Drezet-Humez, Head of the European Commission's Representation in France, and:
Isabelle Coustet, Head of the European Parliament's Liaison office in France (outlook on the 2024 European elections), and:
Alessandro Giordani, Head of unit C4 (DG COMM), responsible for networks in the Member States.
- 16:35** Group photo (ED, EDC and European EDC)
- 16:40 - 17:00** *Coffee break*
- 17:00 - 18:30** For the French EDC: Fair of French-speaking legal publishers (Hôtel du Grand Commandement)
- 17:00 - 18:30** For European EDC: visit in English of the old town of Tours by university students.
- 17:00 - 18:30** For the ED: Visit of the EUROPE DIRECT Centre of Tours (tbc, 9bis boulevard Jean Royer)
- 19:00 - 21:00** **Dinner** (Hôtel du Grand Commandement) for all
Welcome by **Major General Jean-Marc Chatillon**, French Army
- 21:30** **Film screening:** « **Josep** », animated film.
Cinemas Studio (2 rue des Ursulines, Tours, 02.47.20.27.00, Tram A Direction Lycée Jean Monnet, stop station Nationale)

Accommodation:

Hilton Garden Inn Hotel (for EDC and European EDC),

Thursday 9 November

Thélème Room, Site Tanneurs, 3 rue des Tanneurs

Symposium: Paxa Europa (organised by the University of Tours)

- 8:45** Arrival of participants, Thélème Room, 3 rue des Tanneurs
- 9:00 - 9:20** Introduction by the President of the University, by the Vice-President in charge of international relations and by Valérie Drezet-Humez, Head of the European Commission's Representation in France.
- 9:20 - 12:20** Symposium: 60 years of European Documentation Centres
Participants can join the event online via the dedicated website..
Thélème room (with a coffee break from 11 to 11:20)
- 12:20** Departure for the Brasserie de l'Univers in Tours for lunch
- 12:30 - 14:15** Lunch
Brasserie de l'Univers, 8 place Jean-Jaurès
- 14:20** Departure for the Hôtel du Grand Commandement, 12bis rue des Minimes

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<p>14:30 - 16:00 : Workshops for ED : 1st round</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. International situation (enlargements, update on Ukraine, economic security) – Valérie Drezet-Humez2. Economic situation (EU economic outlook) – Jessica Larsson3. Paris Olympic Games and opportunities for EU visibility – Robert Soltyk <p><i>Rooms in the Hôtel du Grand Commandement</i></p>	<p>14:30 - 16:00: Plenary for EDC and European EDC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Presentation of participants2. EDC initiatives for the 60th anniversary, exchange of best practices3. Exchange of best practices, database training <p>Introductory speech Alessandro Giordani, Head of Unit C4 (DG COMM) on the 60 years of EDC. <i>Room in the Hôtel du Grand Commandement</i></p>
<p>16:00 - 16:30 : coffee break <i>Room in the Hôtel du Grand Commandement</i></p>	<p>16:00 : Departure for Thélème Room</p> <p>16:10 - 16:30 : coffee break <i>Thélème Room</i></p>
<p>16:30 - 18:00 : Workshops for ED : 2nd round</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. European elections 2024 (brainstorming) – with Valérie Drezet-Humez/Isabelle Coustet/Emmanuel PUISAIS-JAUVIN SGAE2. Disinformation (with exchange of best practices between ED – with Jessica Larsson3. Environment and climate change (state of play of the Green Deal and recovery plan in France, energy) - HoU DG Clima (tbc) <p><i>Rooms in the Hôtel du Grand Commandement</i></p>	<p>16:30 - 18:30 : Symposium Paxa Europa Participants can join the event online via dedicated website. <i>Thélème Room</i></p>
<p>18:10 Departure for Thélème Room</p>	

18:30 - 19:30

Transport by bus to the *Royal Amboise Castle*

19:30 - 22:30

Dinner at the Royal Amboise Castle

Montée de l'Emir Abd el Kader, Amboise

Award of the thesis prize "60 years of the EDC"

22:30 - 23:30

Transport by bus from the *Royal Amboise Castle* to the hotels:

Hilton Garden Inn Hotel (EDC and European EDC),

Novotel and Mercure hotels (ED)

Friday 10 November

ED	EDC
9:15 : Arrival at the <i>Hôtel du Grand Commandement</i>	9:15 : Arrival at the Thélème Room
9:30 - 12:45 : plenary Update on the 2024 European elections, on the actions around the Olympic flame during the Joli Mois de l'Europe, on the working groups and the action plan 2024	09:30 - 12:45 : Symposium Paxa Europa
11:00 - 11:30 : coffee break	11:00 - 11:30 : coffee break
11:30 - 12:45 : plenary Action plan 2024	11:30 - 12:45 : Symposium Paxa Europa

12:45 **Departure for the city hall, place Jean-Jaurès, for lunch**

13:00 - 14:45 **Lunch, Tours city hall, place Jean-Jaurès**

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14:45 : Departure for the <i>Hôtel du Grand Commandement</i>	14:45 : Departure for the <i>Thélème Room</i>
15:00 - 16:30 : Visit of the old town of Tours in French by university students or other cultural moment (on registration)	15:00 - 16:30 : Symposium Paxa Europa
	16:30 - 16:50 : coffee break
	16:50 - 18:00 : Symposium Paxa Europa