



# FISE MONTPELLIER 2022

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### **Michaël DELAFOSSE**

Mayor of Montpellier and President of Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole

« Montpellier has established itself as the sports city par excellence. Over the years, it has demonstrated its know-how in hosting major sporting events. We are delighted, therefore, to welcome back the International Festival of Extreme Sports. Once again, the eyes of the whole world will be upon us for these few unmissable days.

The Métropole and the City of Montpellier have been involved with FISE since its inception and continue to support this ever-spectacular event after the two pandemic years without public attendance.

In celebration of this great homecoming and the 25th anniversary of the event, several disciplines registered for the next Olympic Games in Paris – e.g. BMX and Breaking – will be on show. Others, just as promising, like Parkour, will complete an exceptional programme.

Young people will once again be able to gather, share their emotions, and thrill together for all the champions who will be crowned on the banks of the Lez.

So yes, sport is back home in Montpellier! »

Michaël Delafosse  
Mayor of Montpellier and President of Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole



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### **FISE CELEBRATES ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY ON THE BANKS OF THE LEZ IN MONTPELLIER**

#### **FROM ITS FIRST STEPS TO INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION: AN URBAN SPORTS FESTIVAL THAT HAS GROWN WITH MONTPELLIER**

They were there at the birth of FISE, which over the years has become one of the biggest urban sports festivals in the world. It is only natural, therefore, that the Métropole and City of Montpellier continue to support this event from which has emerged an entire «FISE» generation and numerous talents from the region.

After two years with no public attendance because of the pandemic, and despite the incredible success of the organisers in reshaping the event for the 100% digital E-FISE editions in 2020 and 2021, the FISE that is so loved by the public is making its grand return to the banks of the Lez in Montpellier, from 25 to 29 May 2022.

This Whitsun weekend will focus as usual on youth and extreme sports – with 14 urban disciplines represented, including several registered for the next Olympic Games in Paris such as BMX and Breaking. Others that are equally promising, like Parkour, complete this exceptional competition. And because FISE is a festival, the public will once again be able to party, notably with night-time concerts on the square in front of the Hôtel de Ville.

FISE brought together nearly 600,000 spectators on the banks of the Lez in 2019. You can bet that young and old alike will be thrilled anew by the world of extreme sports champions and will rediscover the raw emotions of FISE – an event «made in Montpellier», this year designed in accordance with the zero waste event charter that corresponds with the Métropole's zero waste policy.

#### **MONTPELLIER, the No 1 PUBLIC PARTNER OF FISE WORLD MONTPELLIER**

The Métropole and City of Montpellier continue their commitment to host and develop FISE Montpellier. They remain the main public partner of this year's event, with a joint financial contribution of €555,000 (excluding logistical contributions) and an on-site presence during the five days of competition from 25 to 29 May 2022.

FISE organisers and the Métropole have also been working together since 2012 to organise the FISE Métropole tour, a real breeding ground of young talent. This local tour is fully in line with Montpellier's sports policy as it draws on the expertise of a world event to encourage young talent to discover, try out, and excel in urban sports. An award ceremony for the winners of FISE METRO 2020 and 2021 will take place on the first day of FISE WORLD.



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### **MONTPELLIER, HOME OF URBAN RIDING, GETS A NEW MULTI-RIDE VENUE AT GRAMMONT IN 2023**

Montpellier is a city of urban riding and BMX, and a key player in extreme sports. The city hosted the French BMX Freestyle Championships in 2021 and will do so again in October 2022.

Montpellier is to have its own new multi-ride site of 9,000m<sup>2</sup>, among the biggest in all Europe. Costing €4 million, it has been especially designed to meet the wishes and requirements of amateur riders in Skateboard, Roller, BMX and Scooter, and to accommodate the highest-level BMX Freestyle practitioners.

The job of creating the skatepark is already well underway and access to structures in the future is highly anticipated. In order to ensure continuity in the practice of these disciplines (supervised by their associations) as well as to continue the deployment of its mission of 'sport for all', the city has installed a provisional site for amateur practice within the Grammont sports complex and in the Montcalm Park, at a cost of €250,000.

This project is on a par with the pool of young talent in the area, and will be carried out in three stages :

- March 2020: creation of a temporary high-level training site for France's BMX freestyle hub with a view to the Tokyo 2020 and Paris 2024 Olympic Games. Thanks to this site, the French team will be able to train on state-of-the-art structures, achieve excellent results, and place a spotlight on Montpellier on the international extreme sports scene.
- August/September 2021: provision of a transitional site specifically for associations and the general public.
- 2023: opening of the multi-ride site at Grammont.

### **MONTPELLIER – «LAND OF GAMES»: EXTREME SPORTS NOW IN THE OLYMPICS**

In parallel with the World Skating Championships that have just taken place, the welcome of Samoan rugby players during the Rugby World Cup France 2023, and the intermunicipalities of Sète and Millau, Montpellier are and will be carrying out a collective, complementary and unprecedented approach in France to become a Preparation Centre for the 2024 Olympic and Paralympic Games (CPJ). Already having obtained the prestigious «Land of Games» label, Montpellier is set to play a full part in the success of the Paris Olympic Games, the Games of a whole nation.



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The Montpellier Métropole region is an area of sport par excellence, a vehicle for emancipation, intergration and social cohesion. Montpellier Méditerranée Métropole has over the years demonstrated its know-how in hosting international competitions (e.g. Women's Football World Cup, European Volleyball and Judo Championships, BMX World Championships, South of France Tennis Open). Their elite clubs publicise the region well beyond French borders. The support of both local authorities for Olympic competitors and medallists remains steadfast because they set an example of physical activity and sport, by and for all.



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### **Carole DELGA**

President of La Région Occitanie / Pyrénées-Méditerranée

« After the organisation of the last two editions in digital form, it is hugely satisfying to see the International Festival of Extreme Sports festival return for its 25th anniversary in its normal format along the banks of the Lez in Montpellier.

I would like to thank and congratulate the FISE organisers, who managed to refresh and adapt over the past two very unusual years in order to involve as many people as possible: young and old, female and male, amateur and professional riders ... The sport continues to develop, with 2.5 million people participants in France and the integration of two new disciplines, BMX Freestyle and Skateboard, into the Tokyo Olympic Games programme. Breakdance will be added at Paris 2024.

Urban sports convey values of sharing and solidarity to which we fully subscribe. This is why the Occitanie Region is proud to renew its commitment to FISE, the most popular free sports events in France after the Tour de France and the Vendée Globe. Each year it brings together more than 600,000 spectators and nearly 2,000 athletes on the banks of the Lez, just below the Hôtel de Région in Montpellier.

As we wait impatiently for the start of this unmissable event, I wish all fans and organisers a fantastic festival. »

Carole Delga  
President of La Région Occitanie Pyrénées-Méditerranée



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### **The Occitanie/Pyrénées-Méditerranée region, partner of the International Festival of Extreme Sports (FISE)**

The Occitanie/Pyrénées-Méditerranée region has renewed its commitment to the 25th edition of the International Festival of Extreme Sports (FISE) and its best riders. The festival takes place from 25 to 9 May 2022 on the banks of the Lez in Montpellier.

#### **Occitanie, region of urban sports**

The Occitanie is the urban and Xtreme sports region. Hosting major events like FISE Montpellier, as well as the Gruissan Wind Challenge (the biggest gathering of windsurfers in the world) and the Natural Games (bringing together almost 80,000 visitors in Millau at the end of June), the region enables the development of these growing disciplines and supports the construction of specialised equipment. In 2020 and 2021, for example, it backed 30 projects, including Skate/BMX Parks in Montpellier, Uzès, Albi, Baillargues, and Sérignan.

The region also supports clubs that train incredible athletes on the international and Olympic scenes, such as Passion BMX at Sérignan with Laury Perez, Anthony Jeanjean or Istvan Caillet. More than 20 sports and high-level athletes were also supported by the region through individual assistance in specific disciplines in 2021.