



BIARRITZ
22th to 24th September 2026

SURFAIR IS THE INTERNATIONAL EVENT FOR KEY PLAYERS IN THE AERONAUTIC SURFACE FINISHING INDUSTRY



A unique bi-annual conference that for more than 40 years has been bringing together over 300 participants from 17 different countries



A well-rounded agenda catering to all types of surface finishing professionals: **manufacturers, airlines, suppliers and materials/surface treatment experts...**



A high-level technical committee composed of experts in aerospace R&D who meticulously choose each and every speaker.



SURFAIR IN KEY FIGURES



250 +
Participants



40+
Speakers

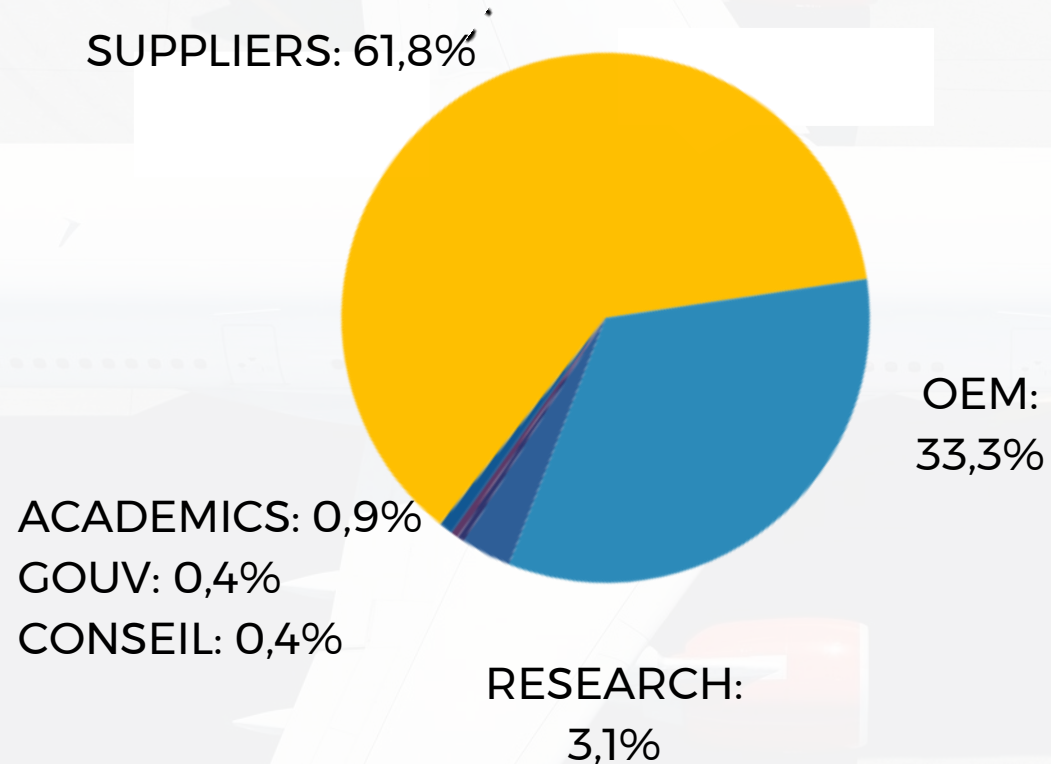


13
Commitee
Members



15
Countries
represented

An audience of decision-makers from the sector



AUDIENCE PROFILES

Head of Metallics and Surface Engineering, **AIRBUS OPERATION SAS**
Engineer Material, **ATR**
Surface Treatment Engineer, **AIA Clermont-Ferrand**
head of Materials and Special Processes, **Collins Aerospace**
Head of Surface Engineering, **Dassault Aviation**
Special Process Engineer, **LATECOERE**
President & CEO, **DURR SYSTEMS SPAIN SA**
Materials and Processes Expert, **Liebherr Aerospace**
R&D Manager Surface Treatment & Laboratory, **Lisi Aerospace**
Scientific Expert, **IRT M2P**
Chef du Département Engineering , **SAFRAN**
Technical Fellow Materials, Surface Treatment & Corrosion, **Saab AB**
Surface Treatment Specialist, **THALES**
Manager Mechanical Engineering, **Turkish Aerospace**
Director R&T, **PPG AEROSPACE**
Global Segment Manager Commercial, **PPG AEROSPACE**
Surface Treatment Specialist, **WE ARE AEROSPACE**

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Associate Professor
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Olivier BRUCELLE
Senior Fellow
Materials & Processes
COLLINS AEROSPACE



Dominique FARKAS
Managing Director
WORLD AEROSPACE DEVT

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS

More than **40 speakers**, key players and influencers in the sector including:



**Rene
BÖTTCHER**

**AIRBUS DEFENCE
AND SPACE GMBH**



**Philippe
JOEDICKE**

**AIRBUS
HELICOPTERS**



**Hélène IERNO-
ROCHAIS**

SAFRAN GROUP



**Gail STRIBLING
GELDIE**

**THE BOEING
COMPANY**



**Robin
PEFFER**

PPG



**Benoit
BERTON**

**DASSAULT
AVIATION**



**Ron
FATTAL**

**AKZONOBEL
AEROSPACE COATINGS
& FILMS**



Mark P. JOHNSON
**BOEING RESEARCH
AND TECHNOLOGY**



Floriane CRESTEY
**IRT SAINT-
EXUPERY TALENCE**



Dominique THIERRY
**RISE- RESEARCH
INSTITUTES OF SWEDEN**



Ngoc QUACH
**THALES GROUP
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**Emilie
CHAMPAGNE
SOCOMORE**



**Fritz
FRIEDERSDORF**
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**Santiago GARCIA
ESPALLARGAS**
**DELFT UNIVERSITY
OF TECHNOLOGY**



SURFAIR

OVERALL AGENDA

DAY 1

- 1:30 pm Welcoming attendees
- 2 pm **Conferences**
- 4:10 pm Exhibitors Pitch
- 4:00 pm **Conferences**
- 6:45 pm Opening Reception

DAY 2

- 9 am **Conferences**
- 10 am Exhibitors Pitch
- 11 am **Conferences**
- 12:10 pm Lunch
- 2 pm **Conferences**
- 3pm Start up Pitches
- 19:30 pm **Gala Dinner**

DAY 3











- 9 am **Conferences**
- 10 am Coffee Break
- 10:30 am **Conferences**
- 12:45 am **Surfair Awards**
- 13:25 am Lunch





2024 PROGRAMME

For reference

September 24, Afternoon Sessions

1:30 pm	WELCOME COFFEE
2:00 pm	WELCOME NOTE
2:10 pm	Keynote: Transforming Surface Processing using Laser Technologies: Replacing Chemicals with Energy for MRO Operations  Matthew JOHNSON , Associate Technical Fellow, Materials & Manufacturing Technology, BOEING RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY
	TOPIC 1: REGULATION COMPLIANCE
2:40 pm	Overall Thales strategy for requirement and qualification of special process (and environmental impacts)  Ngoc QUACH , Surface Treatment and Painting Expert, THALES GROUP HQ/DGOP  Frédéric DUHAMEL , International Expert for Mechanical process assembly (bonding, sealing, fastener and welding), Material, Surface treatment & Paint, THALES LAS FRANCE SAS
3:00 pm	Performance Improvement of Trivalent Chromium Passivations - Quality Control and New Techniques  Peter VOLK , Head of Research & Development - Metal Pre-Treatment & Industrial Parts Cleaning, SURTEC INTERNATIONAL GMBH
3:20 pm	Trivalent Chromium Conversion Processes - An Overview of Challenges and Approach  Ariel TANG , Materials, Process and Physics Engineer, THE BOEING COMPANY
3:40 pm	EXHIBITORS PITCH
3:55 pm	COFFEE BREAK
4:40 pm	Optimized and robust chemical conversion coating process: trivalent chromium based without post treatment  André OUWANSSI , Principal Application Engineer, HENKEL ADHESIVES TECHNOLOGIES - AEROSPACE, EIMEA  Philippe PICOT , Chemist, HENKEL ADHESIVES TECHNOLOGIES - AEROSPACE, EIMEA
5:00 pm	Cr(VI)-based Conversion Coating replacement – technical status in AH and ADS  Benedikt RAUH , Expert – Surface treatments, AIRBUS DEFENCE AND SPACE  Anthony SPICA , Surface treatment Engineer, AIRBUS HELICOPTERS
5:20 pm	Trivalent chrome protection and post-treatment: a successful combination to meet requirements and eliminate hexavalent chromium  Emilie CHAMPAGNE , Product Manager, SOCOMORE
5:40 pm	EXHIBITORS PITCH
5:55 pm	LAUNCH OPENING RECEPTION

September 25, Morning Sessions

9:00 am	Keynote: The main challenges in corrosion assessment and prevention fields for the next 10 year  Dominique THIERRY , Senior Technical Adviser, RISE - RESEARCH INSTITUTES OF SWEDEN
	TOPIC 2: SUSTAINABILITY
9:30 am	TOPIC 2: SUSTAINABILITY Innovative Organosilicate sealing on impregnated aluminum layer to answer REACH regulation : from concept to industrialization  Alex JACOBONI , Responsable REACH – R&T, SAFRAN LANDING SYSTEMS
9:50 am	Reduction of Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) emissions at Airbus Helicopters Germany - Qualification of VOC-free degreaser for surface preparation prior to painting  Julian GEISLER , Materials & Processes Engineer, AIRBUS HELICOPTERS DEUTSCHLAND GMBH
10:10 am	Unleashing the power of organic corrosion inhibitors in epoxy-amine coatings through novel loading strategies  Santiago GARCIA ESPALLARGAS , Associate Professor, Aerospace Structures and Materials dept, FACULTY OF AEROSPACE ENGINEERING - DELFT UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
10:30 am	COFFEE BREAK
	TOPIC 3: AUTOMATION
11:15 am	Using Smart Automation sanders to repaint composite aircraft  Mark P. JOHNSON , Chemical Engineer, BOEING RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY
11:35 am	Towards a reliable laser process for surface preparation before bonding  Floriane CRESTEY , Research Engineer, IRT SAINT-EXUPÉRY TALENCE
11:55 am	Combination of inline blasting and surface-activation processes for safe surface pre-treatment of thermoplastic fiber-reinforced plastics  Jörg IHDE , Head of Department Plasma and Surface Technology, FRAUNHOFER, INSTITUT FOR MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGIES AND ADVANCED MATERIALS - IFAM
12:15 am	EXHIBITORS PITCH
12:30 am	LUNCH BREAK

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September 25, Afternoon Sessions

TOPIC 4: PRODUCTION PERFORMANCE

- 2:05 pm Upscaling ALM chemical polishing process : from lab-scale formulation to complex aircraft parts treatments in industrial tanks
🇫🇷 Loïc EXBRAYAT, R&T engineer, **SAFRAN TECH**
🇫🇷 Alexis RENAUD, R&D Project Manager - Surface Treatment & Coatings, **IRT M2P**
- 2:25 pm Electrocoat for Commercial Aerospace
🇺🇸 Robin PEFFER, Global Product Manager Aerospace Coatings, **PPG**
🇺🇸 Gail STRIBLING GELDIEN, Chemical Engineer, **THE BOEING COMPANY**
- 2:55 pm Blockade GC: A Non-Chrome Galvanic Corrosion Protective Coating for the Future
🇺🇸 Adam GOFF, Materials Fellow, **LUNA LABS USA**
- 3:15 pm Improved sustainability and effectiveness on the application of specialty coatings on aeronautical parts using laser stripping technologies.
🇫🇷 Damien POMAREDE, R&D Engineer, **APS COATING SOLUTIONS**
- 3:35 pm Keys and tools for Hydrogen Embrittlement minimization during ZnNi plating on Ultra High Strength Steels
🇪🇸 Asier SALICIO PAZ, Multifunctional Coatings Team Leader, **CIDETEC SURFACE ENGINEERING**
- 3:55 pm EXHIBITORS PITCH
- 4:10 pm COFFEE BREAK

TOPIC 5: DURABILITY

- 4:55 pm Functionalized coatings for civil and military aircraft - compromise between durability and performances
🇫🇷 Benoit BERTON, Material Expert, **DASSAULT AVIATION**
- 5:15 pm Erosion protection for the leading edge of a high-performance wing
🇩🇪 Uwe LOMMATZSCH, Ph.D, Head of group "new surface technologies", **FRAUNHOFER INSTITUTE FOR MANUFACTURING TECHNOLOGY AND ADVANCED MATERIALS - IFAM**
- 5:35 pm Hydroxy Functional Co-Curable Polyurethane Films for Composite Surfacing
🇺🇸 Ron FATTAL, Global Business Development Manager Surface Technologies, **AKZONOBEL AEROSPACE COATINGS & FILMS**
- 5:55 pm Development of a sol-gel based coating for the fire protection of aluminium
🇫🇷 Marie BUSQUET, Research and Development Engineer, **IRT SAINT EXUPÉRY - TOULOUSE**

September 26, Morning Sessions

- 9:00 am Conversation - The end of authorisation for Chromium 6 in aeronautics Industry : are you ready for The Day After ?
🇫🇷 Hélène IERNO-ROCHAIS, Substances Coordinator - Materials & Processes Department, **SAFRAN GROUP**
🇫🇷 René DREESEN, Reach Program Manager, **LIEBHERR AEROSPACE TOULOUSE**
🇫🇷 Olivier BRUCELLE, Ph.D Senior Fellow – R&T Materials & Processes – Regulatory Compliance, **COLLINS AEROSPACE**
- 9:30 am Production-friendly Hexavalent Chromium-Free Corrosion Resistant Coatings for Turbomachinery
🇺🇸 Mark PERPALL, Senior Coatings Chemist, **LINDE ADVANCED MATERIAL TECHNOLOGIES INC.**
- 9:50 am Coating to enhance SAFETY
🇩🇪 Philippe JOEDICKE, Materials & Processes Coating engineer - Department Materials & Processes Laboratory, **AIRBUS HELICOPTERS**
- 10:10 am Measurements for improved performance testing of aerospace coatings
🇺🇸 Fritz FRIEDERSDORF, Senior Technical Fellow, **LUNA LABS USA**
- 11:00 am Software Tools and Workflows for Corrosion Prevention Planning in Design and Sustainment
🇺🇸 Alan ROSE, CEO, **CORDESA LLC**

11:20 am COFFEE BREAK

12:05 am JURY DELIBERATION

12:20 am CLOSING ADDRESS : WHAT'S NEXT

12:25 am LUNCH BREAK

2:00 pm END OF CONGRESS





**2026
PROGRAMME**

**AVAILABLE IN
JANUARY**

A one-year multimedia marketing plan

October - February

March

April

June

July

September

Call-for-papers Recruitment

Participant e-mailing campaigns

Trade magazine advertising : l'Usine Nouvelle, Galvano Organo, IT and Plastiques & Caoutchoucs

Website updates

Conference Registration Begins

Feedback and leaflet distribution

Feedback leaflet delivered on-site



SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES



CHOOSE THE PLAN THAT BEST SUITS YOUR NEEDS & OBJECTIVES



PLATINUM

**Focus on
Networking**



GOLD

**Focus on
Brand Association**



SILVER

**Focus on
Brand Visibility**

PACKAGE OVERVIEW

		PLATINUM	GOLD	SILVER
Business & networking	Invitations for your staff or customers	4	3	2
	Provision of a digital showroom on the website NEW !	X	X	X
	Access to the list of registrants in the partner area NEW !	X	X	X
Visibility booster	Your logo on Surfair promotion (website, email campaigns, print advertisement.)	X	X	X
	Your logo on onsite signage, conference brochure..	X	X	X
	Your logo on the event signage	X	X	X
	Your logo on leaflet coverage	X		
	Your logo on the floor plan	X		
Sponsorship *details in the surfair media kit	platinum sponsorship (only one choice) : Gala dinner Private business diner Helicopter Flights	X		
	Gold sponsorship (only one choice) : Tuesday evening cocktail party including wine tasting Surfair Awards Lanyard Photo Booth		X	
	Silver sponsorship (only one choice) : Official tote bag of surfair Hat, sunglasses or water bottle bearing your company name			X





PLATINUM SPONSOR

SURFAIR EVENING

The SURFAIR EVENING will take place on WEDNESDAY evening to ensure optimal impact :

100% of the delegates are expected to attend!
You sponsor the entertainment for the reception at an exclusive location.

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 5-minute introduction speech
- + Your logo on the SURFAIR evening communication (conference brochure, website, at the venue..)
- +full organisation and logistics
- +full visibility on all promotion material of the Congress
- +4 passes for the whole congress for your team or clients
- +access to all participants on the website
- + 1 digital showroom

PLATINUM SPONSOR

Private Business Dinner

During the event , you will host a private business dinner with 10 carefully selected delegates

A turnkey solution

► Content

SURFAIR will co-design with you the content of this private event and invite a top speaker.

A journalist will moderate the discussions during the dinner.

► Marketing

SURFAIR takes care of the invitation and invite your targeted guests.

► Logistics

We secure the perfect venue and handle all the delegate logistics.

PACKAGE INCLUDES

Full organisation of private Business Dinner with 10 selected Surfair delegates

+full visibility on all promotion material of the Congress

+4 passes for the whole congress for your team or clients

+access to all participants on the website

+ 1 digital showroom



PLATINUM SPONSOR

Helicopter flight

PANORAMIC HELICOPTER FLIGHT OVER THE BASQUE COUNTRY

An unforgettable experience for your guests !

4 x 20-minute flights (4 passengers per flight)

In total 16 people.

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Full organisation of the event.
- 5- minute speech at the beginning of the activity.
- Return Transfer in a private minivan to the Bellevue Conference Center.
- Snacks & beverages at the airfield lounge.
- Visibility of your brand on all promotion material of the congress, the invitations and onsite.
- 4 passes for the whole congress for your team or clients
- Access to all participants on the website





GOLD SPONSOR

SURFAIR AWARDS

You help the jury evaluate the speakers and choose the winners in each of the award categories:

- ❖ The Innovation Award
- ❖ Jury's Grand Prize
- ❖ The SURFAIR 2026 Award
- ❖ The Award for Best Technical Presentation

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- 5-minute speech introducing your company and launching the SURFAIR Awards Ceremony
- Participation in the Awards jury
- Your logo on all promotion material of the Congress + on the Award + on Post announcement of the winners (website, emailing)
- 3 passes for the whole Congress for your team or clients
- Access to all participants on the website
- 1 digital showroom

GOLD SPONSOR

Photo Booth

Customized offer to maximize your visibility during all 3 days of SURFAIR and on site!

You are the photographer of SURFAIR event!!

Exclusive partnership of the dedicated space in the breakout area for your Digital Photo Kiosk featuring your logo !
Participants will visit this space to have their pictures taken and then share them and bring them home as souvenirs.

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Full organisation
- Data collection of opt-in participants at the photo session
- Your logo on all photos
- Visibility of your brand on promotion material of the Congress and onsite
- 3 passes for the whole Congress for your team or clients
- Access to all participants on the website
- 1 digital showroom



GOLD SPONSOR

Opening cocktail

At the start of the congress, you will stand out directly at our opening cocktail launching the 2026 Surfair congress.

PACKAGE INCLUDES

- Full organisation
- 5 min opening speech
- Free wine tasting
- Visibility of your brand on the promotion material of the congress, in the conference brochure and onsite
- 3 passes for the whole Congress for your team or clients
- Access to all participants on the website
- 1 digital showroom



SPONSORING SILVER

Sustainable goodies



LANYARD



SUNGLASSES



TOTE BAG

- **Your logo on the chosen item distributed to all participants.**
- Your logo on promotion material of the Congress
- 2 passes for the whole Congress for your team or clients
- Access to the list of all participants on the website
- 1 digital showroom



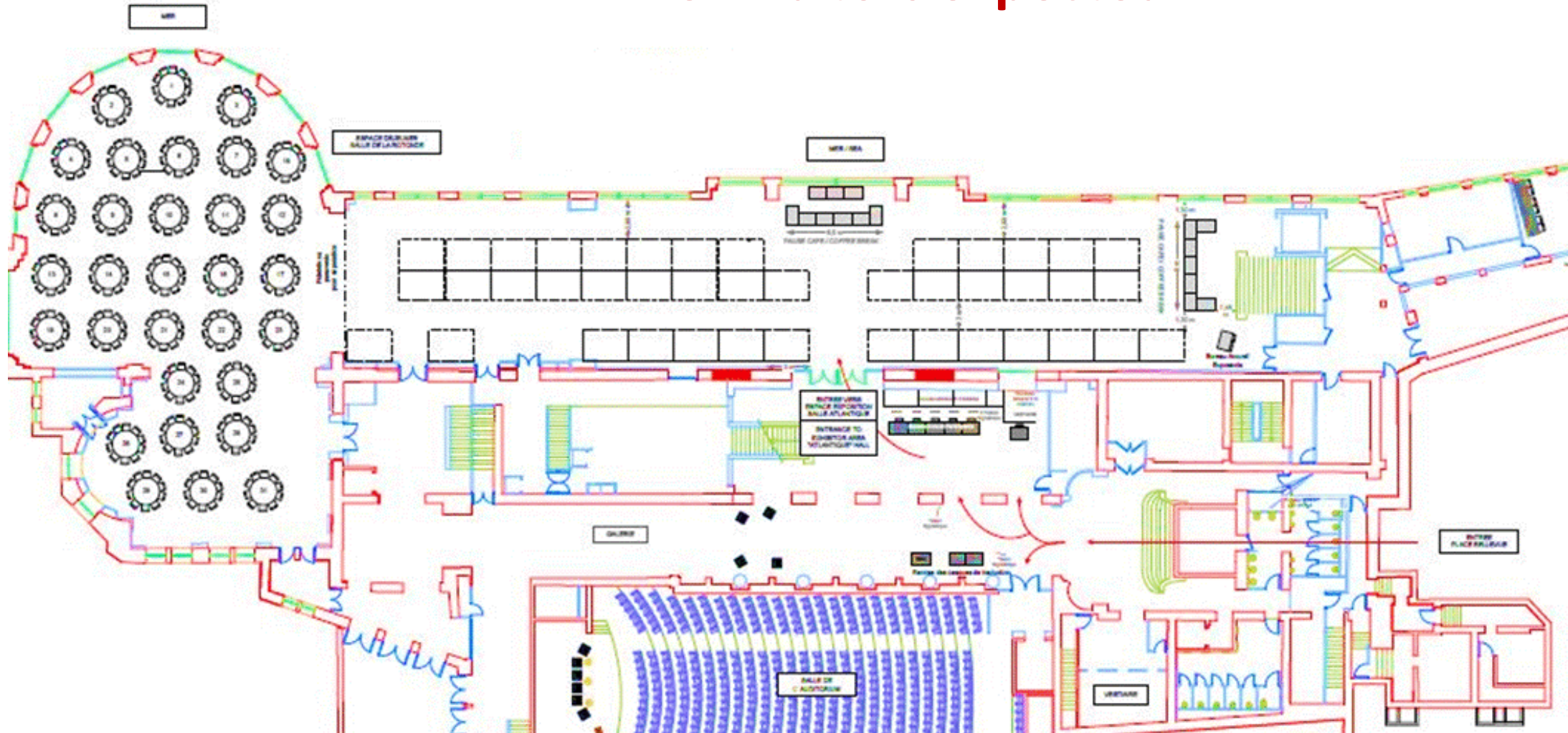
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		EXHIBITOR Premium	EXHIBITOR Standard
Business & Networking	Passes for your staff (access to conferences, breaks, lunches and gala dinner)	1	1
	1 fully equipped booth with melamine partitions for hanging/sticking posters, 1 table, 2 chairs, 1 sign, lighting and electrical outlet (note : Wifi/Broadband not included)	12m ²	6m ²
	Provision of a digital showroom on the website	X	X
	Access to the list of registrants on our digital platform to be able to organise meetings	X	X
	Access to the visitor scanner functionality	X	X
	Special 50% savings on additional passes (half price)	X	X
	A 1 mn-elevator pitch on stage	X	X
Visibility	Your logo on the event's communication supports (website, emailing...)	X	X
	Your logo on the event signage	X	X

EXHIBITOR'S VILLAGE FLOOR PLAN

42 exhibitors expected



OUR PARTNERS



THEY TRUSTED US IN 2024





YOUR CONTACT TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT



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