

RoboCup 2023 Bordeaux - Newsletter #1

Welcome

Dear RoboCupers!

We are very pleased to host RoboCup 2023 in Bordeaux. This wonderful event is returning for its 26th edition!

We hope that all your preparations for the competition are going well !

This newsletter gives you the first information on the event that will help you plan your participation in RoboCup 2023.

We hope to see you all in Bordeaux !

1. Save the dates

Please mark the following dates on your calendar :

[Major Registration Schedule]

early registration Mar 24 - May 9, 2023

regular registration May 10 - June 6

Late registration June 7 - June 30

[Junior Registration Schedule]

registration March 24 - June 6

Late registration June 7 - June 30

[Major League Schedule]

Setup: July 04 (Tue.) –July 05 (Wed.), 2023

Competition: July 06 (Thu.) –July 09 (Sun.), 2023

Symposium: July 10 (Mon.), 2023

[Junior League Schedule]

Setup: July 05 (Wed.), 2023

Competition: July 06 (Thu.) –July 09 (Sun.), 2023

Symposium: July 10 (Mon.), 2023

Please find more information on the official website : [RoboCupers - Practical Information - ROBOCUP 2023](#)

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2. Visa

General information

Depending on your nationality, a visa might be required when intending to travel to France. All visas must be applied for prior to departure at the nearest French Embassy or French Consulate in the applicant's country of residence.

The type of visa required depends both on the duration and purpose of your stay in France: [tourism](#), [professional purposes](#), [studies](#), [family purposes](#).

For stays equal to, or shorter than 90 days :

- You will need to apply for a [short-stay visa](#).

Regulations and types of visas vary according to the French territory you intend to visit:

- For **European territory (mainland France)**, France complies with Schengen regulations related to the [Schengen area](#), and issues a **short-stay Uniform Schengen visa**;
- For **non-European territories (French overseas territories)**, France issues a **short-stay national visa**;
- If you intend to **transit through a French airport** without exiting the “international zone”, please check whether you need to apply for an ["A" airport transit Schengen visa](#).

To check your condition of entry into the country please enter your personal information on the following website :

[Do you need a visa ? | France-Visas.gouv.fr](#)

For more information, please visit France Visa website: [France-visas.gouv.fr | The official website for visa application to France](#)

3. Transport

For the purposes of the RoboCup, the organising committee, supported by Bordeaux metropole and Bordeaux convention bureau, undertakes to provide the participants with **free transport passes** for a period of 9 days (starting from the first validation). These passes will be given to the RoboCuper on the day of their check-in at the exhibition center, or at the « welcoming desks » installed at Bordeaux airport or at Bordeaux railway.

**More information will be provided on the next newsletter edition.*

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4. Accommodation

Due to the increase in tourism and the arrival of the “Tour de France” the Bordeaux organizing committee (LOC) strongly recommends you to reserve your accommodation arrangements as soon as possible.

Please find attached a non exhaustive list of hotels in Bordeaux :

[RoboCupers - Practical Information - ROBOCUP 2023](#)

5. Freight

Bolloré Logistics Fairs & Events has been nominated as the official logistics and customs provider to the RoboCup 2023. It shall be providing complete door-to-door transport and customs services to all participants.



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Please find more information on “material” section of this page : [RoboCupers - Practical Information - ROBOCUP 2023](#)

6. Telephony

Prepaid SIM cards do not require a subscription and only work with a top-up system when the phone or data credit is exceeded. These offers are ideal for travelers to be able to call or go online in certain countries without having to take out a subscription. There are several operators offering prepaid SIM cards, the prices of which can vary according to usage.

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Here is what you need to know about prepaid SIM cards:

Prepaid SIM cards allow you to pay only for what you use in order to control your budget.

Some SIM cards allow you to have unlimited credit for a limited period of time.

Prepaid SIM top-ups have a limited validity period.

Prepaid SIM cards allow you to have a new phone number.

Orange, SFR, Bouygues Télécom, Lebara and Lyca offer prepaid SIM cards.

Many operators on the market sell prepaid SIM cards. This is the case for the three main operators, Orange, Bouygues Telecom and SFR. However, they are not the only ones to offer this type of service. Some MVNOs, such as Lebara, Lyca and La Poste mobile, also sell them.

where to get a prepaid card ?

- Tobacco shops
- Orange SFR, Bouygues shops
- Supermarkets (Auchan and Carrefour)
- Newspaper kiosks
- At **Carte SIM 4G** (CDG and Orly airport)

For more information and prepaid card offers:

[The Best Prepaid French SIM Cards for Tourists Compared \(france-hotel-guide.com\)](https://france-hotel-guide.com/en/the-best-prepaid-french-sim-cards-for-tourists-compared/)

7. Génération Robot

« Generation Robots is committed to being a partner of the Robocup 2023 to facilitate the logistics of the participants.

For those who wish to, they can place orders in advance, so that we can store material on our premises, which we will hand over to them on the first day of the competition, if the payment of the orders has been received beforehand. These orders can be for any robotic equipment, **including batteries**. During the competition, they can also place orders for equipment (a specific discount will be set up for participants) which will be delivered directly to their stand. Génération Robots is the European leader in the marketing of service robotics equipment and has its own stock in Bordeaux. »

For more information contact : contact@generationrobots.com

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8. Contact and Information

Further general information on RoboCup 2023 are available on : <https://2023.robocup.org/>

If you have particular requests for information on non-league-specific questions, you can contact us through one of the following contact forms : <https://2023.robocup.org/en/contact/>

9. Closing

We are steadily preparing all the arrangements to make sure you have a pleasant competition.

We wish you and your team successful preparations for RoboCup 2023, and we hope to see and welcome you all in Bordeaux.

Best wishes!

On behalf of the RoboCup 2023 Executive Working Committee :

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