

GTA France (in English)
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Here are

- 1) some key events not to miss out on in France
- 2) some free resources and
- 3) links on setting up a business in France

Key events coming up in 2024/2025 to name a few:

VivaTech 2024 Viva Technology is **Europe's biggest startup and tech event.**

The eighth edition is taking place **22 to 25 May 2024 in Paris**, at the Expo Porte de Versailles.

VivaTech contributes to the acceleration of innovation by connecting startups, technology leaders, large companies and investors addressing the world's greatest challenges.

<https://vivatechnology.com/exhibitors>

Global Industrie 2024 (25th to 28th March, Paris) : A trade show covering the entire industrial ecosystem and value chain, with a focus on unique global technology offering

<https://www.global-industrie.com/en/Manifestegi>

Techinnov (26th March 2024, Paris) : A trade show dedicated to innovation and business, ideal for technology startups and entrepreneurs

<https://techinnov.events>

APS MEETINGS (9th & 10th April 2024, Lyon, Espace Tête d'Or) : The Business Meetings dedicated to Additive Manufacturing in France offers suppliers the opportunity to connect with Contractors from various sectors such as **aerospace, defense, automotive, electronic, rail, medical...**

<https://www.apsmeetings.com/fr/>

GO ENTREPRENEURS - Paris (9th & 10th April 2025, Paris) : A must-attend event for entrepreneurs with conferences, workshops and networking opportunities

<https://www.go-entrepreneurs.com/fr/paris/>

GO ENTREPRENEURS - LYON

Date : 26th September 2024

Location : La Sucrière, Lyon, France

 **Site** : [Go Lyon](#)

Paris Blockchain Week 2025 (Paris, 8-10 April 2025) : This event focuses on blockchain and decentralized technologies, bringing together experts, startups and enthusiasts

<https://www.parisblockchainweek.com>

FOOD HOTEL TECH - PARIS (19th & 20th March 2025, Paris, Paris Expo Porte de Versailles) Food Hotel Tech is here to help the hospitality industry to understand and integrate technological and digital solutions by presenting all the innovations and the challenges they face. FHT shares its culture and information through a trade show but also through numerous conferences and interventions in schools.

<https://www.foodhoteltech.com>

TECHNOTRANS (16TH to 18TH October 2024, Nantes, Parc des Expositions) : A major trade fair in the field of technology and innovation in Nantes, providing a platform to discover the latest innovations, exchange with experts and explore new trends in the sector

<https://www.salon-technotrans.com>

Cannes Lions 2024

Date : 17th to 21st June 2024

Location : Cannes

 Site : canneslions.com

International festival of creativity, combining media, technology and advertising.

FDDAY

Date : 18th September 2024

Location : Paris - Musée des Arts Forains

The most exciting startup family reunion in France and Europe returns for its 12th edition. From across France and Europe, over 4000 founders, investors and innovation leaders gather for the whole day (and night !) to get inspired, discuss last trends in business, tech and society, close (big) deals with new partners, network, raise funds with investors and meet with your peers in a village-like venue in the heart of the French capital.

Site : <https://fdday.eu/>

Sido Lyon

Date : 18th & 19th September 2024

Location : Lyon (69) - Cité Internationale de Lyon

In 10 years, LSIDO has become the essential meeting place in Europe for IoT, Artificial Intelligence, XR & Robotics Solutions and Technologies for strategic innovation and operational business decision-makers.

 **Site** : sido-lyon.com

Nantes Digital Week

Date: 19th to 29th September 2024

Location : Nantes (44)

11th edition - Nantes Digital Week is a 10-day digital festival. It has become one of the most unifying general digital events in France. 100 events for professionals and the general public. Workshops and conferences around AI, robotics, data and even [Green IT](#).

 **Site** : nantesdigitalweek.com

La mêlée numérique

Date : 23rd to 30th September 2024

Location : Toulouse (31) and online

Le festival du numérique et de l'innovation en Occitanie !

 **Site** : meleenumerique.com

Apidays Paris

Date : 3rd to 5th December 2024

Lieu : Puteaux (92) - CNIT

Discover how these critical technologies shape the foundation for mass innovation across sectors. Dive deep into discussions on how to leverage APIs for scalable, sustainable development and gain insights into the latest trends and advancements in AI/ML and GreenIT.

Whether you want to enhance your technical skills, explore sustainable IT solutions, or understand how the digital landscape is evolving, apidays Paris 2024 is the place to be. The future of technology is here, and it's time to be a part of the revolution.

🔗 Site : [apidays](https://apidays.com)

Free Resources

How to find an incubator?

- <https://lafrenchtech.gouv.fr/fr/>

It brings together innovation players in France with the aim of supporting startups in their development. Get closer to the French Tech community in your metropolis to identify the right incubator.

- [Choose Paris Région](#)

'The Choose Paris Région' development agency works in partnership with all stakeholders in the Ile-de-France region to build the territorial offer, ensure its promotion, and offer a tailor-made support service to international companies and professionals in the image sector.

- [La Ville de Paris](#)

In 2008, the City of Paris created the Paris Innovation Label, awarded to incubators on the basis of the quality of the support offered.

- [Le réseau Retis](#)

A resource center, the network provides training, advice, engineering and visibility to its members: technopoles, CEEIs, public incubators, competitiveness clusters and incubators of higher education establishments. A directory of members can be consulted on its site.

<https://stationf.co>

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<https://42.fr/en/homepage/>

At 42, we believe in differentiation and inclusivity. The education model focuses on project-based learning and teamwork, rather than theoretical education. As we integrate the latest educational innovations, our goal is to empower the next leading generation of IT talent.

Building Your Business

<https://france-visas.gouv.fr> Visas

<https://www.impots.gouv.fr/accueil> Taxes

<https://entreprendre.service-public.fr> Set up a business

<https://www.inpi.fr> Business Formalities

<https://www.infogreffe.fr> Business Formalities

How to finance your company (fundraising)?

[Comment financer mon projet de reprise d'entreprise ?](#) Bpifrance

<https://www.lecoindesentrepreneurs.fr/financement/>

[Programmes de financement de l'Union européenne](#) Commission européenne

French Tech Ecosystem

<https://lafrenchtech.gouv.fr/fr/>

<https://www.bpifrance.fr>