

Regulations Exposciences Occitanie 2025

The regulations must be read before participating in or presenting a project at Exposciences.

The regulations are here to ensure the safety of the public and participants. Furthermore, they inform participants about the code of ethical conduct that will be applied during this event. It is in no way our intention to restrict the creativity of participants, but these rules are there to ensure that everyone present can enjoy a safe and comfortable visit/presentation.

If you have any doubts or questions about Exposciences or its organisation, please contact contact@cirasti-mp.fr.

For further information about Exposciences Occitanie 2025, please visit the website <https://www.cirasti-mp.fr/>

Introduction:

The organization of Exposciences Occitanie 2025 is led by: CIRSTI - Exposciences in Occitanie.

The individuals responsible for organizing Exposciences are the only ones authorized to make final decisions regarding the event's proceedings and are the only ones who can enforce the rules outlined in this regulation. No other person besides the organizers is allowed to handle materials used in the event's operations. In case of any inconvenience, the organizers have the authority to make the final decision.

Once participants are informed of the rules through this document, the organizers are entitled to ask any questions regarding the application of these rules. Organizers also have the right to reject any experiments, substances, or devices that could pose a risk to the event or lead to negative consequences.

Failure to adhere to the conditions and rules outlined in this document, or refusal to comply, may result in the removal of the project from Exposciences.

Commitments:

All participants agree to:

- Follow the Exposciences rules
- Be present for all moments of the event that concern them (setting up/tearing down the booth, presenting to the public, etc.)
- Set up and dismantle the booth only during designated times.

The organizers commit to:

- Use the personal data shared by participants only for organizational purposes related to Exposciences. For the international participants, the data will be shared with other individuals or organizations to ensure a successful event.

Project Registration Conditions and Exhibition Conditions:

- A project must involve young people between the ages of 5 and 25 (individual or group, school-based or extracurricular).
- The projects presented at Exposciences must all have a scientific approach or content, with free choice of the topic (mathematics, astronomy, social sciences, biology, etc.). The projects must not pose any danger to the participants or anyone present at the event.
- Registration is for a minimum of one day.
- The online registration form must be completed by 31/03/2025.
- Project exhibitors must set up a booth for the public and provide an oral presentation (5 to 10 minutes) of their project to be presented to an expert committee and the public.
- Exhibitors will receive a badge indicating their status and allowing them to move freely within the Exposciences site.

Languages Used in Exposciences:

French is the official language of Exposciences. English will also be used for international projects. Participants are encouraged to prepare a presentation document or translate certain key project terms to make their project accessible to speakers of the other language.

Rules and Information on the Booth:

- All projects will have an equivalent-sized booth containing a table, chairs, and an exhibition grid (or an equivalent display support). Electrical access will also be provided.
- Wi-Fi internet access is available upon prior request, but the connection's stability cannot be guaranteed.
- Booths must not be covered by any structure to ensure the fire safety system can function effectively in the event of a fire.

Animal or Living Organism Experimentation:

- Projects involving experimentation or demonstrations on living animals are strictly prohibited. No animals should be brought to the site except for insects, fish, and certain species (including blobs) that may be presented in small terrariums, vivariums, or petri dishes.
- Participants must not work with pathogenic microorganisms.

General Safety Rules and Coexistence:

- Smoking is prohibited inside the buildings hosting Exposciences.
- Projects producing sounds or noise should not disturb other participants and visitors. The maximum allowed sound volume should be below 80 decibels.
- Objects or components from various projects that could cause injury (screws, nails, etc.) must be secured and kept out of reach.
- All electrical cables and wires must be in good condition and safely attached to prevent accidents.
- Passageways, emergency exits, and their surroundings must remain clear to ensure quick evacuation or emergency access.
- Items producing strong or unpleasant odors must be kept in airtight, unbreakable containers.

- Participants must bring their own protective equipment (gloves, goggles, etc.) if required by their experiment.
- The use of aerosols or compressed gas bottles is strictly prohibited.
- No open flames are allowed. Heat sources are permitted as long as necessary precautions are taken.
- Any weapon or weapon replica (toy or model) is strictly prohibited.
- It is the participants' responsibility to safeguard their equipment and belongings. Organizers are not responsible for theft or damage to participants' materials.

Chemical Safety:

For the safety and comfort of everyone, it is strictly prohibited to use the following chemical substances:

- Carcinogenic, mutagenic, and teratogenic products (benzene, PCB, etc.), and products with high toxicity risks like arsenic, cyanide, or mercury (except mercury used in thermometers).
- Unstable chemical compounds or others that could present explosion risks or produce gases through chemical reactions.
- Highly flammable products, volatile solvents (acetone, ether, etc.), reactive metals (magnesium, sodium, etc.), highly corrosive products (hydrochloric and sulfuric acid, etc.), and highly reactive elements (hydrogen, chlorine, etc.).
- Products and compounds that produce strong odors.
- Any illegal substances (methamphetamine, morphine, etc.).

If a participant chooses to replace one of the prohibited substances with another, they must clearly specify the name of the replacement substance/product.

Participants must clearly identify all substances exposed and used at their booth. Each substance or product must be approved by the organizers before being used at Exposciences.

Liquid nitrogen or dry ice may be used if the organizers are informed in advance and the necessary precautions have been taken.

Electrical Safety:

- All open electrical configurations must not exceed a maximum voltage of 36V. The electric current must not exceed 5 amperes.
- Organizers must approve in advance installations that create large magnetic fields.
- Only extension cords in good condition with grounding can be used. Each electrical device must have its own grounded power cable.
- All electrical devices must be turned off at the end of the day if left on-site.
- Acidic batteries, like car batteries, are not allowed.

Use of Devices or Products That Produce Radiation:

During Exposciences, it is prohibited to:

- Use devices that produce free radiation (X-rays, infrared, microwaves).
- Use Class III or IV laser pointers.
- Conduct experiments involving radioactive substances or producing ionizing radiation.

The use of ultraviolet radiation-emitting devices or lasers is permitted, provided the following rules are followed:

- Laser power must not exceed 1 mW.
- The laser source must be fixed and oriented in such a way that the laser radiation cannot come into contact with anyone's eyes.
- The ultraviolet radiation source must not exceed a power of 25 watts.
- Commercially available devices must be used; homemade devices are prohibited.

Acknowledgment:

I, as the project leader, attest that I have read the regulations and have informed the other participants of the project (if applicable).

Signed at:, date:

Signature of the project leader: