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## FOCUS ON CULTURE AND ARTS WHEN CREATING THE GRAND PARIS EXPRESS

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**USPA NEWS** - The creation of the Metro Network of the Grand Paris Express will transform the Urban Landscape of Île-de-France. The Société du Grand Paris is responsible for designing and building the New Automatic Metro Line in Greater Paris. By 2030, the Grand Paris Express Network will be 200km long and include 68 Stations. Following a Public Consultation, Artistic and Cultural Management for the Grand Paris Express was appointed, led by José-Manuel Gonçalves.

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Initial Artistic Events were launched since 2016 in Clamart, Cachan, Champigny, along the future line 16 and in Le Bourget. Each of these Day-Long Events, developed around a Specific Artistic Theme, provided the Public with Immersive Opportunities to enjoy a Parade on a Construction Site, surrounded by temporary and permanent Artwork, to try Urban Hiking, to watch Shows, to explore a Food Market and even to dance in a Nightclub.

Grand Paris Express is a Group of New Rapid Transit Lines being built in the Île-de-France Region. The Project comprises four new Lines, plus Extensions of existing Lines 11 and 14. A total of 200 kilometres of new Track and 68 new Stations are to be added, serving a projected 2 million Passengers a day. The new Lines were originally indexed by Colour (Red Line, Pink Line, Green Line), but this changed in 2013 to continue the Numbering Convention that the RATP uses. The new Lines are therefore now known as 15, 16, 17 and 18. They are planned to open in Stages through 2030.

Proposed timeline for this Gigantic Project :

- In 2013, the government led by Ayrault proposed this timeline for the line 15 project:
- 2014: Public inquiry on the eastern section from Saint-Denis Pleyel to Champigny Centre.
- Early-2015: Groundbreaking for the southern section between Pont-de-Sèvres and Noisy - Champs.
- 2020: Groundbreaking of the section from Pont-de-Sèvres to Nanterre and from Saint-Denis Pleyel to Rosny-Bois-Perrier on the northern section.
- 2022: Southern section from Pont-de-Sèvres to Noisy - Champs opens.
- Early 2025: Segments from Pont-de-Sèvres to Nanterre and from Saint-Denis Pleyel to Rosny-Bois-Perrier of the northern section put into service.
- 2025: Groundbreaking of the segment from Nanterre to Saint-Denis Pleyel via La Défense-Grande-Arche of the northern section.
- Early 2030: Segment from Nanterre to Saint-Denis Pleyel via La Défense-Grande-Arche of the northern section put into service.
- End of 2030: Northern section from Rosny to Champigny completed.

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