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ANNUAL EVENT

Monday 16 November - Friday 20 November 2026

La PAM
56 rue d'Aiguillon
29200 Brest
France

RMIT UNIVERSITY

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About this event

RMIT Europe and Ifremer - French Institute for Ocean Science are pleased to invite the AUFRANDE community to Brest for the third Annual Event in France.

What you can expect from the week:

- Training sessions on different topics including:
  - Grants and funding opportunities for early career researchers
  - Working and communicating in an intercultural environment
  - Preparing your oral presentation*
- Dedicated time to work on your deliverables (videos, blog articles)
- Immersive 2tonnes workshop:
  - Using collective intelligence to explore the future and identify possible courses of action for the climate
- Research presentations
- Open conversations and networking opportunities
- Fun group activities

* You do not need to prepare anything for the Thursday morning presentations in advance. There will be dedicated time to prepare during the previous days.

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Practical information

Venue

Address: La PAM, 56 rue d'Aiguillon, 29200 Brest, France
Website: https://www.lapambrest.fr/
Rooms: La Salle Brigitte Le Bris and La Salle des Possibles

Photography and videography

Members of the RMIT Europe and Ifremer teams will take photos and short videos during the week. These may be used on the AUFRANDE website, AUFRANDE social media and AUFRANDE partner channels.

Local discounts

Discover Brest and enjoy special rates in a selection of local shops and must-see locations. Present the Pass on your smartphone to access discounts during the event as well as the weekends before and after. Valid for attendees of the AUFRANDE event and accompanying persons only.

Business Pass - AUFRANDE
https://www.calameo.com/read/00786079562424158fdf6

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Practical information

Visit to Le 70.8, un musée pour l'océan

Date: Wednesday 18 November 2026
Time: 6pm-7.30pm
Location: Les Ateliers des Capucins, 27 Rue de Pontaniou, 29200 Brest
Meeting point: Opposite Le 70.8 Place des Machines in Les Ateliers des Capucins (20-minute walk or 10-minute cable car from La PAM)
Website: https://www.brest-metropole-tourisme.fr/es/activite/70-8-un-musee-pour-locean/

Le 70.8 is a fun space dedicated to maritime innovation and designed to help us understand and care for the ocean better. The museum is organised across three levels, each dedicated to a different theme. Its permanent exhibition highlights the fundamental yet little-known role of the ocean in the social and environmental challenges of our time.

Practical information

Lighthouses and maps activity

Date: Thursday 19 November 2026
Time: 5.30pm-8pm
Meeting point: La PAM at 5.30pm to catch the coach to the activity location

Become a Guardian of Maritime Safety! Discover the maritime heritage of Brittany through an original and interactive experience at the iconic Saint-Mathieu Lighthouse, including a night-time climb to the top. Using nautical charts, compass bearings and the observation of nearby lighthouses and navigation lights, you will learn how to identify their colours, flashing patterns and positions.

Through a fun observation challenge, you will explore the international principles governing visual aids to navigation and discover how each of us can contribute to safer navigation at sea. A unique opportunity to explore Brittany's maritime heritage, share knowledge with fellow maritime enthusiasts and see the coastline from a different perspective - by night!

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2tonnes workshop

Date: Friday 20 November 2026
Time: 9am-12.30pm
Location: La PAM
Website: https://en.2tonnes.org/atelier-2tonnes

Imagine the future and take action for the ecological transition! 2tonnes has one ambition: to give individuals and organisations the means to understand how to take action and contribute to a realistic and inspiring transition that will ensure a just and safe world for humanity. In this immersive workshop, we will use our collective intelligence to explore the future and identify possible courses of action for the climate.

We will discover the individual and collective levers of the transition to a low-carbon world and better visualise the transition by creating, as a team, our own low-carbon transition scenario to 2050. To estimate your carbon footprint and personalise your calculations, we need some data characterising your lifestyle.

Please complete this short questionnaire before Thursday 19 November: https://shorturl.at/7zBK2

Practical information

Dinner at La Fabrik 1801

Date: Wednesday 18 November 2026
Time: 7.30pm-10pm
Location: Les Ateliers des Capucins, 25 Rue de Pontaniou, 29200 Brest
Website: https://fabrik1801.bzh/

Dinner at La Crêpe Dantel'

Date: Thursday 19 November 2026
Time: 8pm-10pm
Location: 3 Pl. Saint-Tanguy, 29217 Plougonvelin
Return to Brest: We will travel back by coach
Website: https://www.facebook.com/lacrepedantel

Agenda

Monday 16 November 2026		
Time CET	Session	Facilitator
12.45pm-1.30pm	Welcome coffee and registration	
1.30pm-2pm	Welcome and event overview	Héloïse Muller and Pauline Rasera
2pm-3.30pm	European grant opportunities for early career researchers	Ifremer European Grants Office
3.30pm-4pm	Coffee break	
4pm-5.30pm	Practical session: Reflecting on your next blog	Hannah Tribe

Agenda

Tuesday 17 November 2026		
Time CET	Session	Facilitators
8.30am-9am	Welcome coffee	
9am-10.15am	Training: Understanding communication and working across difference	Fiona Simoneau-Byrne
10.15am-10.30am	Coffee break	
10.30am-12.10pm	Training: Understanding communication and working across difference	Fiona Simoneau-Byrne
12.10pm-1.10pm	Lunch	
1.10pm-2.10pm	Training: Understanding communication and working across difference	Fiona Simoneau-Byrne
2.10pm-2.25pm	Coffee break	
2.25pm-5pm	Training: Understanding communication and working across difference	Fiona Simoneau-Byrne

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Wednesday 18 November 2026		
Time CET	Session	Facilitators
8.30am-9am	Welcome coffee	
9am-10am	Training: Practising difficult conversations and building collaboration	Fiona Simoneau-Byrne and Béatrice Le Galès-Garnett
10am-10.15am	Coffee break	
10.15am-12.15pm	Training: Practising difficult conversations and building collaboration	Fiona Simoneau-Byrne and Béatrice Le Galès-Garnett
12.15pm-1.15pm	Lunch	
1.15pm-2.15pm	Training: Practising difficult conversations and building collaboration	Fiona Simoneau-Byrne and Béatrice Le Galès-Garnett
2.15pm-2.30pm	Coffee break	
2.30pm-5pm	Training: Practising difficult conversations and building collaboration	Fiona Simoneau-Byrne and Béatrice Le Galès-Garnett
5pm-6pm	Free time and make your own way to Le 70.8	
6pm-7.30pm	Visit: Le 70.8, un musée pour l'océan	
7.30pm-10pm	Dinner: La Fabrik 1801	

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Thursday 19 November 2026		
Time CET	Session	Facilitators
8.30am-9am	Welcome coffee	
9am-9.30am	Welcome and introduction to Ifremer research	Marion Besançon and Pauline Rasera
9.30am-12.30pm	DC presentations	AUFRANDE DCs
12.30pm-2pm	Lunch	
2pm-3pm	Guided conversation between DCs and supervisors	AUFRANDE DCs and supervisors
3pm-3.30pm	Coffee break	
3.30pm-4.30pm	Parallel meeting: Meeting of the DCs	DC Committee
	Parallel meeting: Supervisors Committee	Supervisors Committee
4.30pm-5.30pm	Free time or video recording with DCs	Héloïse Muller, Marine Barre and Hannah Tribe
5.30pm-6.30pm	Coach to Saint-Mathieu Lighthouse	
6.30pm-8pm	Activity: Lighthouses and maps	
8pm-10pm	Dinner: La Crêpe Dantel'	

Agenda

Friday 20 November 2026		
Time CET	Session	Facilitators
8.30am-9am	Welcome coffee	
9am-10.30am	Workshop: 2tonnes	Juliana Devis
10.30am-11am	Coffee break	
11am-12.30pm	Workshop: 2tonnes	Juliana Devis
12.30pm-2.30pm	Farewell lunch	
2.30pm-3.30pm	Free time or video recording with DCs	Héloïse Muller, Marine Barre and Hannah Tribe

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