

“Paris, terrain de jeux” : three laureate projects begin their implementation!

In January 2016, the City of Paris launched a call for projects aiming at using the city’s currently vacant spaces to offer Parisians innovative sports facilities. This week, the Council of Paris will give the starting signal for the implementation of the three first projects.

With “Paris, terrain de jeux” (“Paris, playing field”), the City of Paris wished to mobilise the sports actors – sports federations, investors, architects and designers, etc. – to use these currently unoccupied spaces up to 5 years and develop ephemeral experiments, experiment new concepts, import innovative sports practice or provide a project or a sporting discipline with an exceptional showcase.

On May 18th, laureate projects were revealed with great quality offers proposing brand new (or rare) innovative sports in Paris: adventure park, padel, indoor rock climbing, electric karting, five-a-side indoor football, golf course.

These projects offer a good integration in the city by providing for most of them off-peak access by day for schools and accessibility to the greatest number and to families, not to mention the links with the local sports tissue of every arrondissement involved.

“It was a bet, one of its kind, to use 14 unoccupied spaces in an urban territory to build new sports projects up to 5 years. Today, I want to thank the sports partners who took up the challenge and who will enable us to offer Parisians new sports fields, a boxing gym, and, for the first time in Paris, padel, a very popular racket game in Argentina and Spain”, says Jean-François Martins, Deputy Mayor of Paris for Sport and Tourism.

This week, the first three conventions are submitted to the Council of Paris, which enable them to enter their implementation phase, only 6 months after the call for projects was launched:

- **Five-a-side indoor football:** The project consists in implementing a five-a-side football complex with three covered fields. It aims to contribute to social

development through sports, help school dropouts or work on great national or international causes (Téléthon, Action Against Hunger, etc) – Tour à Parachutes (13th arrondissement)

- **Boxing and training circuit:** Layout of a flexible and practical sport space dedicated to boxing and fitness, offering boxing lessons, as well as intense training sessions. The project is made for the youth and aims at attracting new customers, such as the residents and employees of the developing neighbourhood – Quai du lot (19th arrondissement)
- **Padel:** The projects consists in building a padel site with 6 fields on two levels, double or simple on each floor of the structure. It plans an opening all year long, 7 days a week, from 09:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., including 1,100 hours of activities adapted for the general public, companies, schools, recreation centres and disabled people – TEP Castagnary (15th arrondissement)

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