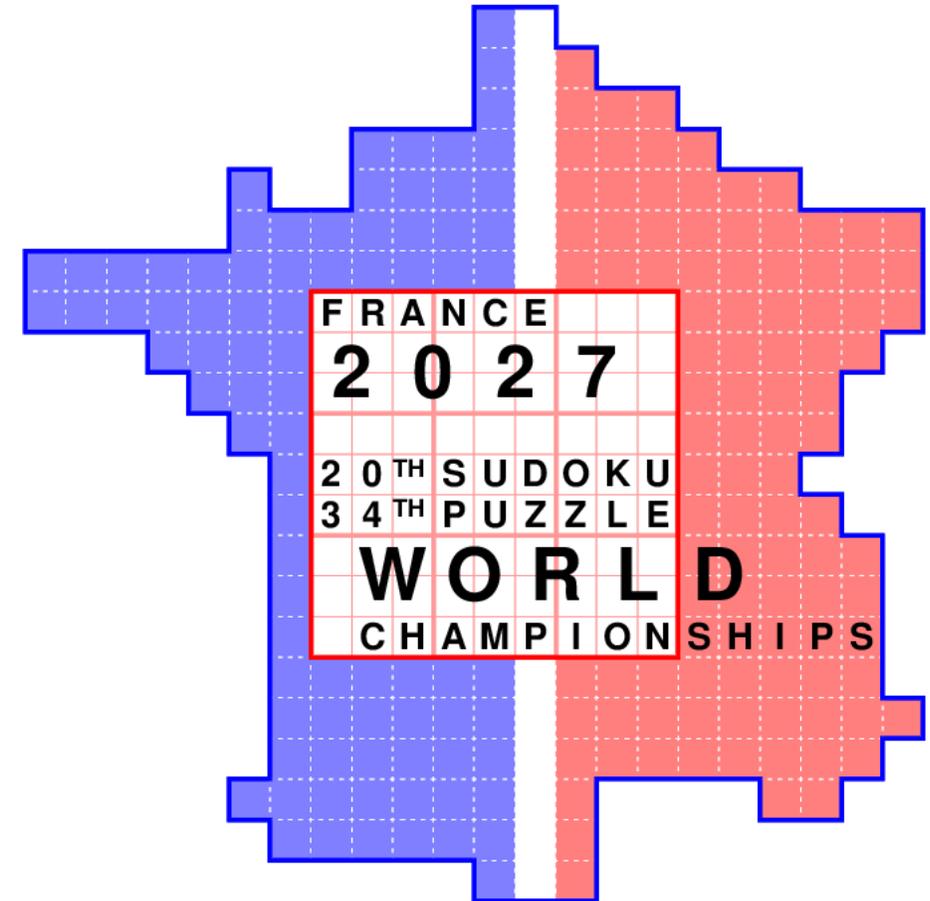

WSPC 2027

Candidacy - France



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A FEW REASONS WHY...

- A long-time member of WPF, France has never hosted WSPC
- An active community of solvers, with strong participation in GPs and at WSPCs
- A growing group of authors - GP rounds for Sudoku and/or Puzzles each of the last 7 years

- French hotels are not cheap... but we have been working hard to find the right venue
- Lots of tourism opportunities before/after WSPC as well as on excursion day
- Part of Schengen zone, limiting risks regarding visa applications

KEY POINTS

WHERE?

- **Westotel**, a nice 4* hotel in **Nantes**
- **Fast transfer**: 20mn from airport and train station

HOW MUCH?

- Fees **similar to Eger**
- **Flexible option** available

WHEN?

- **October 24-31, 2027**
- **Usual format**: 2-day WSC + excursion day + 3-day WPC

WHO?

- A **strong team** already at work
- **You!!**

WHERE? WESTOTEL



- **28 sqm rooms**
- All recently **renovated**



- Pleasant **courtyard**, with 30m from hotel/restaurant to Hall
- **Pool** heated till late Oct. (TBC)
- 730 sqm (triangular) **Hall** + additional smaller rooms if needed

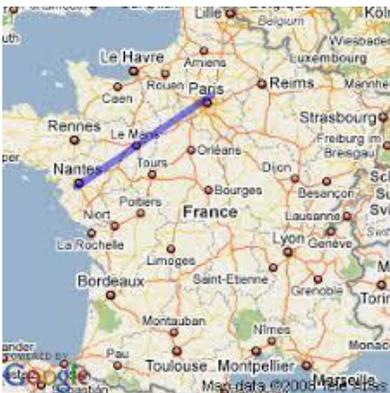


- Good **restaurant** (food, daylight)
- **Bar** area

WHERE? NANTES

ACCESS

- Airport (20 mn by car)
 - Connections to Paris CDG, London, Frankfurt, Geneva + low-cost flights
- Train station and city center in 20mn by tram



NANTES

- 320K inhabitants (650K with suburbs) – 7th largest city in France
- Dynamic city, large student population
- Former capital of Brittany Duchy, hometown of Jules Verne



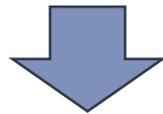
SURROUNDING AREA

- 1h from Atlantic coast
- Some vineyards nearby
- Easy access to Paris (400km – 2h by train) and Loire Valley castles

HOW MUCH?

FEES SIMILAR TO EGER 2025

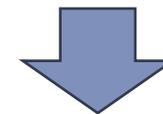
- **840-860€** for Official participants (twin)
- **940-980€** for Non Official (twin)
- Single room, single event: TBD but not more expensive than Eger (no triple except kids)



Sponsor search may help improve experience and/or lower fees

FLEXIBLE OPTION

- Participation + lunch every day + 2 award dinners
 - Choose your own hotel / airbnb and manage breakfasts & other evening meals
- Approximately half-price
- Limited (but not 0!) availability



Hopefully makes WSPC more accessible e.g. to students

WHO?

AUTHORS

- **WSC co-Directors:**
 - Edouard Lebeau
 - Bastien Vial-Jaime
- **WPC co-Directors:**
 - Denis Auroux
 - Valentin Miakinen
- **5 to 6 authors for each event**, to be completed (possibly with a few int'l authors)

ORGANIZATION

- **Grading and jury:**
 - Anne Limoges
- **Logistics:**
 - Théophile Garçonnet
- **Finance and registrations:**
 - Olivier Garçonnet
- **Communication and coordination:**
 - Olivier Lignon
- **>30 volunteers already committed**

WHO? EVENT DIRECTORS (4 FOR THE PRICE OF 2!)

WSC

- **Edouard Lebeau** (aka Sudokanard)
 - 3 WSPCs
 - GP author, GP tester, active on YouTube
 - Math teacher in College
- **Bastien Vial-Jaime**
 - >10 WSPCs
 - Long-time author (GPs, French qualies)



WPC

- **Denis Auroux**
 - 14 WSPCs
 - Long-time author (LMI, MIT Mystery Hunt, French qualies)
 - Math Professor
- **Valentin Miakinen**
 - 4 WSPCs
 - Puzzle author (MIT Logic Puzzle Open, French qualies) and enthusiast



WHO? ORGANISATION

GRADING AND JURY

- **Anne Limoges**
 - 8 WSPCs
 - Puzzle enthusiast since 2013
 - Horse girl



LOGISTICS

- **Théophile Garçonnet**
 - 7 WSPCs
 - Math teacher in high school
 - Living near Nantes



FINANCE & REGISTRATION

- **Olivier Garçonnet**
 - 8 WSPCs
 - Maths PhD student based in Marseilles



COMMUNICATION & COORDINATION

- **Olivier Lignon**
 - 5 WSPCs
 - WPF Board member
 - Self-employed management consultant



WHAT?

- **We are well aware that a successful WSPC requires a subtle blend of tradition and innovation**
- **So we have already started thinking hard about the latter**

- **Besides, *cliché* is a French word, right? So...**

WHAT???

- Who really needs a 15th WSPC T-shirt?



- Red wine at every meal? (OK given we'll have 3-hour lunch breaks)



- Snail tasting on excursion day, at last



- Right to go on strike is sacred: skip the round of your choice!



Please trust our brainstorming capabilities to make WSPC 2027 a truly unique event

QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

