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## Coronavirus Covid-19 – No need to panic

*Olivier ROUX, Chairman of UNIMEV, the French Meeting Industry Council*

### All events due to be held in France are to go ahead

UNIMEV organiser members confirm that industry-specific and scientific events, fairs and trade shows scheduled in France in the coming months will be held as planned.

The information known to date on the conditions under which the Coronavirus epidemic may be spread, in terms of both the risks of viral contamination and the pandemic's geographical spread, does not justify the cancellation of events to be held in our country.

### Operators in the events industry are taking all necessary measures to ensure the health security of attendees.

Safeguarding the health of those attending our industry-specific and scientific events, fairs and trade shows is a priority.

Event organisers are acting in compliance with the recommendations and measures established by the WHO, the competent French authorities and acknowledged expert bodies such as the Institut Pasteur.

They are taking all necessary measures to ensure the health security of those attending their events, including the introduction of specific filtering measures at entry points, sanitary checks, public awareness-raising initiatives, the provision of protective equipment and the implementation of on-site medical services.

### Discernment, peace of mind and a time to come together

The organisers of international events are doing their utmost to ensure that the attendees of their events can continue to come together from across the globe, with discernment, peace of mind and openness.

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#### ABOUT UNIMEV

With more than 400 corporate members, Unimev is the French Meeting Industry Council. From event design to production and hospitality, it represents all areas of the industry - i.e. 90% of the sector in France, and several global players.

Working closely with public authorities, higher education institutions and its partner associations, it is committed to leveraging the appeal and reinvention of its professions through innovation, optimised user experiences and sustainable practices.