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1. Regulatory framework

The organization of the French Grand Prix in Saint-Agrève is based on a hierarchy of standards ranging from international sporting regulations to local prefectural decrees. The event will take place in strict compliance with the following frameworks:

a. International and National Sports Regulations

- FIM Environmental Code: Application of global standards on soil protection, fluid management and noise emission limits during EnduroGP competitions.
- FFM technical regulations: Compliance with the rules of the French Motorcycling Federation concerning the homologation of temporary circuits and the safety of participants.

b. French Environmental Legislation

The event is subject to the provisions of the Environmental Code, in particular:

- Authorization for Motorized Events (Art. R331-18 of the Sports Code): Any motorized competition on public roads or private land requires a declaration or prefectural authorization via the "Sporting Event" platform.
- Water Law (Art. L214-1): Respect for setback distances from the Doux and the Eyrieux to prevent any accidental pollution of surface water bodies.

c. Local and Territorial Provisions

- Charter of the Monts d'Ardèche Regional Natural Park: The organization commits to respecting the principles of the PNR Charter, which governs the use of natural spaces for motorized recreation in order to reconcile sport and the preservation of biodiversity.
- Departmental Health Regulations (RSD): Application of Ardèche standards for the management of noise pollution, dust and public hygiene (mobile toilets).
- Municipal Orders: Compliance with traffic and parking orders issued by the town hall of Saint-Agrève for the management of the paddock (Near Equiblués) and spectator areas.

2. Geographical context and biodiversity

a. Location and Morphology of the Relief

The competition takes place in the northern part of the Cévennes mountains, within the Haut-Vivaraïs region, where Saint-Agrève occupies a position of "urban center" at an altitude of 1,000 meters. Located near the watershed between the Atlantic (Loire) and Mediterranean (Rhône) basins, this geographical location exerts a major influence on its climate: it exposes the plateau to a dual climatic influence, between the harshness of oceanic winds and the variability of Mediterranean air currents, guaranteeing an environment that is both cool and varied.

- Landscape structure: The relief is marked by vast gently undulating plateaus (Velay plateau) in the west, contrasting with deep valleys and pronounced ridges in the central part.

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- Geology: The subsoil is dominated by crystalline and migmatitic formations (metamorphic series of western Vivarais). Heterogeneous granites rich in biotite and cordierite are also found there.
- High points: The horizon is punctuated by volcanic "sucs" and rounded peaks called "serres", dominated by the majestic silhouette of Mont Mézenc, the highest point in the territory at 1,753 meters. This unique landscape also includes the famous Mont Gerbier-de-Jonc (1,551 meters), an emblematic site housing the source of the Loire, thus highlighting the major hydrographic dimension of the plateau.

b. Hydrographic Network

Saint-Agrève is located in a strategic watershed area.

- Natural regulation: Local wetlands and peat bogs play a crucial role as "blotters" by retaining water, which helps to regulate the flow of downstream streams.
- Watercourses: The area constitutes a true headwater, feeding mountain rivers of significant ichthyological interest (trout area). The plateau notably shelters the source of the Eyrieux, located in Devesset and regulated by its emblematic lake, as well as the upper Doux valley.

c. Protected Areas and Biodiversity (Natura 2000)

The event crosses or borders the Natura 2000 site "Peat bogs of the St-Agrève plateau" (FR 8201667). This site is divided into 4 highly sensitive sectors:

- Devesset Lake: Reservoir lake and major wetland area.
- Lake Véron: Former wetland transformed into a small lake.
- Rochessac and Le Pontet: Mosaic wetland complexes.

i. Flora and Habitats

The Saint-Agrève plateau presents a rare confrontation between mountain flora and Mediterranean influences, creating a landscape mosaic of great richness with remarkable species:

- The Poet's Narcissus: In spring, it literally whitens the meadows around the village, offering a natural spectacle emblematic of the Haut-Vivarais.
- Broom: It punctuates the edges of paths with touches of bright yellow, marking the visual identity of the Ardèche trails.
- Tufted hair-grass and sphagnum mosses: These essential mosses form the living carpet of peat bogs and play a crucial role in water retention.
- Rare habitats: The site contains wooded peat bogs, a type of wetland particularly rare in the region and classified as a priority habitat. These "natural sponges" are subject to strict protection through our safety signage.
- Forest cover: The landscape is characterized by an alternation of coniferous forests (fir, spruce) on the slopes and centuries-old beech trees, particularly at the entrances to the town, which constitute ecological corridors and natural shade areas for the public

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ii. Fauna

The fauna is diverse and characteristic of preserved mountain environments:

- Mammals: Roe deer and small forest mammals benefiting from heathland and pastureland extensive.
- ZNIEFF inventories: The sector is classified as a ZNIEFF type I (Haute-vallée du Doux), highlighting the presence of animal and plant species of exceptional heritage interest.

3. Environmental risk assessment and mitigation measures

a. Prevention measures (Pre-event)

The organization relies on rigorous planning to avoid any irreversible deterioration:

- Eco-friendly route: Exclusive use of paths open to motorized traffic to avoid the fragmentation of forest habitats.
- Protection of wetlands and waterways (Le Doux): Installation of physical barriers and strict signage around peat bogs (ex: La Rèche).
- Sustainable crossings: To protect riverbeds and banks, the organization installs wooden footbridges with corners. These structures prevent any contact between machinery and water, eliminating the risk of pollution and turbidity.
- Public management: Delineation of spectator areas to prevent trampling of embankments and areas with endemic flora.

b. During the event: Controls and Operations

i. Control of liquid pollution

- Mandatory environmental mats: All work on a motorcycle (paddock, refueling areas, assistance) must be done on an FIM approved mat (min. 160 x 100 cm) consisting of an absorbent side and a waterproof side.
- Anti-pollution kits: Absorbents are available at refueling points for immediate intervention in case of accidental leaks.

ii. Control of noise and air pollution

- RACE PATROL control: Use of calibrated sound level meters to verify that each machine complies the decibel (dB/A) limits set by the FIM EnduroGP 2026 regulations.
- Dust management: In case of severe drought on the plateau, targeted watering of the starting areas and cross specials with non-potable water to limit dust emissions.



c. Waste management and facilities (FIM Standard)

- Selective collection: Implementation of separate containers for hazardous waste (oil filters, soiled rags, empty containers) and regular waste (packaging, glass, paper).
- Sanitary facilities: Deployment of chemical toilets in the paddock and at strategic points. To guarantee impeccable hygiene and zero environmental impact, they are cleaned and emptied several times a day by approved service providers.
- Motorcycle washing: Riders and teams are encouraged to use the washing station in the village of Saint-Agrève. This facility is already equipped with compliant hydrocarbon separators, guaranteeing optimal treatment of the wash water.
- Equipment maintenance: For washing the pilots' and staff's uniforms, the organization promotes the Saint-Agrève laundry facility. This allows for the eco-responsible management of large volumes of textiles while generating direct economic activity for this local business.
- Floor protection during washing: Even in professional stations, the use of biodegradable products for cleaning motorcycles and clothing is strongly recommended by the organization.

4. Socio-economic sustainability

a. Local economic impact and short supply chains

- The Grand Prix is designed to maximize direct economic benefits on the Saint- plateau Aggregate using existing infrastructure:
- Partnerships with village services: The organization systematically directs teams to local businesses for technical needs.
- Accommodation and catering: Positive saturation of local supply (hotels, guesthouses, campsites in Val'Eyrieux). The paddock's food outlets prioritize labeled products (Ardèche AOP chestnuts, charcuterie from the plateau) via short supply chains.
- Local employment: Mobilizing local associations and volunteers, strengthening cohesion social interaction around a project of international scope.

b. Enhancement of heritage and territorial legacy

The event serves as a showcase for the region while sustainably improving its leisure infrastructure:

- The Doux River, a natural heritage: A legacy between sky and river. The route highlights the upper Doux Valley through the installation of wooden footbridges with cantilevers, a major investment in the project that will remain with the municipality to ensure the long-term safety of hikers and horseback riders. As it climbs higher, the course follows the ridgelines, offering an exceptional panorama that extends beyond the Rhône Valley: on a clear day, riders and spectators enjoy breathtaking views of the Alps and Mont Blanc. Reaching an altitude of 4,807 meters, the highest peak in Europe becomes the majestic backdrop for the event, enhancing the natural heritage of Saint-Agrève and boosting the plateau's appeal to tourists.

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- Multi-use benefits: After the race, these footbridges remain in place. They facilitate the practice of "gentle" outdoor sports (hiking, mountain biking, horse riding) by offering safe and dry crossings, where users previously had to ford or go around wet areas.
- Tourism promotion: Global media exposure showcasing the landscapes of the Upper Vivarais, Mont Chiniac and railway heritage (Vivarais Railway).
- Preservation of the Dolce Via: Although this cycle route is a major tourist attraction in the region, the organizers have deliberately chosen to strictly avoid the Dolce Via route. This decision aims to guarantee the absolute safety of users (families, cyclists, walkers) and to preserve the tranquility of this greenway dedicated to non-motorized transport. By diverting the competition traffic away from this major thoroughfare, we are protecting the integrity of this recreational area from any noise pollution or premature soil degradation, thus ensuring a respectful coexistence between the sporting event and the long-term tourist activities of the Saint-Agrève plateau.

c. Awareness and inclusion

- Education and Discovery: In partnership with the "L'Odyssée" Community Center, we introduce young people from the plateau to motorcycling. This initiative combines sport, road safety, and environmental awareness from a very young age. Drawing on the expertise of "L'Odyssée," this project promotes social inclusion and access for all.
- Accessibility: Provision of spectator areas accessible to people with reduced mobility (PRM) on key points along the route close to the town centre.

5. Dismantling and site restoration

a. Floor Cleaning and Restoration

Immediately after the last special stage, the organization launches the "Zero Trace" protocol:

- Removal of markings: Complete removal of banners, stakes, arrows and advertising panels in the hours and days following the event.
- Site management: Complete cleaning of the paddock and spectator areas. Waste is removed towards the centers of the SICTOM Entre Monts et Vallées.
- Restoration: If certain sections of paths have suffered erosion due to repeated passage or weather, harrowing or backfilling work will be carried out.
- Support for the agricultural sector: For the private land crossed, the organization is committed to supporting farmers and landowners. This includes purchasing seeds needed to replant plots in order to ensure a rapid recovery of pastures and crops.



b. Ensuring the sustainability of infrastructure (The legacy)

Unlike temporary racing structures, permanent facilities are preserved:

- Maintenance of footbridges: The wooden footbridges with corner supports installed over the Doux and its tributaries will not be dismantled. They will be transferred to the municipality of Saint-Agrève and the local hiking network.
- Future maintenance: This robust furniture becomes an asset for local green tourism, ensuring safe passage walkers, mountain bikers and horse riders over the long term.

6. Sources

Saint-Agrève Town Hall: [Directory of businesses and services](#)

Val'Eyrieux Community of Municipalities: [Sport and Nature](#)

Ardèche Hautes Vallées Tourist Office: [Outdoor Activities](#)

Monts d'Ardèche Regional Natural Park: [Natura 2000 Fact Sheet - Plateau Peat Bogs](#)

PNR Monts d'Ardèche: [Charter for the sustainable development of the territory](#)

PNR Monts d'Ardèche: [Landscape assessment of the St-Agrève plateau](#)

Sitcom Tence: [Waste management and sorting](#)

State service / Geography of Ardèche: [Hydrography and climate](#)

Destination Park: [Hiking and trails in Saint-Agrève](#)

BRGM: [Geological description of the Saint-Agrève sheet.](#)

DREAL Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes: [ZNIEFF inventory Haute-vallée du Doux.](#)

FIM Environmental Code 2025/2026: [Complete rules on carpets and pollution.](#)

FIM Sound Regulations: [Sound control methodology.](#)

SIXTEN Environmental Standard: [Technical details of approved mats.](#)

Note: The implementation of the measures in this plan, including sustainable crossing infrastructure, educational sessions with the "L'Odyssée" center, and the extensive free public activities, is closely linked to obtaining local aid and subsidies (Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region, Ardèche Department, Val'Eyrieux Community of Municipalities). Support from local authorities is essential to guarantee the free access, safety, and sustainability of these environmental and social commitments.