



Paris, 22 February 2023

Subject: Official invitation to the E9 celebration and “la Gironde à pied” event

Dear member, dear friend,

We are pleased to invite you to join us from Thursday 22 to Sunday 25 June 2023 for our local event “la Gironde à pied”, to celebrate E9 in the Médoc, France.

We will welcome you from Bordeaux on the morning of 22 June, where we will drive you to Soulac-sur-mer, the first stage of our event. The afternoon will be dedicated to a round-table discussion on the specificities of a coastal hiking trail and the environmental impact of the practice. We will be joined by coast and local territory experts.

On the second day, discussions between the MO will continue in the morning, then the afternoon will be consecrated to a hike on the Pointe de la Grave, along the coast in order to measure the effects of erosion and the coastline retreat.

From the third day until Sunday 25 June, you will take part in the public event “la Gironde à pied”, which involves the inauguration of the new GR® of the Chemin d’Amadour, between Soulac-sur-mer and Rocamadour, through the territory discovery: hikes, activities and guided tours are on the program alongside the French hikers.

You will find attached: the detailed public event program so that you can promote it in your country, and also the ERA members’ one. The content of both programs may change during the coming weeks. You will soon be able to follow the evolution on the official website: <https://gironde.ffrandonnee.fr/html/5174/la-gironde-a-pied-2022>. We will inform you about the final programs as soon as it is made official in March.

We remind you that this invitation is valid for one person per country representing the E9. It includes your travel from Bordeaux to Soulac-sur-mer by shuttle bus on Thursday 22 June, then the whole stay on site (activities of “la Gironde à pied” program, meals, accommodations – except your personal expenses) and your return by shuttle bus to Bordeaux airport on Sunday 25 June. We do not cover your air travel to and from your place of departure.

You will of course be able to continue the public program in its entirety at your own expenses. It goes until Wednesday 28 June, without English-speaking accompaniment and ends in Bordeaux. For more information, please check the public program attached.

Please confirm before Wednesday 15 March whether you are coming and, if so, whether you are leaving on 25 or 28 June, so that we can organise the logistics to and from Bordeaux airport as well as possible.

We look to see you in Soulac-sur-mer and look forward to welcoming you!

With our respectful greetings,

Brigitte SOULARY, president of the Fédération française de la randonnée pédestre
Sophie CHIPON, vice-président of the European Rambling Association

