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### The Mayor's Message: Active and Effective Consultation

Ladies and Gentlemen, dear residents  
of Port-Grimaud,

Dear boat owners,

Dear friends,

As you know, I was determined to launch a large-scale consultation involving residents, boat owners, and all friends of the town. Together, we were able to reflect on and shape the future of our waterfront. I am delighted to have provided everyone with the opportunity to express themselves freely and to hear the ideas of those who are directly concerned with the future of Port Grimaud. I want to thank you all for your participation.

For this endeavour, I made the deliberate decision to be supported by the National Commission for Public Debate, which appointed two independent guarantors. I want to thank them for their time and availability.

Over five months, even during the height of summer, we engaged in discussions in various forms to reach as many people as possible and to generate a wealth of ideas. The aim of this consultation is simple, as is the observation that led to it: how can we preserve and sustain the unique model of Port Grimaud, «a boat in front of your house», while guaranteeing the long-term security of property for the owners?

The answer is straightforward and far removed from courtrooms: it lies in usage guarantees. Property owners will now benefit from a 35-year regulation,

granting them full and complete freedom to manage their boat mooring. From day one, my team and I have worked tirelessly to safeguard the very essence of Port Grimaud and to restore to its owners the peace of mind they deserve and have long reported to us that they had lost.

This consultation process does not end with the conclusion on 21 October 2024. On the contrary, it will continue with in-depth studies of the scenarios that captured your attention and more formal public inquiries. The dialogue will evolve in different forms. We will ensure that everyone fully understands the technical challenges through educational efforts, including workshops when necessary.

A report on this consultation will be published within two months, following the assessment by the guarantors. This report will provide valuable insights. What is certain is that, thanks to your contributions, the projects have been co-constructed. Each project was conceived, designed, and adjusted based on your feedback.

I would like to thank you once again for your commitment and contribution. Together, let's continue to protect Port Grimaud, preserving the uniqueness and authenticity that make it a true gem.

Best regards,

**Alain BENEDETTO**

The Mayor  
President of the Management Committee





## Annual Contract or Usage Guarantee Contract

A price difference exists between these two types of contracts. The usage guarantee contract allows long-term savings, in return for the funding of port infrastructure. Announced at a maximum cost of €20,000 excluding VAT over 35 years for a standard berth (12 x 4 metres), this is in addition to the levy of €20 per square metre. Therefore, when spread over 35 years (covering both charges), the annual cost amounts to around €1,647 including VAT.

An annual contract is set at €8,300 per year for all boat owners, except for property owners who cover utility costs and quay maintenance, and who benefit from a 30% reduction, bringing the total to €5,810. Over 35 years, this represents a difference of approximately €145,000 in favour of the usage guarantee contract, making it a clearly advantageous choice for those looking for long-term stability.



## La Giraglia Hotel

The issue of the building permit for the La Giraglia Hotel is frequently raised, even though it is not directly related to port management. After the building permit was granted, an appeal was lodged by the ASP of PG1 with the Administrative Court.

This appeal delayed the start of the works, leaving the hotel in a state of abandonment. In October 2024, the court rejected the appeal, clearing the way for the medium-term completion of the project, pending any further appeal from the ASP. This is excellent news for local development, with the prospect of restoring life to this iconic establishment.

## A Usage Guarantee that Reflects the Specificity of the Location

In implementing the usage guarantee, the unique characteristics of Port Grimaud have been carefully considered. First, this is reflected in the regulations that ensure each property retains the right to moor a boat in front of their home.

When developing this guarantee, the municipal services worked to adjust the fees fairly, taking into account that property owners maintain their own quays and do not require additional services such as access to utilities, which are typically offered in other ports. As a result, the maximum fee was set at €20,000 excluding VAT for a medium-sized berth, over a 35-year period.

This decision is notable for its moderate pricing, especially when compared to other ports in the region. For example, in Sanary, an equivalent berth (12 x 4 metres) is priced at €312,000 for 25 years, while in Cogolin, the fee is €85,000 for 35 years.

With this usage guarantee, the municipality has taken into account the specific needs of Port Grimaud and enabled the preservation of its unique model for the next 35 years.

## The Giscle: A Protected Environment



The Giscle has been classified as a sensitive environment since a ministerial decree in 2010, initiated by the State (published in the Official Journal on 4 June 2010).

Although some residents have suggested proposals for dredging, these are not in line with current regulations. In fact, the current legislation encourages the preservation of the natural state of rivers.

Therefore, it is no longer permitted to install sand traps or to dredge the Giscle. On the contrary, it is recommended to re-naturalise the river's course as much as possible, allowing nature to reclaim its rights.

This environmental protection aims to safeguard biodiversity and contributes to preserving a unique natural environment.