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## THE SERIES MANIA FESTIVAL AND FORUM WILL GO AHEAD

The health and safety of all our audiences, guests, and industry professionals are a priority for SERIES MANIA. And to ensure that all participants enjoy their visit and fully profit from the festival, the SERIES MANIA Festival (20-28 March 2020) and the SERIES MANIA Forum (25-27 March 2020) would like to inform you of measures taken with regard to the outbreak of COVID-19.

As of 1 March 2020, the French government has forbidden all gatherings of more than 5,000 persons in a confined space across the territory. Given that the audience capacities and attendance figures for festival locations, including movie theaters, the Nouveau Siècle auditorium, Lille Grand Palais, the Tri Postal, and so on, all events comprising the SERIES MANIA Festival and Forum will be going ahead as planned.

Nonetheless, the following hygiene and information measures have been put in place:

- **The provision of hand sanitizers** across all festival locations
- **Reinforced cleaning schedules for all locations receiving the public**, including screening rooms, conference rooms, dining spaces, meeting points, and bathrooms.
- **Special notices relating recommended hygiene practices**, including proper handwashing and avoiding physical contact
- **Specific training for our staff** regarding measures to be respected and best practices in terms of hygiene

We are in close and regular contact with local and national authorities to monitor how the situation is evolving. **As such, we will be providing updates to participants with regard to any measures introduced by authorities as they are announced, and will fully comply with said decisions.**

### The current situation in France:

Developments in terms of the international situation are being closely monitored by French health authorities with everyone concerned working closely with the WHO.

To date, the French authorities have taken several preventive measures (source: Ministry of Health) :

- The introduction of specific reception facilities at airports for passengers arriving from areas where the virus is actively circulating (China, Singapore, South Korea, etc.).
- Health professionals and health institutions have been informed and provided with recommendations on the management of possible cases in France.
- A health system mobilization plan has been activated by regional health agencies.