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## Complete renovation of the Centre Pompidou From late 2023 to late 2026

Following the meeting of the Ministerial Commission on Real Estate Projects held on 22 January 2021, the Ministry for Culture has approved the implementation of the master plan for the works on the Centre Pompidou. The building designed by Renzo Piano and Richard Rogers will be closed for total renovation from the end of 2023 until late 2026. The OPPIC (Operator of real estate assets and projects for culture), will oversee the work.

The building will be fully closed during the works, which are expected to last three years, to allow the removal of asbestos throughout the building and full refurbishment to meet current safety, technical and energy standards, as well as accessibility requirements for people with disabilities.

The public information library will be moved to a temporary location in Paris during the works to allow it to continue serving the public.

*"These works will guarantee the future of the Centre Pompidou. In concrete terms, our aim is to preserve our key masterpiece, the building itself, which has not undergone any major renovation since 1977. This work is essential if it is to remain an international icon of modernity and contemporary architecture attracting thousands of visitors every year. I am delighted with the decision, which will allow us to celebrate our 50th anniversary in style and to take the Centre into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*

*This is something we have already been working toward through several ambitious projects. The period of closure will not mean an end to our work, quite the contrary!*

*The Centre Pompidou's presence in Metz and abroad, local development projects such as the construction of the Centre Pompidou in Île-de-France, Fabrique de l'Art conservation and creation centre in Massy, outreach activities and digital projects are already underway to roll out this strategy for the future. Many resources and collaborations will be organised with numerous partners throughout France and internationally. It is something we are already working on each day and it will be a valuable asset in allowing us to continue writing the history of the Centre Pompidou and creating the means for its future success and renown so that the Centre Pompidou remains a visionary utopian project like no other in the world."* explained **Serge Lasvignes, President of the Centre Pompidou.**

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## The main points of the master plan

The master plan addresses issues relating to technical aspects, safety, sustainable development and image in connection with the deterioration of the structure and current environmental, health and energy standards. Work on the public information library connected to the building will be included in the master plan , **which has three main aims :**

### - Improvement of the installations

Total removal of asbestos from the façade and replacement of all the windows.  
Treatment of corrosion in the main structure and metalwork. Repair of paintwork and flooring.  
Replacement or renovation of the Forum's lifts, goods lifts and escalators, replacement of end-of-life or deteriorated power installations and sanitary plumbing installations. Renovation of IT architecture and servers, modernisation of low voltage systems and security equipment.

### - Energy renovation and optimisation

Adaptation of the level of air treatment per zone according to use, replacement of mixing units (air conditioning system) and of air treatment units in the infrastructure. Renovation of the cooling towers (treating the risk of legionellosis).  
Replacement of the low voltage systems and migration to all-IP...

### - Fire safety and accessibility

Fire resistance treatment, replacement of fire dampers and compliance of smoke extraction system. Replacement of intumescent paintwork, carrying out of accessibility work.

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## The main stages of the master plan

- **2016:** the Ministry for Culture approved the principle of carrying out the work. First CMPI meeting held.
- **2017:** signature of the study contract
- **2018:** launch of competitive dialogue
- **2019:** submission of bids at the end of the 2nd round of competitive dialogue.
- **2020:** closure of bids. Elaboration of the social economic study and counter-expertise.
- **22 January 2021:** Second CMPI meeting held