## LEGACY OF THE PARIS 2024 GAMES



## PLAINE COMMUNE, A TERRITORY WHERE SWIMMING RESURFACES

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Swimming skills, pool, sustainable facility management, Games legacy, energy cost control, training, lifeguards.



With the delivery of three new Olympic pools—the Olympic Aquatic Center of Saint-Denis, the Marville Aquatic Center, and the Camille-Muffat Pool at Fort d'Aubervilliers—as part of the legacy of the Paris 2024 Games, **the available water surface in the nine cities of Plaine Commune has doubled**. In addition to these three facilities, the construction of a pool in Villetaneuse and the expansion of the pool in Pierrefitte-sur-Seine should also be counted as part of the reuse of an "Heritage" facility from the Paris 2024 Games.

Beyond the Games, Plaine Commune will benefit from a 90% coverage rate of the population's needs in terms of aquatic facilities. For the residents of Plaine Commune, the Games will thus be associated with the opportunity to enjoy privileged conditions for learning to swim.

One example among many? Starting in 2025, the Saint-Denis Aquatic Center will welcome schoolchildren from Plaine Commune and the general public to practice swimming in all its forms. Every year in June, the Sport Olympiads will be organized there for schoolchildren. This is a necessity at a time when more than one in two children in Seine-Saint-Denis cannot swim when entering the sixth grade.

By choosing to take on the responsibility of managing swimming pools in 2023, Plaine Commune has set a territorial policy objective on the acquisition of swimming skills. With the ambition to become a true swimming territory. To achieve this, after the Games, when all the facilities will be available to the population, a common pricing policy will allow access to the pools of Plaine Commune without any price distinction. Likewise, by opening up the possibility of pooling the management and energy costs of the pools in the area, the agglomeration is engaging in an economy of scale that serves the greatest number while also ensuring a more sustainable management of facilities whose operating costs have been significantly impacted by the energy crisis.

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