



## #LMAB15 under construction

It is not a surprise now, just a waiting... In less than 10 days [Lorraine Mondial Air Ballons® 2015](#) will begin. 19 shows with hundreds of hot air balloons taking off into the blue sky, from the *International Balloons Airport* of Chambley Planet'Air (Meurthe-et-Moselle / Lorraine / France); and from July 24th to August 2nd.

For nearly two weeks, the **ephemeral capital of ballooning** is under construction... Gradually, tents, stakes, barriers are appearing everywhere on the airfield. This is an extraordinary and heavy logistics that it must be in place every two years. In [key figures](#): 1,500 barriers, 25 km of electric cables, 24,000 m2 of tents and sheds canvas, 150 trailers, 45 days of construction and deconstruction, 175 tons of garbages / selective sorting, and more than 250 hectares for the launch area (or 344 soccer fields).

With the fifty subcontractors, the permanent team of 8 employees and thirty volunteers join it. But the biggest of the people will arrive only the day before the opening. 300 additional people will watch over the event (rescuers, police, security, catering, etc.). The event is also 42 kms of cords to realize the entry passes to access [the four BallonVilles](#) (Pilote, Public, Partenaire and Organisation), 4,000 invitations to be enclosed before sending, 1000 "pilot" packs to assemble, 200 camp beds to prepare for volunteers sleep, and so many other things we do not even suspect.

**#LMAB15** is the biggest gathering of hot air balloons in the world, but it is also a "huge" organization in terms of logistics. All members of Pilâtre Rozier Organisation and volunteers will tell you, organizing and building [the ephemeral capital of ballooning](#) for the coming of 1100 pilots, 2000 crewmembers, 300,000 visitors, 175 companies, 40,000 guests, and 400 accredited journalists, this



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*Remember that the entrance and parking are offered by the Regional Council of Lorraine. Welcome to the **#LMAB15!***



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is not an easy task! And if someone believes that the last years make it easy, this is unfortunately not the case.

Yet everything should be ready for **the beginning of LMAB® 2015** for ten days of festivities on the Chambley Planet'Air airfield!



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