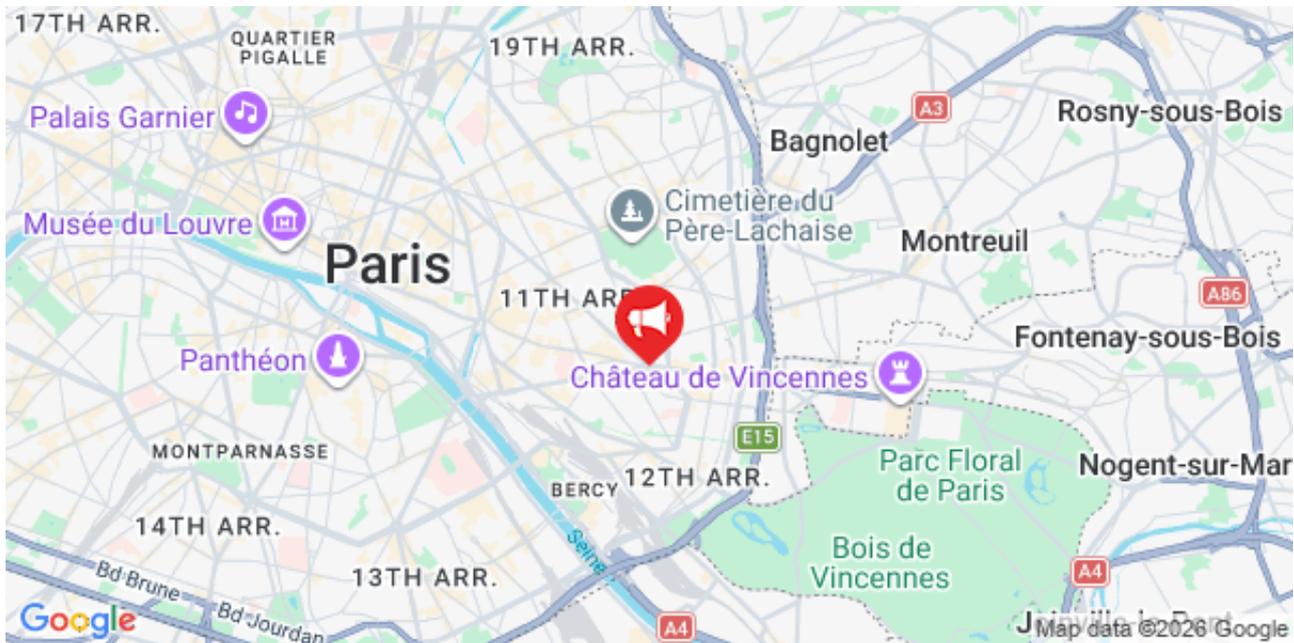




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France Tactical: Anti-fascist, anti-racism, pro-immigration protests to be held nationwide, including in Paris, on March 14; avoid nonessential travel

Current Situation

- On March 14, anti-fascist, anti-racism, and pro-immigration protests are to take place nationwide.
- The protests have been announced by Attac France, Marche des Solidarites, Réseau d'Entraide Verite et Justice, Coalition Internationale des Sans Papiers et Migrants (CISPM), and several local left-wing and pro-immigrant groups in their respective cities. The protests are being held against right-wing rhetoric and anti-immigration rhetoric.
- In Paris, a protest will be held at Place de la Nation at 14:00 (local time)
- In Lyon, a protest will be held at Place Bellecour at 14:30.
- In Marseille, the protest is scheduled to take place at Porte d'Aix at 14:00.
- In Nice, it will be held at the Thiers train station at 14:00.
- In Strasbourg, the protest will take place at Place Kleber at 14:00.
- Protests have also been announced in other cities. Details regarding the cities, timings, and locations of the protest can be found [here](#) (in French).



Source: [Attac France](#)

Assessments & Forecast

1. Based on past anti-fascist and pro-immigration protests by the organizers throughout 2025, the protest in Paris is likely to attract participants in the low to mid tens of thousands. Meanwhile, protests in other cities will likely see turnout in the mid-hundreds to low thousands.
2. Given that previous anti-racism demonstrations, including nationwide protests organized by the same groups in March 2025, saw instances of unrest, such as clashes between protesters and police in Paris, coupled with the likely involvement of radical far-left and antifa elements, the upcoming protest carries a heightened risk of unrest. This risk will likely increase further if the demonstration attracts counter-protests by right-wing organizations, as violence has previously occurred during anti-right-wing events, including in Paris in February 2025.
3. Although no right-wing groups have formally called for counter-protests at the time of writing, the possibility of short-notice or spontaneous mobilization is elevated. This is due to heightened tensions among right-wing groups following the death of Quentin Deranque, a right-wing activist who died after being attacked by far-left actors at a protest in Lyon on February 12.
4. Consequently, instances of unrest would likely manifest as clashes between protesters and police, and potentially between protesters and counter-protesters should they materialize. Additional incidents could include localized vandalism, the construction of barricades or road blockades, projectile throwing toward police, or breakaway groups attempting to march toward symbolic or politically sensitive locations to hold gatherings and for sloganeering.
5. As such, the authorities are likely to deploy a bolstered security presence, including riot police, in the vicinity of Place de la Nation and other protest locations to oversee proceedings. In the instance of unrest, the police are liable to employ crowd dispersal methods such as conducting arrests and deploying tear gas.
6. Severe disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic are expected nationwide in the vicinity of the protest locations. Additional disruptions, such as overcrowding or delays to public transport, such as buses, trains, metros, and trams, are also expected due to increased footfall of commuters heading to protests.

Recommendations

1. Those operating or residing in Paris on March 14 are advised to avoid nonessential travel near Place de la Nation due to the heightened risk of unrest during the slated anti-right-wing protest by left-wing and anti-racism groups.
2. Avoid nonessential travel near protests in other cities as well.
3. Allot for disruptions to pedestrian and vehicular traffic near the protest locations.