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20th European Skeptics Congress in Lyon (France) – May 31 to June 2, 2024

The 20th European Skeptics Congress will be organized in Lyon (France) by the local committee of the AFIS organization. From May 31 to June 2, around 200 representatives from across Europe will gather around round tables, conferences and debates during five sessions on various themes of economic, social, political and moral issues requiring scientific expertise.

Disinformation is not just in France. Anti-vaccine campaigns, promotion of pseudo-medicines, rumors and conspiracy theories, we find similar phenomena in all countries. During three days, the European skeptics will gather for the first time in France, at the invitation of the French Association for Scientific Information (AFIS).

The topics will involve critical thinking, analysis of the reasons for beliefs, etc. Representatives of skeptic organizations are expected from Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Romania, Belgium, Sweden and other countries.

5 sessions of presentations and debates will take place in English, with prestigious speakers. Details of the program and speakers are given on the congress website, [link to ESC2024 program](#).

This congress, organized every two years, is fostered by the European Council of Skeptical Organizations (ECSO, of which AFIS is a member).

A friendly evening is also organized on Saturday June 1 to encourage exchanges between participants.

Registrations for the 20th European Skeptics Congress are open on the ECSO website: <https://www.ecso.org/esc2024/> with reduced rates for registrations before the end of March.

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