The Hotel de Coulanges is a magnificent private mansion built in the 17th and 18th centuries in the Rue des Francs Bourgeois, in the heart of the lively and historic Marais district. It was the childhood home of the Marquise de Sévigné, the famous 17th century woman of letters. With more than 2000 m², this element of the Parisian built heritage offers exceptional potential in the heart of a district where history and modern dynamics meet.

Expected program: no specific expectations
Owner: Ville de Paris since 1972 with a view to restoration
Surface area of land register plot: 1 838 m²
Surface area of the mansion excluding the public garden: 1 040 m²
Estimated usable area: 2 170 m²
Land register references: AI 21
Hôtel de Coulanges. *paris 4*
35/37, rue des Francs Bourgeois

**History**
Built by Jean-Baptiste Scarron between 1627 and 1634 the mansion, which was acquired by Philippe de Coulanges, was for some years the childhood home of the future Madame de Sévigné. The mansion was enlarged during the second half of the 17th century. In 1707 the building giving onto the street was demolished and reconstructed in its present form with a new alignment.

**Architecture**
The building is in cut stone. The wings framing the main courtyard dating from 1660 are pierced with arcades crowned with mascarons. The first floor windows are fitted with Louis XIV metal window rails dating from the same campaign of works as the banisters of the main staircase in the right wing. The facades and roofs, the stair well and banisters, the ground in the main courtyard of the mansion were all classified as Historic Monuments by public order of 16 October 1961. The usable area is distributed over 5 floors and a basement. The whole building was renovated about 30 years ago and now requires maintenance work, particularly the shell and roofing.

**Current uses**
Having been restored in 1978, the mansion is now occupied by:
- La Maison de l’Europe, which has a one-year, automatically renewed lease. It occupies about 1,300 m² of the ground floor, mezzanine and 1st floor.
- The central offices of the Ville de Paris Directorate for Cultural Affairs occupies about 800 m² on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors. The site will be completely vacant when handed over.

The mansion's garden, which is situated on the same plot, was opened up to the public with the initial access to the garden being through the mansion. The garden, which has become known as the «Jardin des Rosiers – Joseph Migneret», has been progressively enlarged with the addition of the garden of the Hotel d’Albret, thus enabling an access route to be created via number 10 Rue des Rosiers. The details of how to maintain the access to the public garden from the Rue des Francs Bourgeois and thorough the Hotel de Coulanges need to be studied.

**Urban context**
This private mansion is situated in the Marais district whose architectural and historic identity have led to the implementation of a set of regulations designed to preserve its urban, landscape and architectural heritage. The architectural and urban characteristics of the sector with its high heritage value form part of a rich economic fabric with a powerful commercial dynamic.

**Urban regulations**
The property is situated in the Plan de Sauvegarde et de Mise en Valeur du Marais (plan to preserve and enhance the Marais) where prescriptions protect its status as an Historic Monument.
Listed Historic Monument (facades and roof, stairs and banisters, cour d’honneur)
Listed site zone.
Protected building.