

February 12–13, 2025: Grenoble Becomes the Global Capital of Mountain Troops

A World-First Event for Armed Forces and Mountain Experts

Paris, January 23rd - On February 12 and 13, 2025, Grenoble will host the first edition of the **International Mountain Troops Summit (SITM)**, a major strategic event bringing together more than 1,000 participants and 75 exhibitors from around the world. Organized by **Coges Events** in partnership with the **27th Mountain Infantry Brigade (27th BIM)**, the summit will take place at the **Alpexpo** exhibition center.

A Strategic Event Amid Shifting International and Climatic Dynamics

The SITM takes place in a context where the strategic and geopolitical significance of mountainous and cold-weather regions is becoming increasingly critical. Additionally, with climate change affecting mountain operations and rising international tensions in cross-border or Arctic territories, it has become essential for armed forces to rethink their strategies and equipment.

This international summit also addresses the need for military preparedness for high-intensity conflicts, as challenges related to mobility, logistics, and soldier protection in extreme conditions continue to grow.

A Hub for Collaboration Among Defense and Security Stakeholders in Mountain Operations

The SITM will bring together official delegations and senior decision-makers partnering with the 27th Mountain Infantry Brigade, representing over **15 nations**. Among the attendees will be representatives from NATO armed forces, Alpine countries (Austria, Italy, Switzerland), and Nordic nations (Norway, Finland, Denmark), who will share their experiences and best practices.

This event aims to strengthen international cooperation between allied and interservice forces in mountain and Arctic environments.

Equipment and Technology Tailored to Deployment and Geographic Challenges

With **around 100 industrial companies and equipment manufacturers** exhibiting, the SITM will spotlight the technological and material solutions essential for military operations in both hot mountainous regions and extreme cold environments. Among the cutting-edge innovations showcased will be miniaturized drones, all-terrain vehicles, survival gear, logistics equipment, and robust communication systems designed to withstand harsh conditions, whether hot or cold.

In addition, a series of conferences and workshops will delve into key topics to better prepare armed forces for operations in extreme cold environments and will enable industry players to better understand the needs of the forces:

- Adapting to **climate change** and its impacts on military operations.
- Solutions to overcome **mobility and logistical** constraints.
- Discussions on **inter-allied operations** and cross-border cooperation.

This groundbreaking global summit aims to foster dialogue across traditionally siloed domains. "Mountain environments can encompass both cold and hot conditions and are regarded by different nations as border zones, refuges, or strategic areas of power dynamics," explains General Catar, Commander of the 27th Mountain Infantry Brigade. Over the course of two days, military personnel—representing different branches, services, and nations—and equipment manufacturers will have the opportunity to "discuss innovation and share lessons learned," guided by a focus on the fundamental axes of combat: movement, positioning, and weapon utilization. "With these three pillars," adds General Catar, "we address all the challenges posed by mountainous and extreme cold environments, which are among the most demanding and require this kind of dialogue."

Don't miss this event that places mountains and extreme environments at the heart of international military strategies!

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Practical Information

- **Dates:** February 12–13, 2025
- **Location:** Alpexpo Exhibition Center, Grenoble
- **Hours:** 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
- For the full program, visit the official website: <https://sitm-summit.com/en/>

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About SITM

The International Mountain Troops Summit is organised by COGES Events, an organiser of international events in the defence and security sector, in partnership with the French Army's 27th Mountain Infantry Brigade (27e BIM). COGES EVENTS, subsidiary of **GICAT**, also organises Eurosatory, the global event for defence and security, and Expodefensa, the international defence and security exhibition for Latin America.

About 27e BIM

The French Army's emergency intervention brigade, the 27th mountain infantry brigade (27e BIM) is part of the 1st division. Its standout feature is that it can conduct all its missions in a hilly and/or mountainous setting, in extreme climate conditions.

The "mountain specificity" is defined as the set of moral, physical, technical and tactical abilities, whether individual or collective, that enable forces to live, move around and engage in combat in an environment featuring high altitude or rugged terrain, in conditions of extreme cold or heat.

The 27th Mountain Brigade has taken part in all of the French army's major operations over the past 30 years.

About GICAT

The French Land and Air-Land Defense and Security Industries Association (GICAT), established in 1978, comprises more than 480 members. These members, ranging from startups to large corporations,

cover a broad spectrum of activities including industrial production, research, services, and consulting, serving both military and civilian sectors at national and international levels.

GICAT represents the interests of its members, works to enhance their visibility on both national and international stages, and facilitates dialogue between end-users, institutions, and industry stakeholders. To achieve this, GICAT relies on international trade shows such as Eurosatory in France, Expodefensa in Colombia, and approximately ten "French Pavilions" at defense and/or security exhibitions abroad, organized by its subsidiary, COGES Events.

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