



Equip, Operate, and Prevail in Extreme Environments

A Summit Where Mountain Forces Converge

Paris, France — Against an international backdrop marked by the re-emergence of mountain and Arctic regions as arenas of strategic rivalry, the **International Mountain Troops Summit (SITM)**, dedicated to mountain and extreme cold weather operations, announces that its second edition will be held on **February 10–11, 2027, in Grenoble** (French Alps). Building on the success of its inaugural edition in 2025, SITM has established itself as a leading international platform for armed forces, security stakeholders, and defense companies operating in these environments.

Accelerating climate change, the opening of new Arctic sea routes, the gradual militarization of the high latitudes, and the need to control complex terrain are placing the ability to operate in extreme environments back at the center of nations' strategic priorities.

A Summit Focused on Today's Operational Challenges

Amid this geopolitical realignment, SITM meets a critical operational need: preparing, equipping, and coordinating forces capable of conducting sustained operations and prevailing in mountainous terrain, polar regions, and extreme cold, across increasingly demanding scenarios.

The 2027 edition will build on lessons learned from recent operations and evolving doctrine, with a focus on the following key themes:

- Mastering logistics (medical support, resupply, and repair) in extreme environments, a prerequisite for the autonomy and resilience of deployed forces
- Adapting equipment and warfighters to extreme temperatures and to the physical, energy, and human constraints of extreme cold
- Integrating advanced technologies — drones, artificial intelligence, sensors, and autonomous systems — to enhance mobility, surveillance, and information superiority
- Interoperability, lessons learned, and international cooperation, now essential in the face of cross-domain threats and rising tensions in the Arctic and in strategic mountain ranges

SITM 2027 thus serves as a tool for adaptation and anticipation, supporting the operational capabilities of today and tomorrow.

An International Hub of Influence for Mountain Forces

A true international crossroads, SITM brings together worldwide expertise from forces specializing in mountain and other extreme environments, with the 27th Mountain Infantry Brigade at its core.

Held in Grenoble in a deliberately focused two-day format, the event gathers experts, armed forces, and industry to foster direct, operationally oriented exchanges.

The two days are built around conferences, workshops, and an exhibition of equipment and services, offering a practical forum to discuss lessons learned, capability requirements identified in the field, and industry solutions tailored to extreme theaters of operation.

“Coges Events and the 27th Mountain Infantry Brigade are continuing their partnership to showcase the expertise of French and international mountain soldiers. This second edition of the International Mountain Troops Summit will connect the best manufacturers and developers of ‘mountain and extreme cold’ (MGF) equipment with military mountain stakeholders, all united by a shared ambition: to go ‘higher, farther, faster, colder.’ We look forward to seeing you in the heart of the Capital of the Alps!” — **General Faurichon de la Bardonnie, Commander of the 27th Mountain Infantry Brigade**

Why SITM 2027 Matters: A Major Strategic Imperative

In an international environment marked by rising tensions, great-power competition, the resurgence of highly demanding potential theaters of operation, and the need for enhanced operational readiness, taking part in SITM 2027 is of major strategic importance.

For armed forces, it is an opportunity to compare doctrines, capabilities, and lessons learned, and to discover the solutions offered by the international defense technological and industrial base.

For industry, it offers direct access to lessons learned, to users’ real-world needs, and to the decision-makers shaping future capabilities.

A summit rather than a trade show, held under the auspices of the general commanding the 27th Mountain Infantry Brigade, SITM 2027 is a forum for dialogue, reflection, and proposals, dedicated to those preparing to operate where conditions are most extreme and where tomorrow’s security balance is taking shape.

2025 Key Figures:

- 1,200 participants: military experts, security stakeholders, industry representatives, and institutions
- 22 official delegations from specialized forces
- 86 exhibitors: major defense companies, SMEs, manufacturers, and startups
- 28 countries represented: a committed international community

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About SITM

The International Mountain Troops Summit is organized by Coges Events, an organizer of international defense and security events, in partnership with the French Army's 27th Mountain Infantry Brigade (27e BIM). Coges Events, a subsidiary of **GICAT**, organizes Eurosatory, the global event for defense and security, and Expodefensa, the international defense and security exhibition for Latin America.

About the 27th Mountain Infantry Brigade

A rapid-response brigade of the French Army, the 27th Mountain Infantry Brigade (27e BIM) is part of the 1st Division. It is distinguished by its ability to carry out all of its missions in steep and/or mountainous terrain and in extreme weather conditions.

Its "mountain specialization" is defined as the full set of mental, physical, technical, and tactical skills, both individual and collective, required to live, move, and fight in high-altitude or rugged terrain, in extreme cold or extreme heat.

The brigade has taken part in every major French military operation over the past 30 years.

About GICAT

Founded in 1978, GICAT (French Land and Airland Defense and Security Manufacturers Association) has more than 480 members. Ranging from startups to major corporations, its members cover a broad spectrum of industrial, research, service, and consulting activities for military and civilian, national and international customers.

GICAT represents its members' interests, promotes their visibility in France and abroad, and fosters dialogue among users, government institutions, and industry players. To this end, it relies on the international exhibitions Eurosatory in France and Expodefensa in Colombia, as well as some ten France Pavilions at defense and/or security exhibitions abroad, all organized by its subsidiary Coges Events. For more information, visit <https://www.gicat.com>