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ORION 2026 EXERCISE

ORION 26 is a major French Armed Forces exercise currently being conducted in the Champagne region. It involves the deployment of land and air forces in a division-level operation in open ground, integrating the full chain of command, as well as support and logistics components.

This exercise represents a key milestone in France's preparation for high-intensity conflict. Its objective is to train forces to operate in complex, contested, and multi-domain environments. ORION 26 demonstrates France's strong commitment to defending its territory, population, and strategic interests by preparing for the most demanding operational scenarios.

[ORION PHASE 4 Press Kit](#)

Media representatives are invited to attend a **Media Day on 27 April 2026 in the Champagne region**.

1/ Programme - 27th April

- 09:00 – Arrival at Mailly-le-Camp and meeting with Lieutenant General Desmeulles, Commander of the 1 French Corps and Exercise Director for ORION current phase
- 10:00 – Franco-Spanish air manoeuvre sequence with briefing, embarkation, and interview following the flight
- 12:30 – Lunch with French combat rations (weather permitting; otherwise served in the dining facilities)
- 13:30 – Departure for Mourmelon
- 14:30 – Reception by the 35th Infantry Regiment for observation of the counter-attack manoeuvre (trench warfare). Possibility of interviews to follow at the end of the sequence.
- 16:30 – End of activity

2/ How to attend ?

Media representatives wishing to attend are required to obtain accreditation through the Media Relations Office no later than 24 APRIL 2026.

The following information must be provided:

- Number of participants
- Full name (first and last) and function of each participant
- Name, email and phone of the media organisation
- For each participant: A copy of valid identification, national ID card or passport, front and back
- For each participant: Press credentials

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