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**SOFINS 2023**

## **SOFINS – See our solutions up close: XTRAIM, NVG, Sophie 4th Generation, VisioLoc® will all be there!**

The Special Operations Forces Innovation Network Seminar ([SOFINS](#)) celebrates its 10th anniversary this year. We hope you'll join us from **March 28-30** at the Souge military base near Bordeaux for the sixth edition of this flagship event.

SOFINS is the only exhibition in Europe to offer visitors hands-on product demonstrations at an active military base. It's the ideal opportunity for members of Special Forces and Special Units to try out the latest high-tech solutions in an operational setting.

As the main supplier of optronics to France's Special Forces, we invite you to visit the Thales stand ([C47](#)) to find out about our latest solutions and experience the live demonstrations.

> [BONIE-HP, la JVN des Forces Spéciales - Thales - YouTube](#)

**During this event, dynamic demonstrations will be offered:**

### **TAKE AIM WITH XTRAIM**

> Discover the operational benefits of our all-new [XTRAIM](#) weapon sight and see how well its IR/optical fusion function reveals concealed targets.

> Two firing ranges will be open during the exhibition to test XTRAIM on NATO-standard 5.56 and 7.62 calibre assault rifles.

> Village 1 – TCHS 11/21



**FURTHER READING:** Find out more about the new all-in-one day/night weapon sight for Special Forces and dismounted infantry

[Read the article](#)



## GET YOUR BEARINGS WITH SOPHIE 4th GENERATION

> Discover the Sophie 4th Generation hand-held thermal imager and its [VisioLoc®](#) functionality for coordinate extraction in GNSS-denied environments.

> [Village 1 – TCHS 11/21](#)

## **FURTHER READING:** VisioLoc® for Sophie - Episode 4 *Who needs it and what's it for?*

VisioLoc® is designed for all types of operational profiles. Integrated with Sophie Ultima, it provides ground forces with the ability to extract precise geolocation coordinates – with TLE I / CE90 accuracy at 3km (CAT I) – wherever they are, even in areas with no satellite signal or in the presence of jammers.

A promotional graphic for VisioLoc®. The background is dark with a grid pattern. On the left, it says "THALES CREATED  **VisioLoc®** FOR **TACTICAL** AND **SPECIALIST LEADERS**". Below this, it says "VisioLoc®, a game-changer solution for GNSS denied environments & signal jamming situation". Further down, it says "SOPHIE Ultima or Optima +  **VisioLoc®**" and "A unique capability of geolocalisation & coordinates extraction". On the right, there are two images of thermal imagers. The top one is labeled "SOPHIE ULTIMA FOR SPECIAL FORCES". The bottom one is labeled "SOPHIE OPTIMA FOR DISMOUNTED SOLDIER". At the bottom left, there is a large "VisioLoc®" logo. In the center, there is a diagram showing three location pins connected by dotted lines, with a red crosshair and a green target symbol.

[Find out more on VisioLoc®](#)

## FOCUS ON THE SOPHIE ULTIMA

> Come and experience a whole new level of connectivity with the [Sophie Ultima](#) and its data transmission capabilities via BMS ATAK and the [Javelin / IMBITR](#) radio.

> Village 1 – TCHS 11/21



## FURTHER READING: US Army new

Thales recently booked its fifth order on the US Army's Leader Radio Program to deliver an additional 4,000 handheld Improved Multiband Inter/Intra Team Radios (IMBITR).

Find out more on Javelin /IMBITR radios



## SEE OUR NVGs AND XTRAIM WEAPON SIGHT IN ACTION - IN TOTAL DARKNESS

> One of the highlights at SOFINS will be the chance to try out our [Nellie](#), [Bonie HP](#), [Minie](#) and [Minie-D/IR](#) night vision goggles and our [XTRAIM](#) weapon sight in total darkness (level 5 night) on a special thermal target decamouflage course.

> Village 3 – Stand B8

## **DID YOU KNOW? Why choose Thales for your night vision goggles - Episode 2**

Designed for dismounted soldiers and vehicle drivers, the Tactical+ family of binocular night vision goggles combines an expanded field of view (47°) with best-in-class range performance. It includes the Nellie NightRise goggles, which redefine the standard for ultra-light binocular I<sup>2</sup> goggles and offer dismounted combatants a clear operational advantage on long night missions.

[Watch the video](#)

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## THALES NEWS

### **The French Army renews its confidence in Thales**

After winning the O-NYX contract, Thales has now been selected for the Bi-NYX night vision goggles contract: the French Army has chosen Nellie for the programme to renew its fleet of night vision binoculars!



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