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**From May 12 to June 15, 2025, the French Navy conducts a major high-intensity operational readiness exercise: POLARIS 25**

- This joint, combined, multi-domain exercise will involve over 3,000 French and foreign military personnel, more than 20 surface ships and over 40 aircraft in the Atlantic and the Channel.
- This major activity will bring together complementary resources from the French Army, Navy and Air Force, plus naval resources from allied and partner navies.
- POLARIS 25 is a large-scale, structuring and federating exercise for the French Navy, based on a combat approach from naval bases to the high seas, under real-life conditions.

From hybrid threats to amphibious action in a contested environment, not forgetting combat support, the POLARIS 25 operational readiness exercise offers a rare density of training for all military personnel, units and staff involved. The realistic scenario enables preparation for the specificities of modern combat, combining land, sea, air, cyber, seabed, cyberspace, space, electronic warfare and the information field, while stimulating the inventiveness and combativeness of military personnel.

POLARIS 25 also aims at strengthening interoperability with participating allies and partners: Brazil, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, United Kingdom and United States, including a NATO task group.

This edition of POLARIS will also stand out for its duration and complexity. This ambitious training program is designed to increase the resilience of our crews, by hardening their preparation for today's challenges.

The POLARIS concept, launched in 2021, reflects the French Armed Forces Chief of Staff's strategic vision of "winning the war before the war, and being ready to engage in high-intensity combat". It is also in line with the French Chief of the Naval Staff's "Marins de combats" strategic plan, which aims at hardening the French Navy, strengthening its immediate combat capability and enables it to maintain its superiority in the air-sea space.

More information is available on these two links : [military means](#) and [program](#).

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