

The Army "In Touch"

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Presented during the Grand Report of the Army (GRAT) in October 2015, to which the General Officers in 2nd section were invited by the Chief of Army Staff, the new model of the armée de terre intends to respond to the operational requirements that have arisen from a constantly changing strategic context and a domestic situation that has deteriorated in connection with it, through terrorist actions on a new scale on national territory. Without going any further in the analysis of this context, which is now well known, this newsletter intends to present in a synthetic way this new model called "In Touch".

Army General Jean-Pierre Bosser, arriving from the DPSD to assume command of the army, had a good feeling that the national territory would soon be the preoccupation of the armies and mainly of the army, since he had initiated his project before the dramatic events of 2015 in metropolitan France.

The armies have undergone many structural reorganizations since the 1960s. After the one linked to the return from Algeria to adapt to the Centre-Europe theatre, the most innovative was the reorganisation following the transition to a professional army (professionalisation) between 1996 and 2002.

Without calling into question the basis of this last reform, the "Au contact" model - after the structural upheavals imposed by the Regeneral vision of public policies (RGPP) applied to Defence from 2009 - is the result of a return to certain fundamentals: restoration of "commands", some of which are specialised, reappearance of large organic units at divisional level encompassing the joint brigades and organic divisional elements, among others.

With an innovation geared towards operational aspects, which sees the attachment of the schools of arms to the Land Forces Command (LFC) for better synergy in the field of training and education.

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