



Serpentex: “Made in France”

On 29 September 2017, the tenth iteration of the annual French-led Close Air Support (CAS) exercise *Serpentex* concluded at Ventiseri-Solenzara air base on the island of Corsica. *Serpentex* 2017 served as an

extension to the allied Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) training for approximately 1,000 soldiers following the conclusion of Czech-led exercise *Ample Strike*, which was held in August at Namest in the Czech Republic.

Joint forces

The exercise prepares JTACs for operational deployments in theatres where the air threats are low, like Afghanistan and Mali. The goal of *Serpentex* is to train both aircrews and JTACs in



Mirage 2000D departs for a mission