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Founded in 2025 by Florian Fournier—one of PayFit's co-founders—alongside Arnaud Delaunay and Fabio Gennari, Orasio specializes in artificial intelligence applied to video. The startup has just closed a €16 million seed round to help build a European leader in the sector.

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Nearly ten years after co-founding PayFit, Florian Fournier is launching a new project in a completely different field. A graduate of École Polytechnique, he has teamed up with Arnaud Delaunay (Orasio's Chief Technical Officer) and Fabio Gennari (Chief Operating Officer) to tackle the real-time and post-event detection of situations within video feeds for internal security forces, local authorities, businesses, and the defence sector. Their technologies—based on advanced AI models—integrate with existing systems while strictly complying with European regulations.

At a time when video usage is multiplying and geopolitical tensions are rising, Orasio aims to compete with the American, Chinese, and Israeli players that dominate the market and do not always meet the regulatory, ethical, and democratic requirements upheld by the European Union. To achieve this, the startup has finalized an initial €16 million funding round led by Frst (France), Global Founders Capital (Germany), and Expeditions Fund (Poland).

"We are convinced that AI applied to video will see mass adoption over the coming years, and that Europe currently has no player capable of competing at scale with global leaders—creating a major sovereignty issue in a highly strategic area," says Florian Fournier, co-founder and CEO of Orasio.

Building a credible, sovereign European competitor

This investor consortium shares the view that a sovereign European offering must emerge in the strategic field of video intelligence. From day one, Orasio has embedded GDPR and the AI Act requirements directly into the architecture of its products, which can be deployed on cameras (on edge), on the customer's servers (on-premises), or on remote servers (cloud). Its modular architecture, independent of any single vendor, gives users full control over their data.

"In 2025, our priority is clear: to lay the foundations for a leading European video-intelligence player. That means deploying our first solutions to civilian and military customers, accelerating our technological development, and building a world-class team. AI applied to video is transforming the security and defence domains, and Orasio intends to contribute with sovereign, high-performance, ethical tools fully aligned with European values," concludes Florian Fournier.

This first round will enable Orasio to begin scaling across Europe and build a team of top-tier talent in artificial intelligence and software engineering. Deployment of its solutions is expected to begin this summer with public and private partners across Europe.