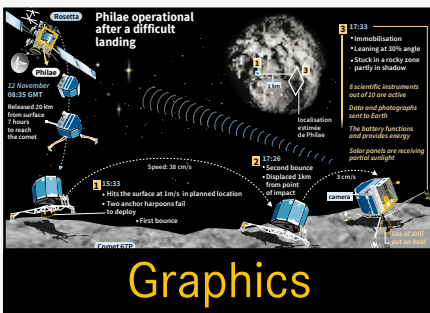


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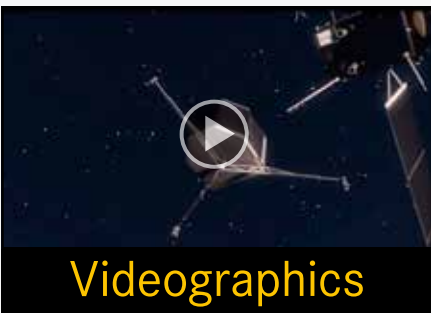
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## Images show Philae's historic comet bounce



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The discovery came thanks to painstaking follow-up analysis of a series of pictures ESA had released on Friday, the agency said.

The photos appeared to show only a trail of dust kicked up by Philae when it touched down and rebounded after a pair of harpoons, designed to anchor it to the comet's surface, failed to work.

But closer scrutiny of the images has shown a bright dot that is Philae, as well as a dark dot made by its shadow as it zooms upwards in the rebound.

"It appears as a couple of brighter pixels closely accompanied by its shadow in the form of a couple of darker ones just below, both to the right of the diffuse dust cloud shadow," ESA's Rosetta mission said in a blog post.

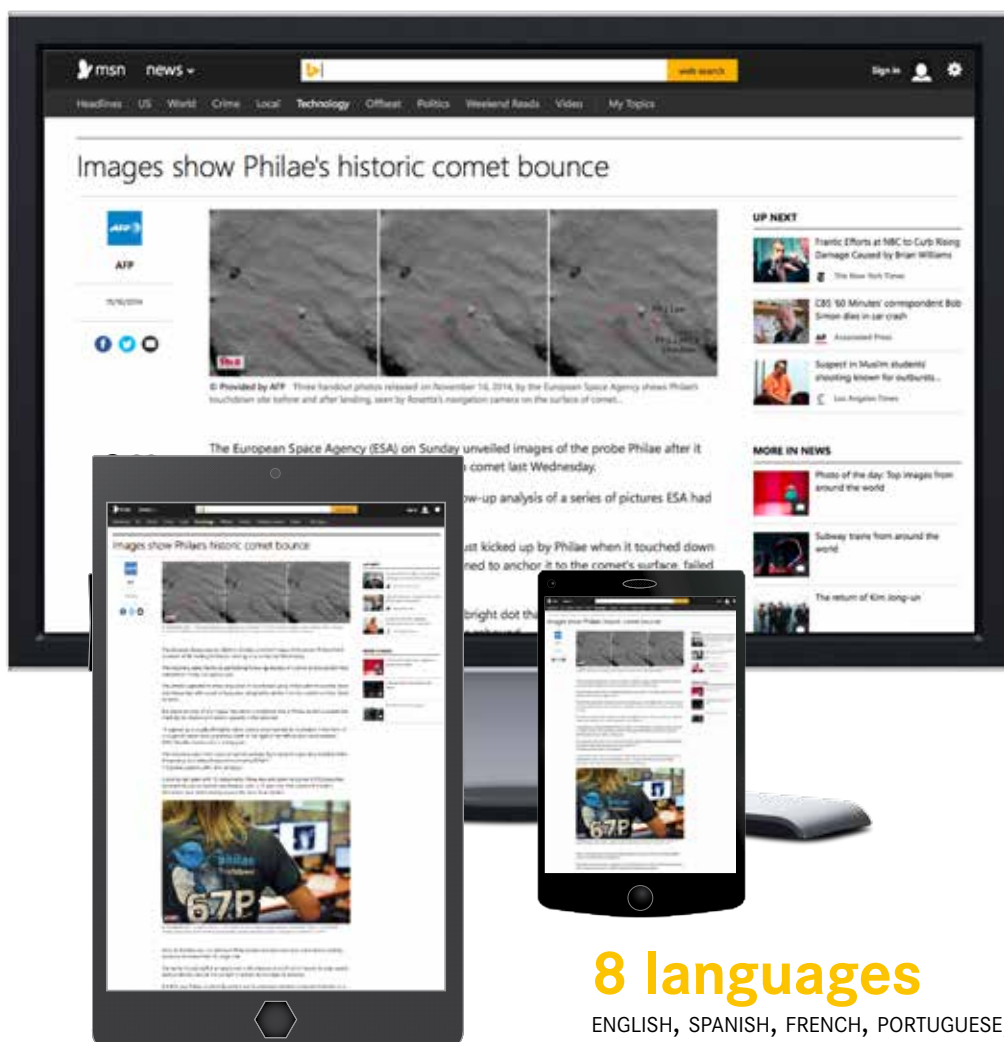
The discovery came from hours of patient work by flight dynamics specialist Gabriele Bellei, the posting said ([http://blogs.esa.int/rosetta/2014/11/16/philae\\_spotted\\_after\\_first\\_landing/](http://blogs.esa.int/rosetta/2014/11/16/philae_spotted_after_first_landing/)).



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