Countering Hybrid Threats: the EU approach

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Situational Awareness - Do we really know what's going on?

Traditional borders and boundaries are no longer traditional

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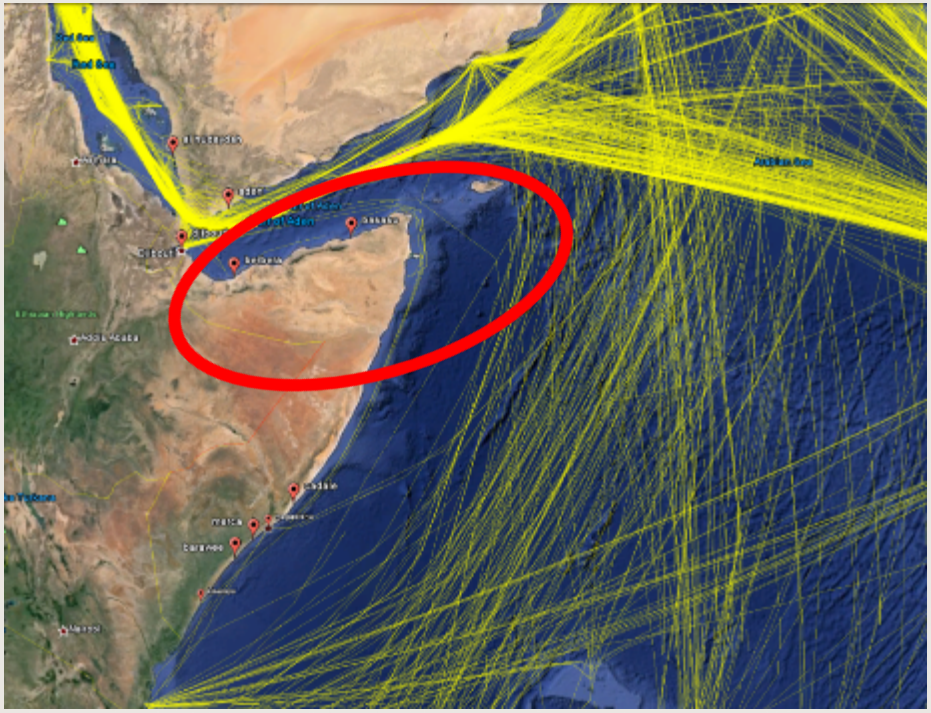
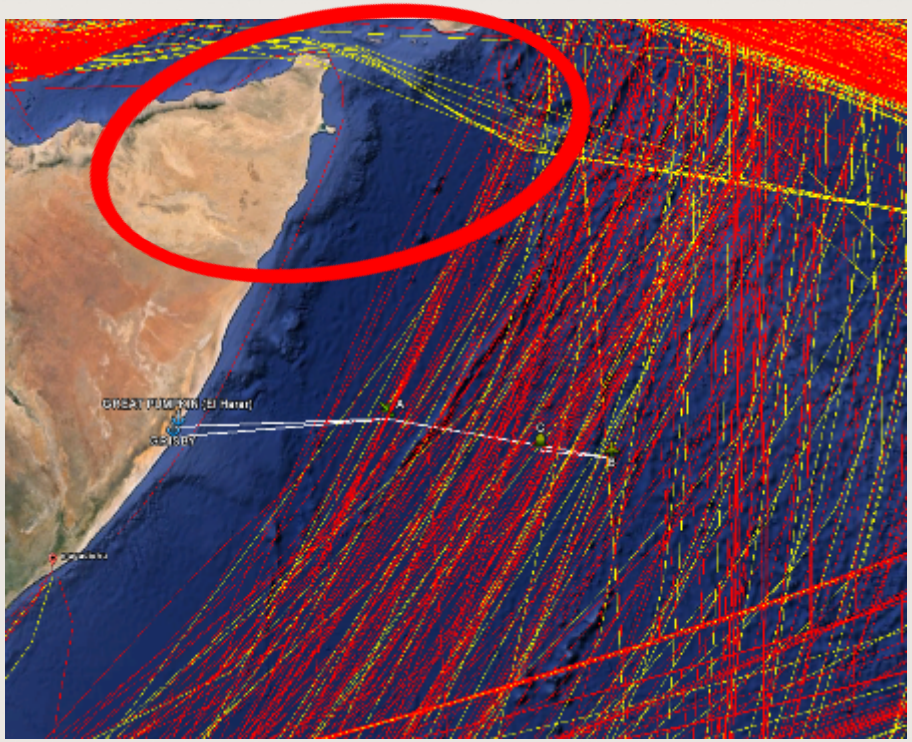
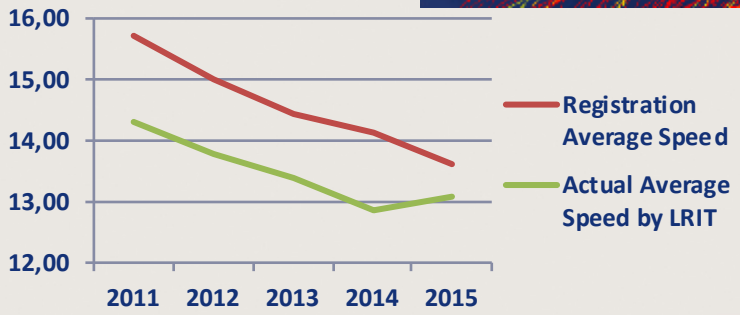
Do we understand what we are seeing?







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Threats are hybrid when they form complex Strategies…

Hybrid Warfare Activities Are Persistent, Their Level of Escalation Varies, and They Are Ongoing

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Russia Is Already in the Game

Our old adversary is already mastering this new type of warfare. The Russian toolkit c
wide variety of instruments that can be applied against a target. The recent uses of th
instruments indicate the extent of the challenge the West now faces.

Russians already see themselves being in conflict with us, which is why they have de
various instruments from their toolkit against the West. All these serve Moscow's polit

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As we have witnessed, Russia conducts information warfare activit
industrial manner. Ethnic Russians n
outside 'Mother Russia' are taken a
of in justifying diplomatic bullying, and military forces are used to intimidate and threa
neighboring countries and NATO members farther away. Furthermore, Russia exploits
issues—both as a tool for blackmail and to build new dependencies for later use.

Despite Russia's WTO membership, trade is applied as a weapon for example by limi
from the Westand by threatening to deny exports critical to trade partner's industries.
economic links are taken advantage of, such as using sovereign debt as pressurizing
Financial means are used not only to lobby, but given out as loans to buy political influ
financing NGOs and popular movements that can help reaching Kremlin's goals. More
Russian individuals and companies are buying stakes in Western critical infrastructure
resources, investing in land plots located next to critical military installations.

Russia has also engaged in lawfare, utilizing legal agreements and frameworks, to ser
Kremlin is also a major cyberpower, as the Pentagon recently noted. Members of Gen
parliament, and hundreds of private sector companies have been subjected to sophis
attacks. Most worrisome, nuclear threats have been brought back to the table to test
and determination.

This all leads to an unsettling conclusion that Russia has already mobilized and deployed its
hybrid instruments against the West.

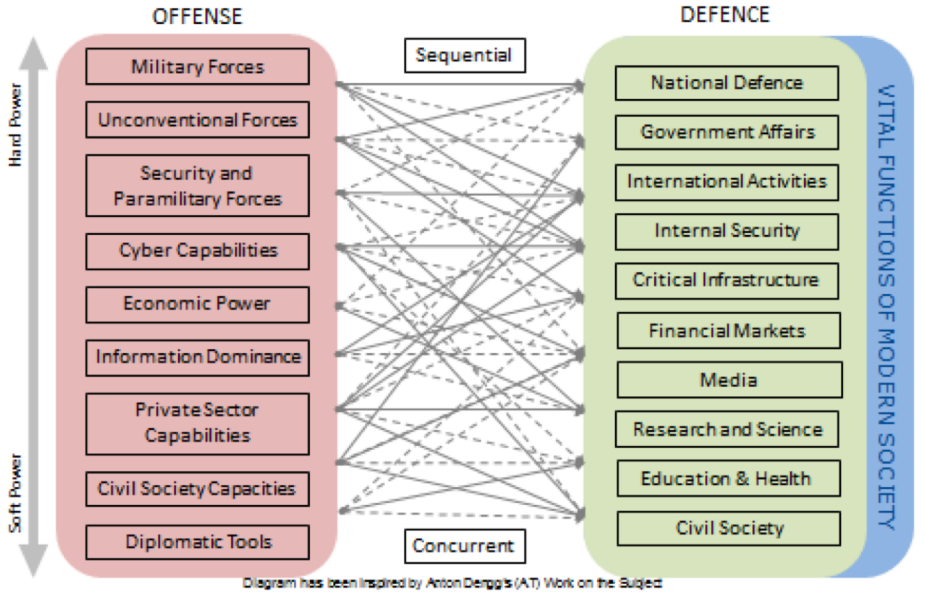
Figure 1

Spectrum of Nation-State Warfare Operations

Jason. Understanding and Countering Nation-State
of Protracted Unconventional Warfare

Long or short term

There Are Wide-Array of Tools and Means Available for Conducting Hybrid Warfare



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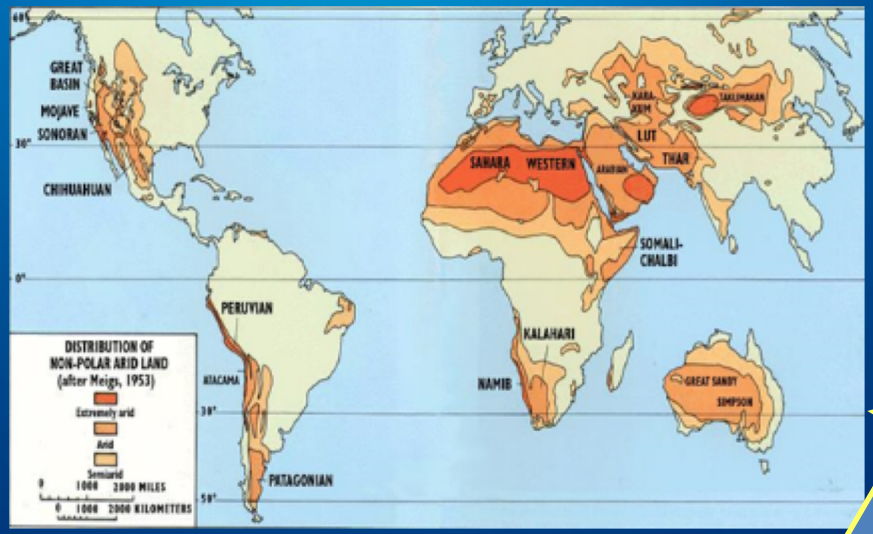
What do we already know about ungovernable spaces?



Challenges … Climate affects :

Humanitarian crises / Disease /Ungovernable spaces
Urbanisation / Migration

Direct link between ungovernable spaces and security risks. This now parallels with data, and cyberspace.

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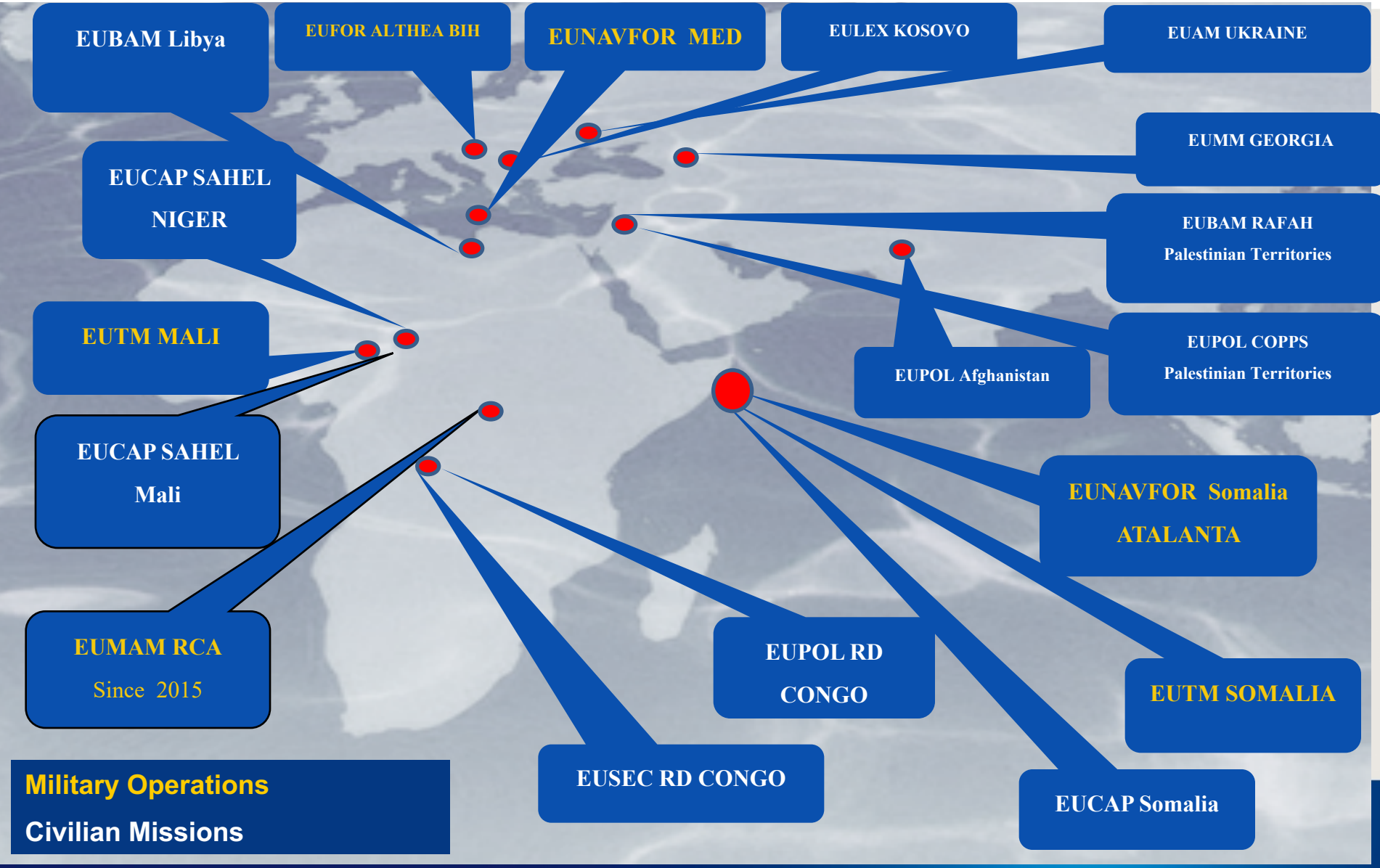
European Missions/Operations spaces



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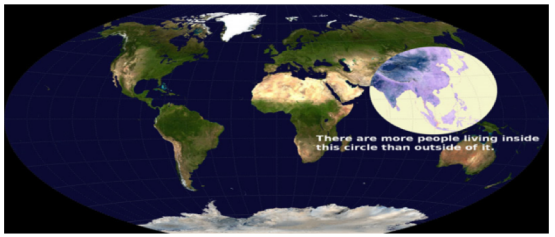

Issues that lead to stress in society or between states:

Water
-Too much
-Too little

Resources
-Energy needs
-Mineral wealth

Rule of Law
-Key to secure environment

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Urbanisation of populations

Future Character of Conflict how do we configure?

Cost:

Risk:

Key Challenge in Hybrid scenarios: Can a modern army deliver long term effect in the Urban environment?

Can you operate without boots on the ground ?

If not what force in a modern contested space?

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Addressing the Hybrid Situation

EU - Competencies

Improving Situational Awareness and Early Warning – Fusion Cell

Cyber – Cyber Pledge, Diplomatic Tool box

Crisis Response – Operational Protocol

Building Resilience - Comprehensive Response

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EU Approach

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JOINT COMMUNICATION TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL

Joint Framework on countering hybrid threats

a European Union response

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Countering hybrid threats though Comprehensive Reaction

Comprehensive action through consensus

Sanctions Policy

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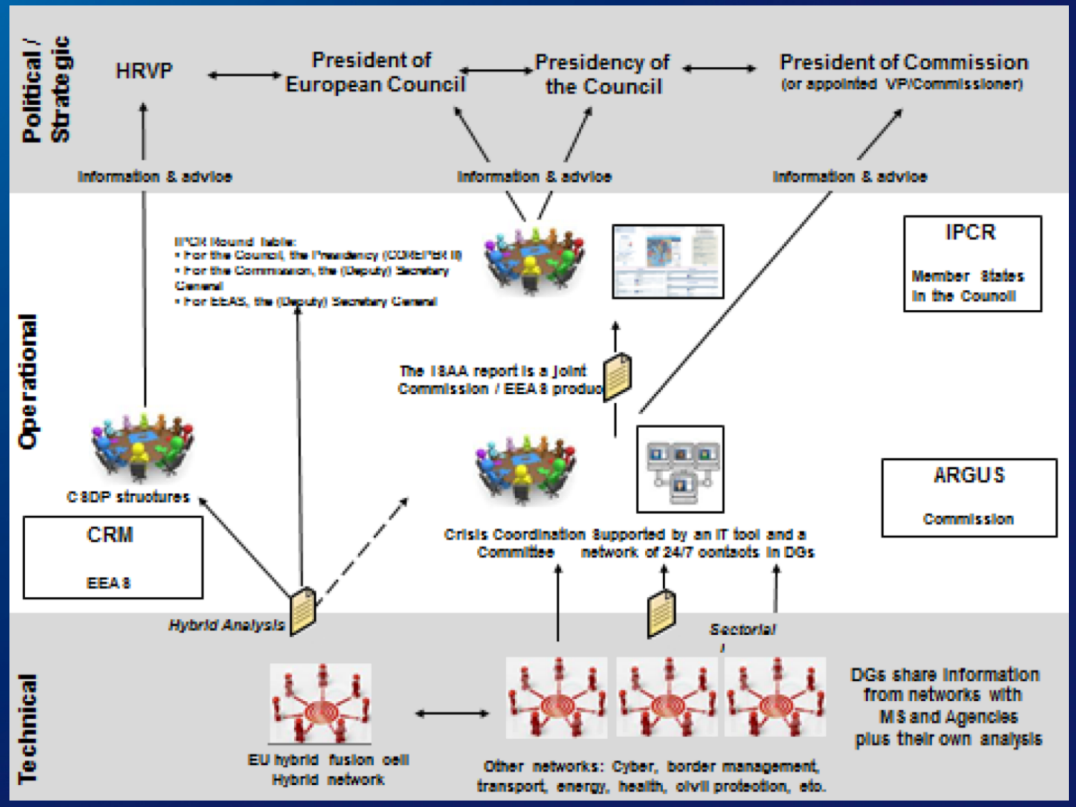
Key to Crisis Response
Building the link between Internal and External Security

Integrated Response/Whole of Government Approach: required to counter diverse challenges

Potential threats :

- Cyber attack
- Psychological Operations
- Terrorism/Sabotage
- Economic Pressure
- Energy exploitation
- Strengthening Secessionists
- Use of Criminal Gangs
- Military Pressure



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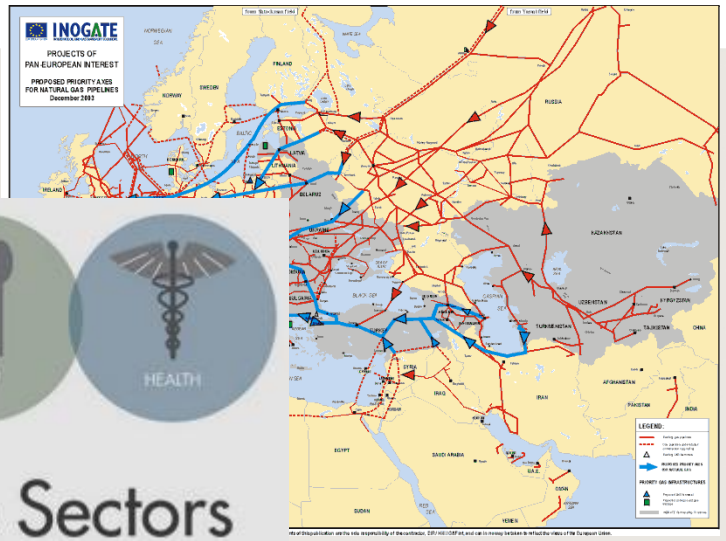
EU Approach - Building resilience



Building Resilience

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Commission Work Programme reflects a comprehensive approach

Marco Polo programme 2007-2013

CEF – Euro 24.05 BN

Marco Polo: Euro 450M

CEF programme

Linking Europe

TEN-T programme 2007-2013

Supporting Innovation

H2020 programme

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The European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats

Framework of Activities

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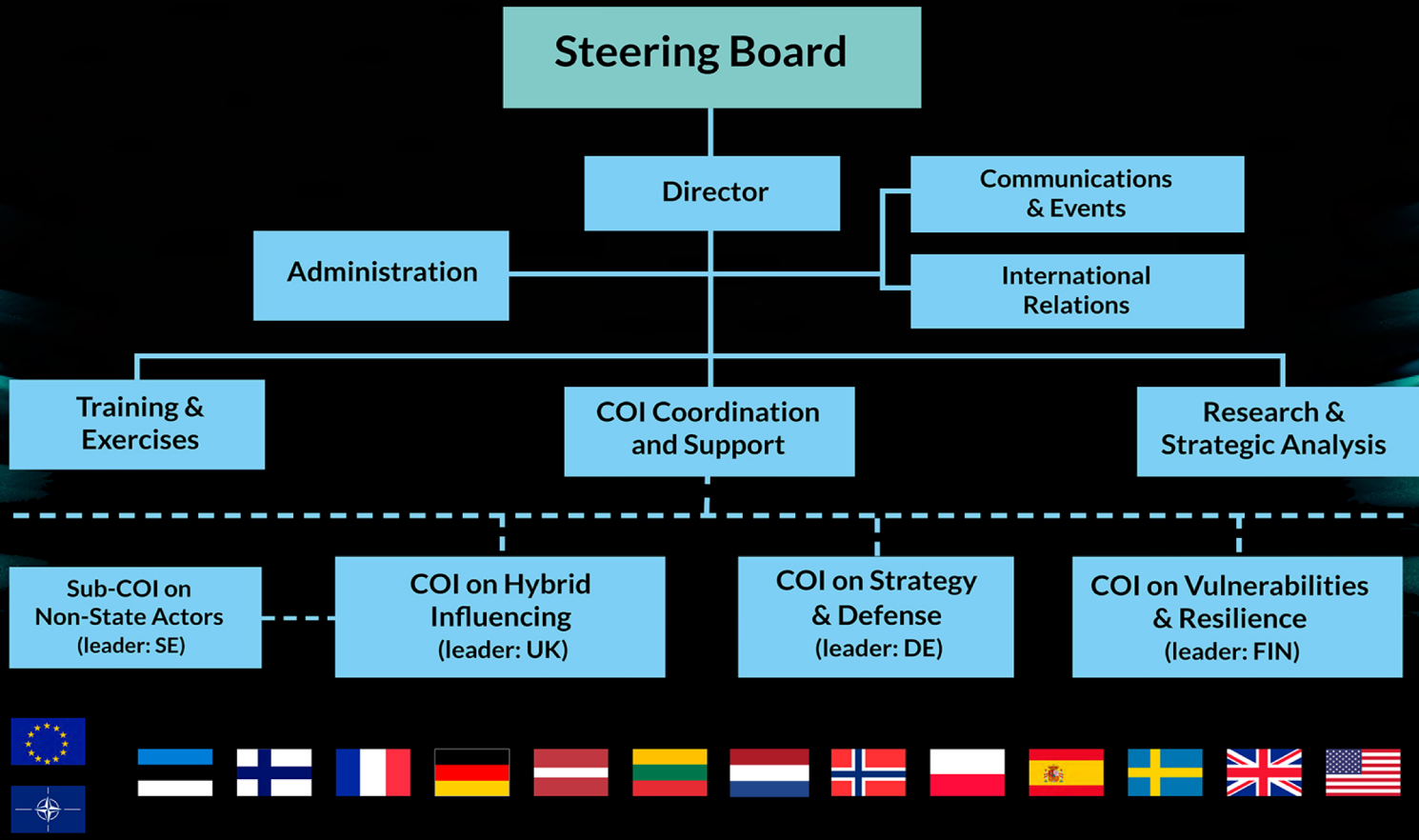

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Decision despite ambiguity

Consensus – a strength worth pursuing