

Conflict Early Warning System (EWS)

EEAS

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A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH

A Shared EU Assessment....



...EU-wide Preventive Action

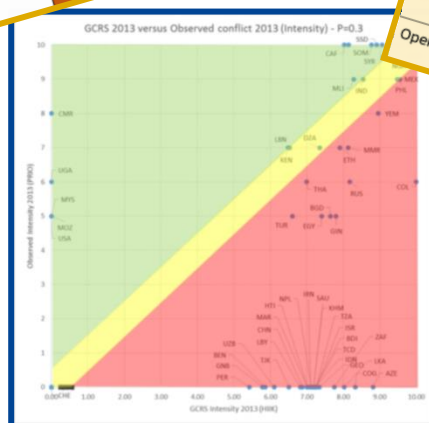
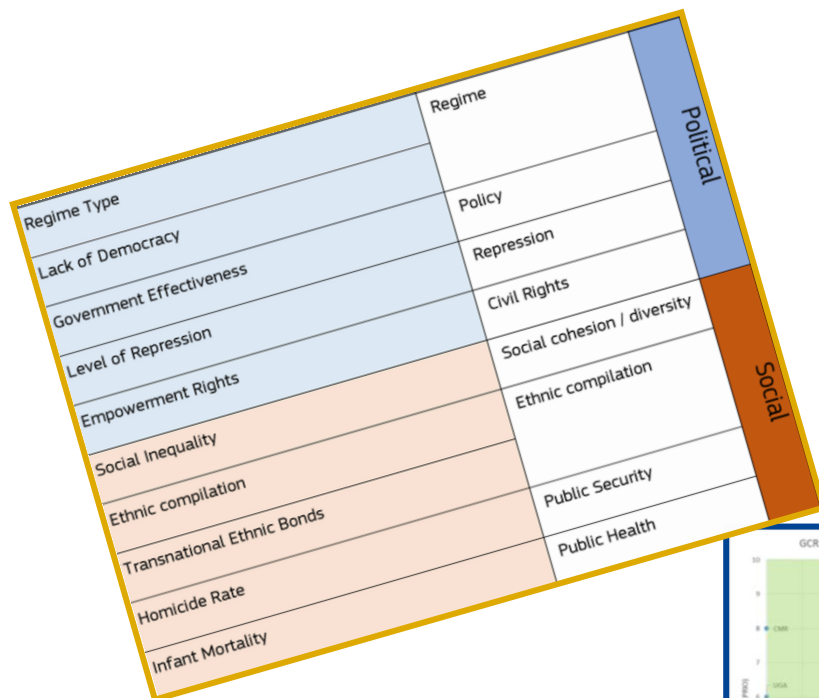


THE EARLY WARNING TO EARLY ACTION CYCLE



Global Conflict Risk Index

(based on open source data)



CHECKLIST FOR STRUCTURAL RISKS OF CONFLICT

What is the Checklist?

Risk assessment carried out by EU staff in-country, including EEAS, Commission, CSDP Missions, EUSRs, **EU Member States in-country**

Questionnaire covering **10 risk areas** associated with structural, long-term risks of violent conflict within a country

Opportunity for **EU staff in the field** to assess & communicate risks and develop options for preventive action

Risk Area 1: Legitimacy

INDICATOR 1.1 Political/administrative power is exclusive

Examples:

- Representation in formal governance structures does not reflect the country's population (e.g. ethnicity, religion, gender, age, linguistic groups)
- Patronage and/or nepotism exclude broad sections of society from participating in political life

Strongly Agree	Agree	No Clear View	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
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This trend for this indicator is:

WORSENING

STABLE

IMPROVING

Briefly list any significant upcoming developments or events related to this indicator.

INDICATOR 1.2 State authority is rejected

Examples:

- There are strong secessionist or revolutionary movements present in the country (including groups linked to neighbouring states)

ONGOING EU ACTIONS & OPTIONS GOING FORWARD

In line with your assessment of each risk area, please note where you see the potential for additional actions or adjustments to current engagement to address these structural risks or to capitalise on positive trends AND where there are ongoing efforts.

Risk Area 1: Legitimacy

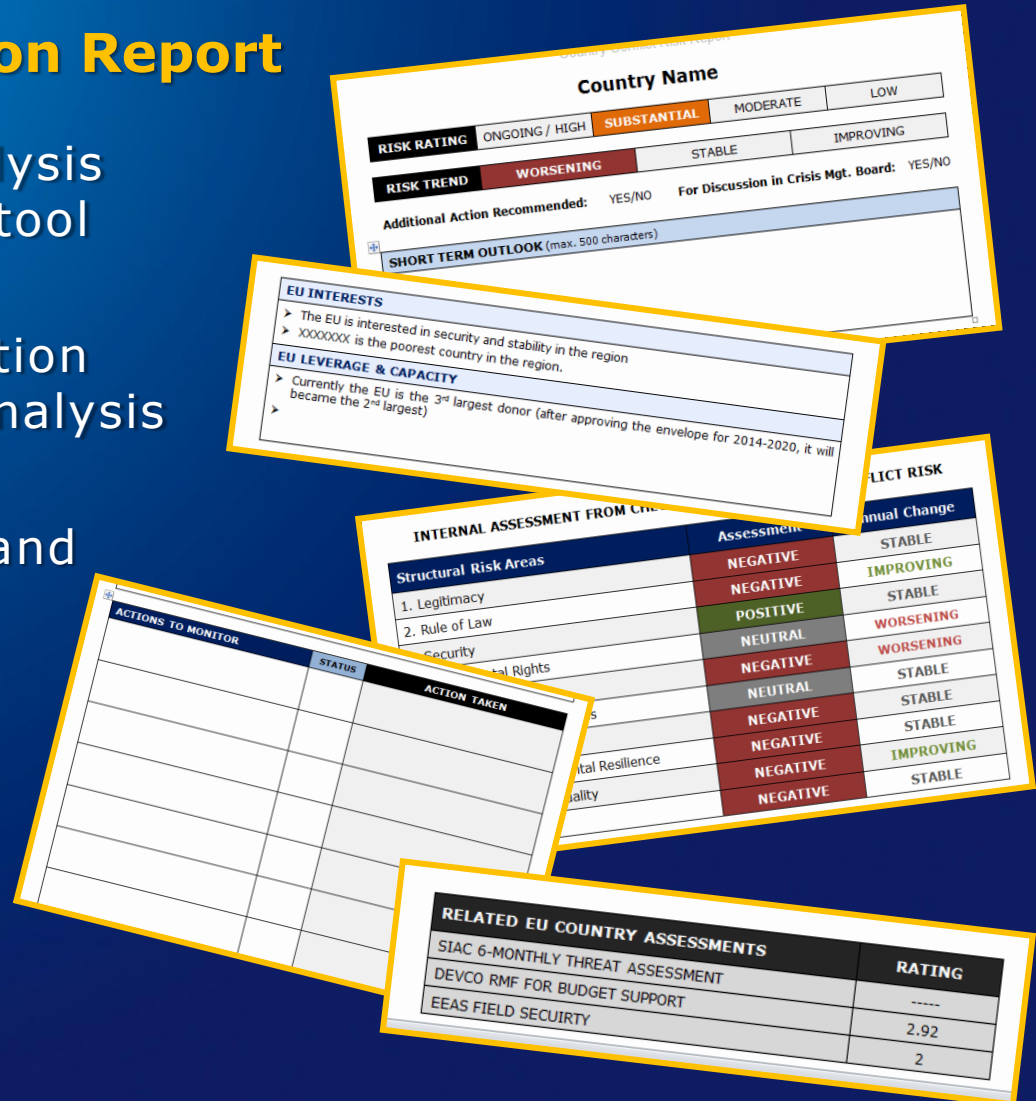
PROPOSED 'options for EU action' to address identified risks or opportunities for this risk area.

ONGOING prevention, peacebuilding or security-related efforts for this risk area.

MONITORING EU PREVENTIVE RESPONSES

Country Conflict Prevention Report

- Summary assessment, analysis and monitoring in a single tool
- Concretely links EU prevention responses to the country analysis
- Stimulates more coherent and comprehensive thinking on potential EU responses
- An 'at a glance' report for policy and programme decision-makers



Country Name

RISK RATING ONGOING / HIGH **SUBSTANTIAL** MODERATE LOW

RISK TREND **WORSENING** STABLE IMPROVING

Additional Action Recommended: YES/NO For Discussion in Crisis Mgt. Board: YES/NO

SHORT TERM OUTLOOK (max. 500 characters)

EU INTERESTS

- > The EU is interested in security and stability in the region
- > XXXXXXX is the poorest country in the region.

EU LEVERAGE & CAPACITY

- > Currently the EU is the 3rd largest donor (after approving the envelope for 2014-2020, it will become the 2nd largest)

INTERNAL ASSESSMENT FROM COUNTRY ANALYSIS

Structural Risk Areas	Assessment	Annual Change
1. Legitimacy	NEGATIVE	STABLE
2. Rule of Law	NEGATIVE	IMPROVING
Security	POSITIVE	STABLE
Human Rights	NEUTRAL	WORSENING
Gender Equality	NEGATIVE	WORSENING
Environmental Resilience	NEUTRAL	STABLE
Health Resilience	NEGATIVE	STABLE
Disaster Resilience	NEGATIVE	STABLE
Climate Resilience	NEGATIVE	IMPROVING
Overall Resilience	NEGATIVE	STABLE

ACTIONS TO MONITOR

ACTIONS TO MONITOR	STATUS	ACTION TAKEN

RELATED EU COUNTRY ASSESSMENTS

ASSESSMENT	RATING
SIAC 6-MONTHLY THREAT ASSESSMENT	----
DEVCO RMF FOR BUDGET SUPPORT	2.92
EEAS FIELD SECURITY	2

More and more often, Joint Programming is being taken up in many fragile states, so...



These products / tools **identify risk areas and sectors** in countries which could contribute to:

- discussions on joint **programming sectors**
- **factors to consider** in implementing programmes in fragile or conflict-affected countries

EXAMPLES OF EARLY PREVENTIVE RESPONSES

EVALUATIONS

TRAINING

STATEMENTS /
DEMARCHES

MEDIATION

TECHNICAL
PROGRAMMES

SUPPORT FOR
PEACE PROCESSES
/ DIALOGUES



EU TOOLBOX

REVIEW TECHNICAL
ENGAGEMENT

CSDP MISSIONS

ENHANCING
PEACEBUILDING
CAPACITY

This could
include BOTH
ongoing and
new
prevention
initiatives

EWS TOOLS FOR JOINT PROGRAMMING II

The EWS aims to
**address the
warning-
response gap**

The emphasis is
on more
**effective
preventive
responses.**



Joint Programming can be an **important element** of the response:

- following up on EWS prevention proposals from the field
- taking forward development-related 'options' for action in the Conflict Prevention reports

EWS and Joint Programming countries to 'pilot' this synergy?

EU APPROACH TO CONFLICT EARLY WARNING

Puts early, upstream
conflict prevention on
**the EU political
agenda**

Facilitates **risk
management** for EU
engagement in
conflict-affected
countries

Provides an
evidence-base for
EU-wide external
action in 'at risk'
countries

Contributes to
**strategic planning
& programming**
across the EU

Stimulates **creative
thinking** on potential
EU preventive actions

Strengthens
overall **EU
coherence** on
conflict prevention
actions

Promotes relations
between staff
working in and on the
same 'at risk'
countries

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