



Threat Assessment

State-sponsored Actors 2

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State actors are increasingly threatening national security interests in various ways. The second Threat Assessment State-sponsored Actors describes how this is the case.



Key messages

The territorial security of the EU, NATO and the Netherlands is under further pressure.

The social and political stability of the Netherlands is still being impacted by state sponsored interference.

The Netherlands is increasingly facing open and covert threats against its economic security.

The international rule of law is increasingly coming under pressure.



What threatens our economic security?

Critical processes continue to be vulnerable to:

- Preparatory acts for sabotage
- The consequences of sabotage elsewhere in Europe
- Investments by foreign actors

Increase in the abuse of risky strategic dependencies regarding:

- Energy
- Critical raw materials
- Technical standards

The theft and leaking of knowledge and technology. The Netherlands are an attractive target because of its:

- Dynamic and competitive knowledge economy
- High end knowledge as a frontrunner in certain sectors



How state actors threaten economic security

- Cyber attacks
- Investments
- Insider threats (employees, students)
- (Illegal) export of technology
- Procurement and tendering processes
- Legislation and regulations

This threat assessment by AIVD, MIVD and NCTV aims to increase awareness of the nature and scope of the threat from state actors. The interwoven threats, combined with current geopolitical developments, mean that an integrated approach to increasing resilience is more important than ever.

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