

Situational monitoring: quick PESTLE analysis

Purpose & Output This exercise helps us consider the ways in which we already carry out a situational analysis, and briefly consider some of the dominant trends and developments in the last 12 months which may impact our security.

Input & Materials Writing materials

Format & Steps Alone or in a group, consider and take notes of your answers to the following questions:

1. How do you currently carry out situational monitoring and analysis? What spaces do you have for discussing ongoing developments in society?
2. What are your sources of information for this?
 - Make a list of these, and for each one, take notes on their strengths and weaknesses in terms of the quality of information they offer. Are they objective or biased?
3. Consider what has happened locally, regionally and internationally in the last 12 months and make a list of 5 to 10 developments you consider important. You may not need to categorise them, but be sure to consider:
 - political developments
 - economic developments
 - social developments
 - technological developments
 - legal developments
 - environmental developments.

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Note: If you can't think of new developments in the last 12 months, consider generally salient characteristics.

4. Could any of these developments impact your security, directly or indirectly? If so, how? Did you suffer any attacks or accidents in the last year? How did they relate to these developments?
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