



# PROGRESSPROGRAM



## Strategic Monitor

### Monthly Alerts

Identify **key emerging challenges** in the future security environment of the Netherlands along this year's four themes:

1. **Vital European and Dutch security interests;**
2. **New security threats and opportunities;**
3. **The changing international order;**
4. **Political violence.**

Alerts run on a four-month cycle alternating between the four themes.

### Strategic Alerts

Provide three brief strategic alerts analyzing **'clear and present' developments related to specific global trends, rapid, triggering incidents, or major (supra)national events.**

By going beyond mere trend descriptions, these strategic alerts have a **clear 'so what'-focus** as they also offer reflections on the **potential policy implications.**

### Trend Reports

Produce two trend reports providing an in-depth look at **game-changing trends** ongoing worldwide.

This year's topics are:

1. **Political violence, violence data and the fog of war**
2. **Populist sovereignty and their implications on today's and tomorrow's environment of The Netherlands and Europe**

### Scenario Studies

Generate two case studies focusing on the this year's two topics:

1. **World trade & globalization**
2. **The future of Syria**

The outcomes will provide readers with a **greater and enhanced situational understanding** of the dynamics and uncertainty in the policy environment by looking at **'alternative futures'** which can be used to **develop and test a set of robust policy options.**

### Annual Report

Draws on a large evidentiary base continuously compiled by HCSS and Clingendael, giving a **coherent and comprehensive interpretation** of the monitor's overall findings, in the form of a **thorough synthesis of previously generated material.**

A selection of discussions focusing on emerging developments by publications from governments, international institutions, think tanks, academic outlets and expert blogs. Content will be leveraged into future products, providing additional material for analysis.



Expert analyses of confined issues, developments, and trends. Critical policy approaches are evaluated using the broad base of literature and expert insight, building a comprehensive, and up-to-date frame of reference for future material.



Insight on selected topics' possible implications on the stability of the international environment, as well as international security – with a particular focus on its effects on The Netherlands and its immediate European surroundings.



Facilitating 'what if' questions regarding the circumstances and the context in which possible policy options related to these two urgent questions could play out.



The resulting Strategic Monitor Annual Report is an authoritative, relevant and high quality synthesis report that analyzes global trends, threats and opportunities and assesses their implications for Dutch foreign and defense policies.