



Countering state threats

Our approach to countering state threats is focused on protecting the Netherlands' people, infrastructure and information.

The government is committed to a comprehensive, whole of society approach, with the involvement of all its partners in both the public and private sectors. In this way we can develop a system and a form of partnership that lends itself to a customised, case-by-case approach. The approach consists of the following elements:

Introduction of a standard procedure

Identifying interests, detecting threats and strengthening resilience.

Enhancing our information position and information-sharing practices

Identifying and interpreting (potential) threats in time, together with partners at home and abroad.

Raising awareness

Among local authorities, diplomats, CEOs of companies in vital sectors, private-sector partners and the general public.

Expanding knowledge

To boost resilience to state threats through greater knowledge.

Taking defensive measures

These include diplomatic instruments and the possible introduction of mandatory registration for lobbyists.

The nexus between the economy and security

An investment screening to protect national security; raising awareness within central government and critical sectors of risks associated with procurement and contracting procedures; protecting critical technology.

Enhancing the digital approach

With a focus on robust infrastructure, resilience and cyber capabilities, as explained in the National Cybersecurity Agenda (NCSA).

International cooperation

Promoting the international legal order, ensuring strong cooperation with the EU, NATO and other institutions.

