



#### Information Sharing is best when there are standards

- When different organizations use different standards to catalogue incidents and campaigns it becomes difficult to quickly share actionable intelligence
- Tools like DISARM and STIX allow for consistent machine readable standards.





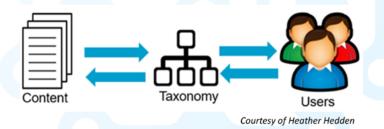




#### What are Taxonomies For?

 Terms are used to tag, index, or categorize content to make it easier to be found and retrieved

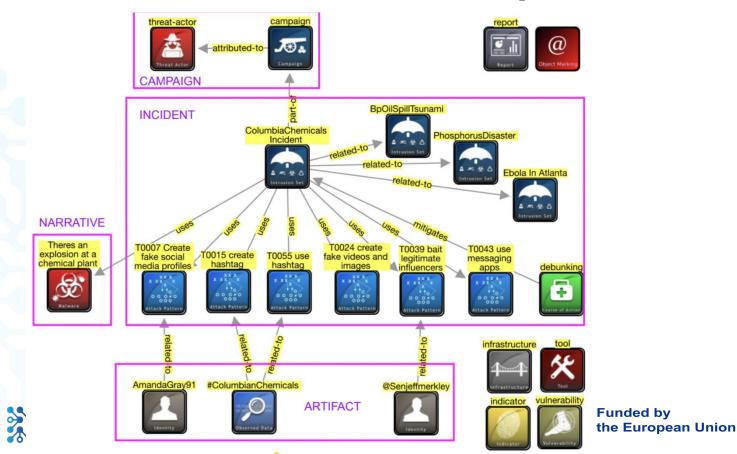
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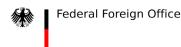
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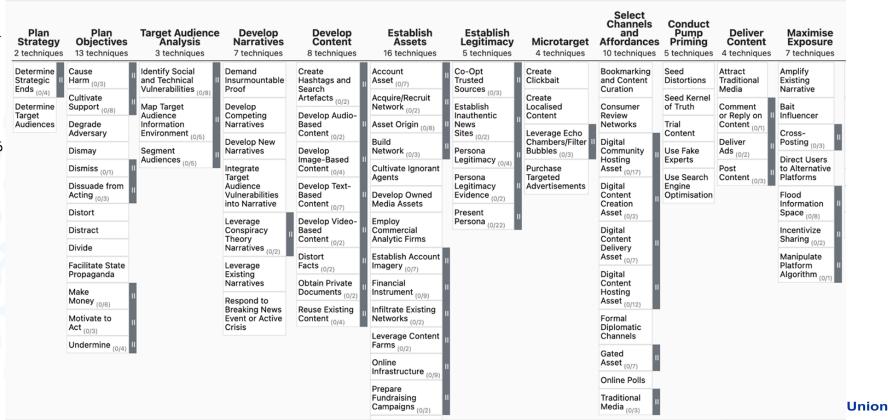
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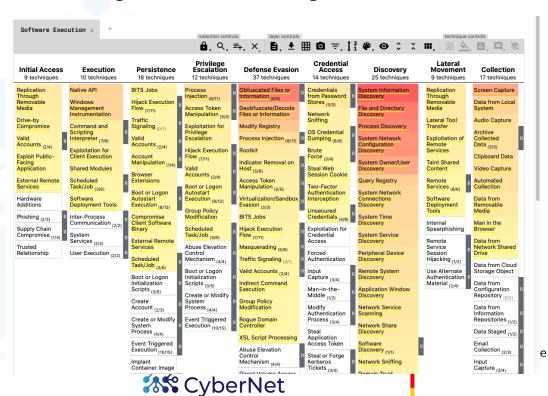


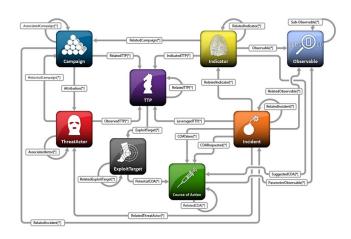
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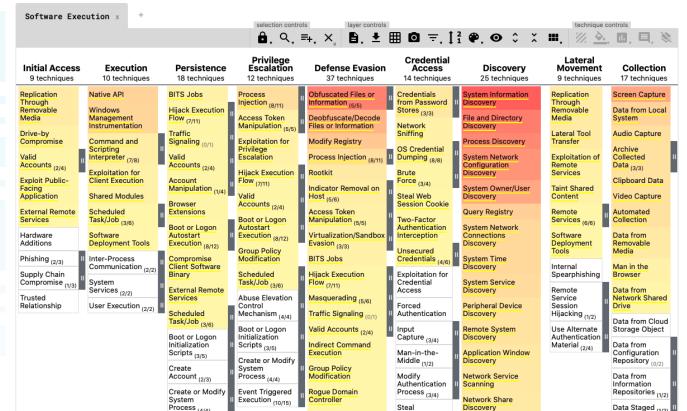


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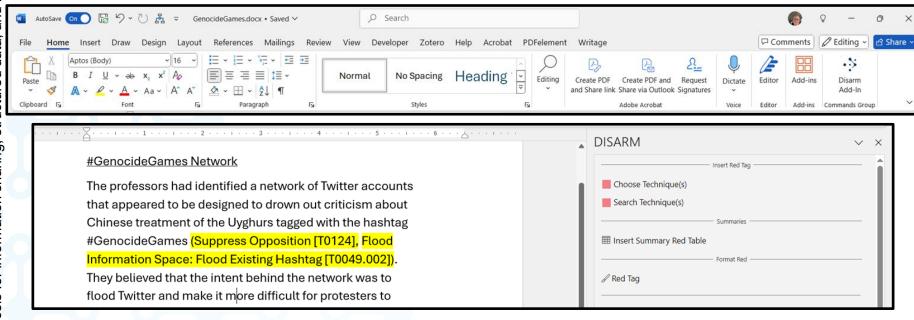
#### **MITRE**

Cyber security list of Tactic Techniques and procedures



ded by European Union

### The DISARM Word Add-In (Javascript)



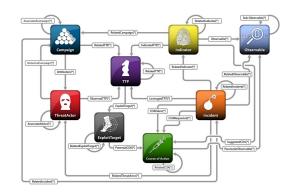




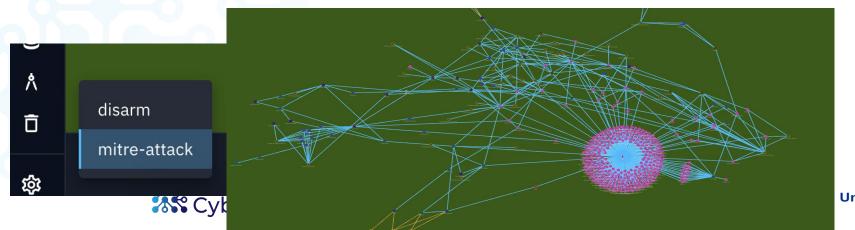


#### MITRE and DISARM

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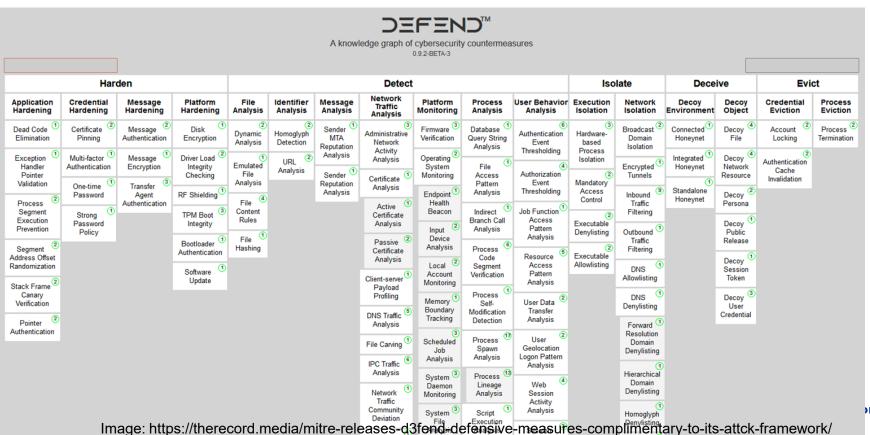


Both can map behaviors in threat intelligence platforms



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#### Infosec model: MITRE DEFEND



### Cogsec: DISARM Blue

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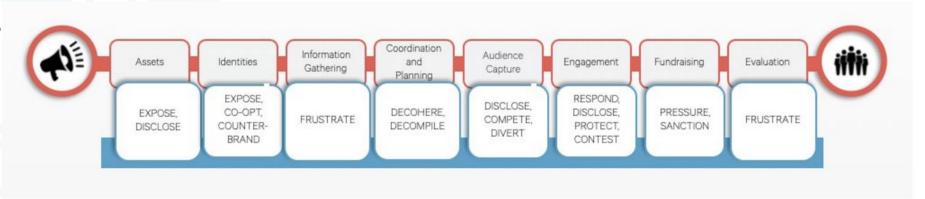




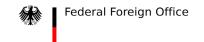


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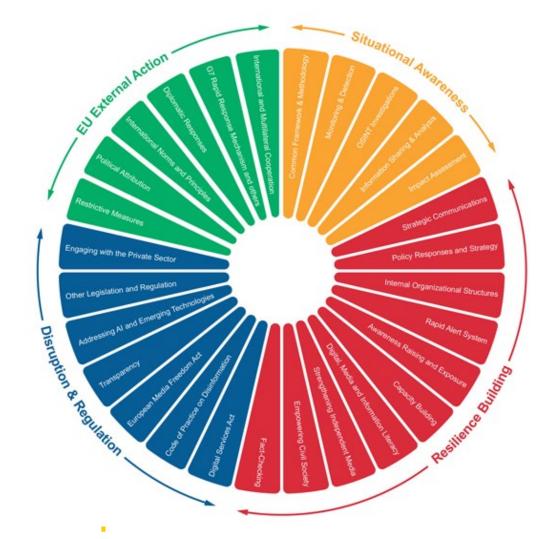


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### EEAS FIMI Toolbox





## Ethical responses: United Nations Global Principles For Information Integrity

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Independent, Free and Pluralistic Media- a free press

Transparency and Research-transparency from tech platforms that allows outside researchers to see how data is being used









Table 1. Overview of Case Studies<sup>1</sup>

| Туре     | Intervention                                 | How much is known? | How effective does it seem? | How easily does it scale? |
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| £1-      | 3. Fact-checking                             | Significant        | Modest                      | Modest                    |
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| £1-      | 5. Counter-messaging strategies              | Modest             | Modest                      | Difficult                 |
|          | 6. Cybersecurity for elections and campaigns | Modest             | Modest                      | Modest                    |
|          | 7. Statecraft, deterrence, and disruption    | Modest             | Limited                     | Modest                    |
| <u> </u> | 8. Removing inauthentic asset networks       | Limited            | Modest                      | Modest                    |
| Ţ.       | 9. Reducing data collection and targeted ads | Modest             | Limited                     | Difficult                 |
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#### **Boosting**

- Prebunking & inoculation
- Critical thinking
- Media literacy

#### Nudging

- Accuracy primes
   Social parms mude
- Social-norms nudges

#### Debunking

Fact-checking and corrections

#### Content labelling

 Automated or manual labels

#### System-Level

#### **Algorithms**

 Transparency and accountability measures

#### **Business Models**

- Addressing ad-tech
- Supporting reliable news media

#### Legislation

Combatting online harms • Regulating tech platforms

#### (Geo)politics

- Combatting bad actors
- Reducing polarisation







