
Vulnerability assessment of economic sectors with regard to organised crime

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1. The context

- Impervious complexity of the world
- Uncertainty on all areas (risks)
- More risk assessment and management (preparedness)
- Sustainable concepts needed
- Diversity of knowledge to cope with diversity of risks (learning from other disciplines & players)
- Assessing organised crime often exclusively law enforcement concern



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2. Concept of vulnerability

- Starting point not the perpetrator
- Opportunities in (economic) environment
- Dealing with organised crime is dealing with uncertainty
- Risk based > Future oriented > policy relevant
- Differing angle might bring differing conclusions about organised crime (criminals)



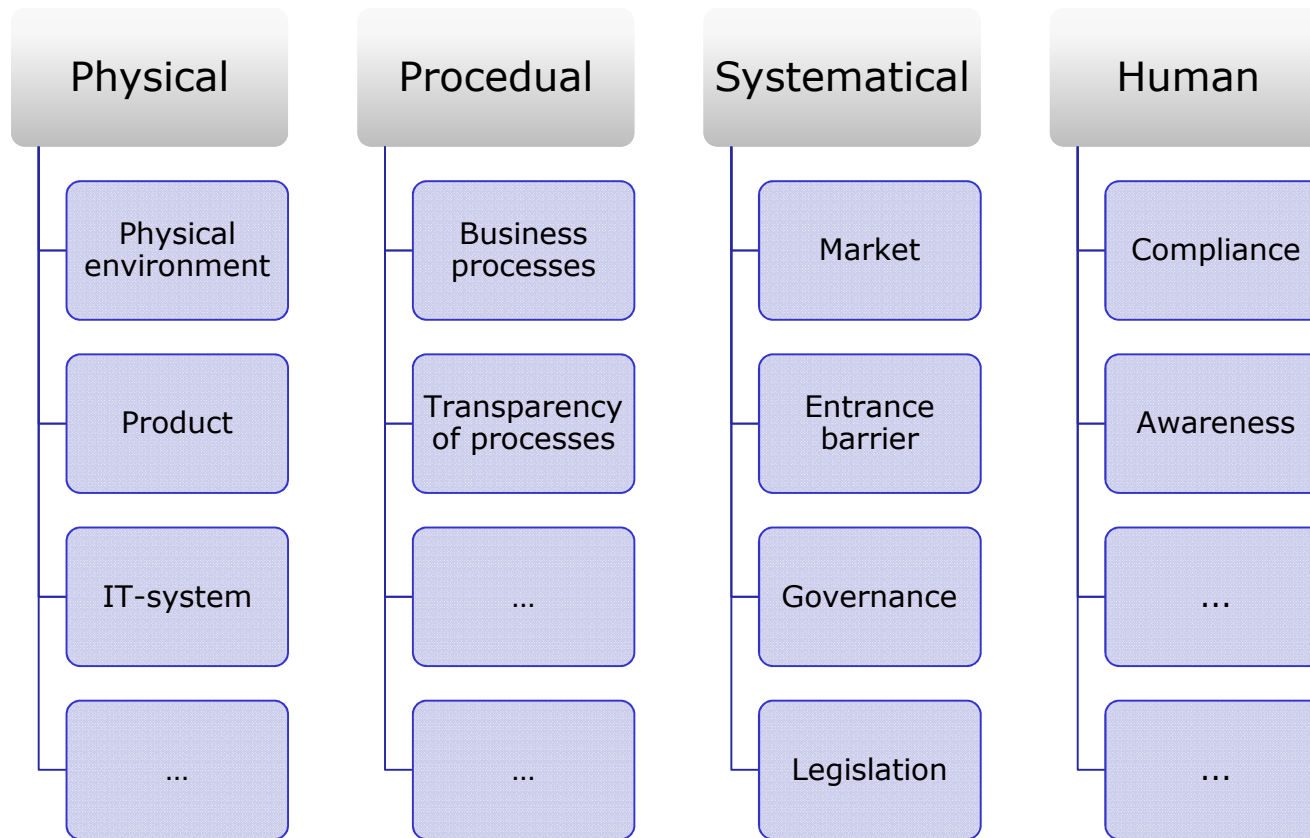
3. “Risky business” – organise the big ideas

Robustness

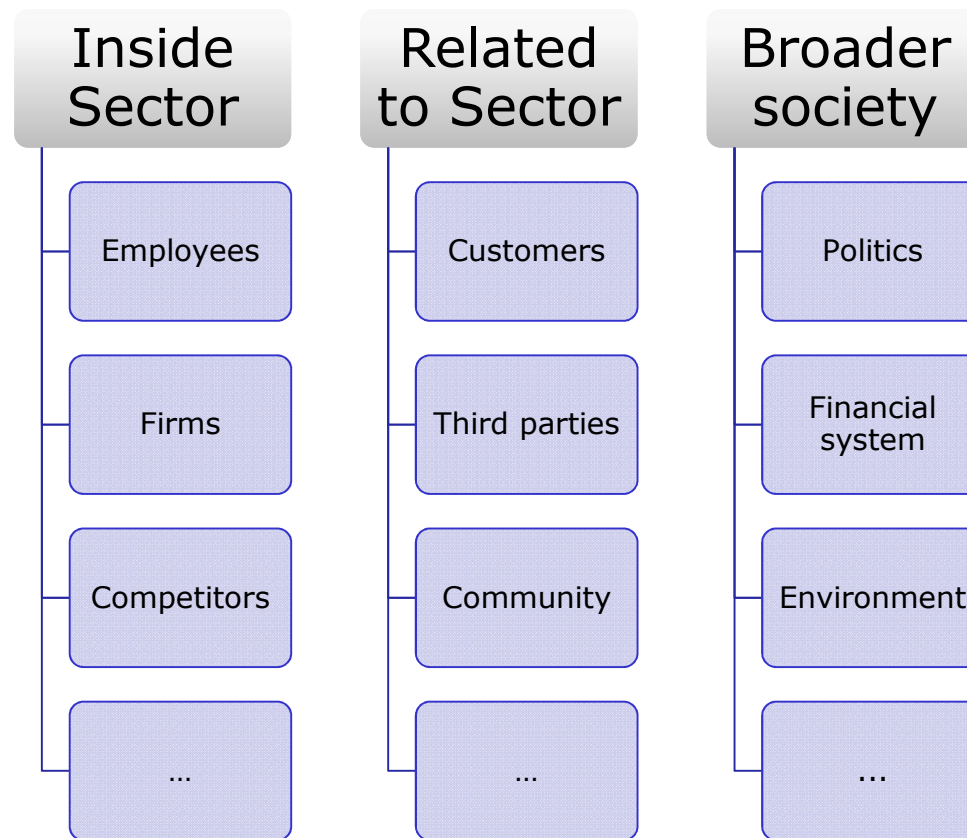
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Resilience

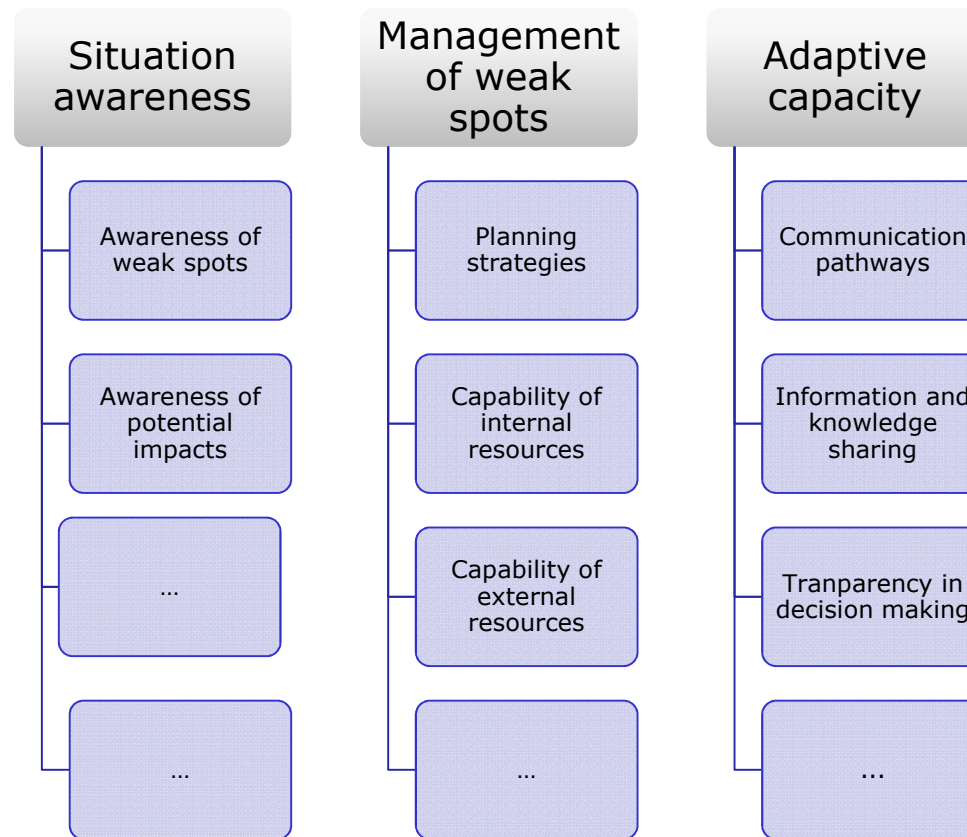
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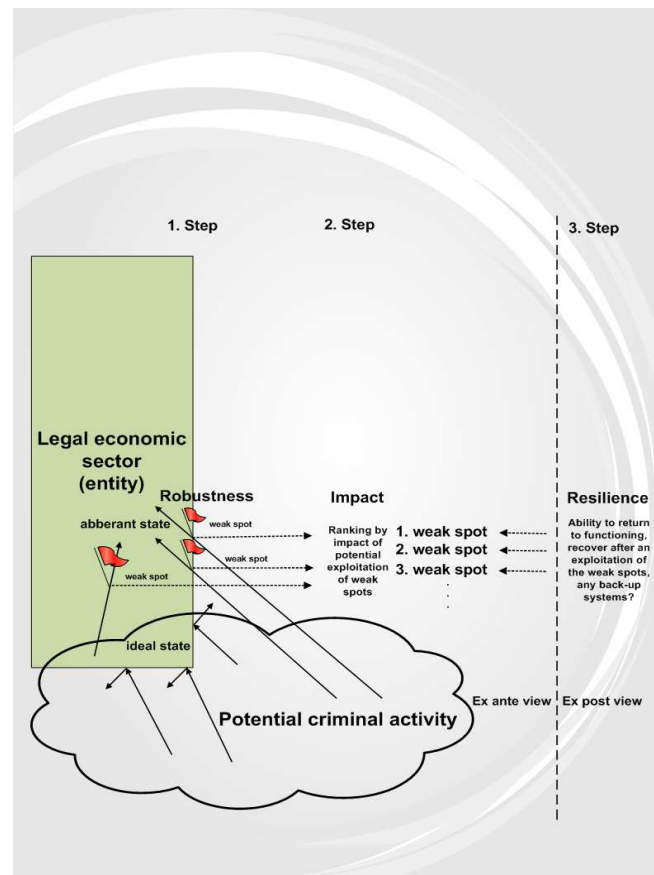
3b. Impact



3c. Resilience



3d. Illustration





4. A method to test!?

- Sectors: transport, catering (HORECA), export-import
- Definition of sectors and literature study
- 70 semi-structured interviews with sector professionals
- 5 semi-structured interviews with criminals as sector experts
- 50 police case files



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Thank you for your attention!

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