

Understanding Intelligence in a Kosovo Context

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What is intelligence?

Intelligence is

- information
- that has been processed and analysed
- to assist decision-makers.

Intelligence needs to be

- timely,
- relevant,
- accurate,
- and predictive.



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**The information collected and
the analysis produced do not
have to be secret**



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Different types of intelligence

- **Domestic intelligence** is related to internal security and maintenance of public order and safety
- **Foreign intelligence** is related to external security and forecasting external threats
- **Criminal intelligence** is related to criminal activities and corruption
- **Military intelligence** is related to defence planning and military operations



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Not every country needs to have every type of intelligence agency

Country	Domestic intelligence	Foreign intelligence	Criminal intelligence	Military intelligence
Austria	General Directorate for Public Safety	X	Criminal Intelligence Service (BK)	Army Intelligence Service (HNA)
Greece	National Intelligence Service (EYP)	X	X	X
Slovenia	X	Slovenian Intelligence and Security Agency	X	Intelligence and Security Service (VOMO)
United Kingdom	Security Service (MI5)	Secret Intelligence Service (MI6)	Serious Organised Crime Agency (SOCA)	Defence Intelligence Staff



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The role of intelligence

The main functions or tasks of an intelligence service are

- analysing threats to national security
- forecasting impending crises
- informing military planning and operations
- protecting government secrets
- informing government and public about national security



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**No other government entity has
the mandate, skills or resources to
fulfil such functions**

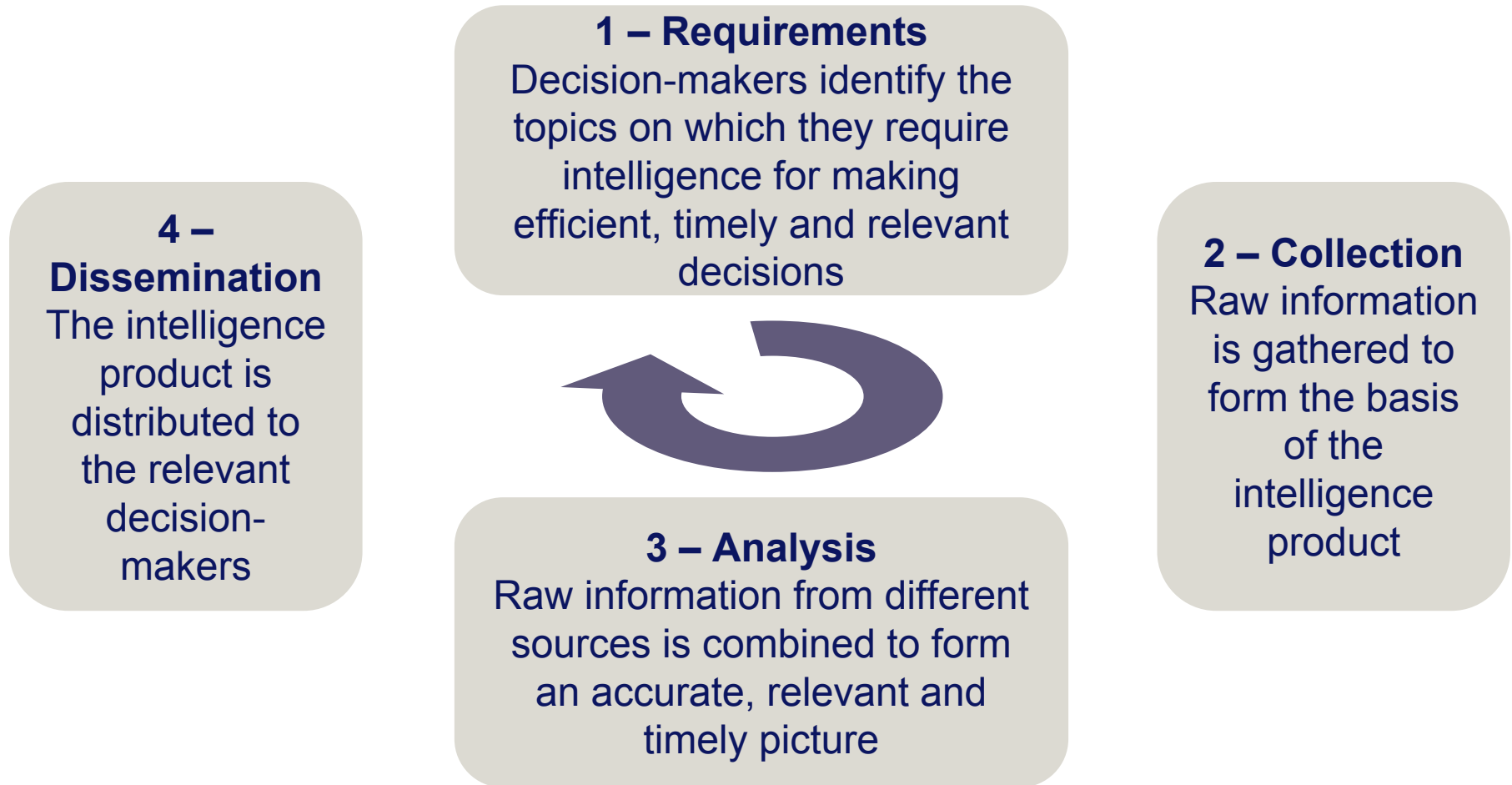


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The intelligence cycle



The situation in Kosovo

There is no intelligence service within the PISG.

UNMIK and KFOR have limited intelligence role but little intelligence is shared with the PISG.

KPS deals with criminal intelligence through its Directorate of Criminal Analysis.

There are other organisations such as IHSOP and SHIK which operate without a legal mandate.



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What does the public think?

Unlike in other countries, the concept of intelligence in Kosovo is taboo. But some research has been done:

- 50% of respondents think it would improve their security
- but 29% of K Serbs think it would decrease their security
- 35% of respondents chose not to answer

Source: *Human security in Kosovo: A perception survey*, SafePlace (forthcoming)

Data collected from 1,153 respondents in December 2006



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What should Kosovo's intelligence service look like?

Mandate and tasking

- *domestic* intelligence service
- jurisdiction only within Kosovo's territory
- the law establishing the intelligence service should:
 - define "threat"
 - prohibit investigation of acts of lawful advocacy, protest or dissent
 - prohibit covert actions



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What should Kosovo's intelligence service look like?

Staffing

- vetting procedure for new staff
- comprehensive, in-house training programme
- internal code of conduct



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What should Kosovo's intelligence service look like?

Parliamentary oversight

- **Sub-committee on the Kosovo Security Service, tasked with assessing and investigating:**
 - legality, efficacy, efficiency
 - budget and accounting
 - conformity with human rights standards
 - policy and administrative aspects
- **Power to make legally binding orders**



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What should Kosovo's intelligence service look like?

Independence and impartiality

- prohibit individuals from obtaining assistance of information from the KSS for personal or partisan goals
- prohibit individuals from influencing the dismissal of KSS staff
- any request from the Government to the KSS should in writing and immediately disclosed to the Sub-committee



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What should Kosovo's intelligence service look like?

Public accountability

- the population should be able to understand and comment on intelligence issues
- promote open public discussion of intelligence matters



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Questions for consideration

How can legal safeguards be put in place to regulate the KSS?

Should members of unofficial intelligence organisations be excluded from the KSS?

What steps can be taken to protect the KSS from infiltration or undue influence?

How can trust be built among a population with well-grounded fears of security institutions?



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Conclusion – What next?

Develop sufficient legal safeguards

Decide on who to recruit

Consider how to protect KSS from undue influence

Build public trust and promote debate



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