SRC User Guide

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SRC Platform — User Guide

A plain-language guide to using the SRC website (www.src-advisory.com)

SRC — Security & Resilience Counsel — is an independent, non-partisan think tank based in Zug, Switzerland. This guide explains, in everyday language, how to use the SRC website: reading research, subscribing to the Daily Brief, choosing a membership, managing your account, and more. No technical knowledge is needed.

> **How to use this guide.** Each section covers one part of the platform using the same simple pattern — *what it is*, *why it matters*, and *step-by-step instructions*. Jump to any section from the contents below. A plain-language glossary at the end explains every term.
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> **A note on screenshots.** This guide includes screenshots of both the public site and the signed-in member and admin areas. On the account screenshot, personal details (name, email, phone, photo) have been replaced with placeholders or blurred for privacy.

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1. Getting Started

SRC—short for Security & Resilience Counsel—is a research organization based in Zug, Switzerland. It publishes expert analysis on global security and related topics so you can understand what's happening in the world. Everything you read has been checked by independent experts, not just created by AI. The organization operates with Swiss independence, which means it serves no political party or commercial interest.

SRC home page

Why it matters: SRC brings together fast, AI-powered research and expert verification, so you get reliable analysis you can trust—whether you're tracking digital security, geopolitics, energy, climate, economics, or how societies are changing.

FIRST STEPS

1. **Visit the website.** Go to www.src-advisory.com in your web browser.
2. **Choose your language.** Look at the top-right corner and click the language selector. You can read the site in English, German, French, or Italian. The entire site switches immediately.
3. **Create a free account.** Click the Sign In button (top-right). You can browse some content as a visitor, but to unlock more, create a free "Observer" account. No credit card is needed —it takes just a minute.
4. **Explore what's available.** Once you're signed in, check out the Reports, Daily Brief, and The SRC Position section. You'll find expert analysis across six areas: Digital Power & AI, Geopolitics & Hard Security, Energy & Resources, Climate, Environment & Food, Economy & Competitiveness, and Society, Migration & Institutions.

Tip: Start with the Daily Brief if you want a quick daily overview, or browse Reports if you're interested in a specific topic.

THE NEWS BAR

A slim bar runs across the top of every page with two modes:

Daily Brief ticker (default): When no board alert is active, the bar shows a continuous crawl of today's top story headlines from the latest Daily Brief — separated by `+++`. Click any point in the crawl to open the full Brief. As a signed-in member you can hide the bar with the **eye-off** button on the right; it stays hidden until you clear your browser data.

Breaking / Notice alert (board interrupt): When something important happens, the board posts a **BREAKING** (red) or **NOTICE** (blue) message that overrides the crawl entirely. It shows a one-line headline; clicking it opens the linked report if one is available.

- **Rotation:** multiple active board alerts cycle every 8 seconds (counter shows "1/3").
- **Dismissing:** click **×** to hide a board message for you — a new one will always reappear.

- **Auto-expiry:** board messages expire after a set time (usually 24 hours); the bar returns to Brief mode automatically.

Messages come from two sources: the board posts them by hand for major events, and exceptionally high-quality reports (CQR score above 8) post a 24-hour notice automatically on publish.

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2. Membership & Tiers

SRC offers different membership levels to match your needs and budget. Whether you're curious and want to stay informed, or you need full reports with expert support, there's a tier for you.

(Screenshot: sign in to view the Membership page.)

Why it matters: Your membership tier determines what reports you can access and what tools you have to use them. Choosing the right tier helps you get the most value from SRC without paying for features you don't need.

Tier	Price	Who it's for	What you get
Observer	Free	Curious readers staying informed	One free report pick per month, plus summaries of all reports
Essential	CHF 29/month or CHF 290/year	Professionals needing full reports	Access to all reports in full
Professional	CHF 59/month (yearly discount available)	Leaders and decision-makers needing to share and act on insights	Everything in Essential, plus: download reports as PDF files, early access to new content, and live calls
Expert	Custom pricing (contact SRC)	Executives and institutions needing tailored guidance	Everything in Professional, plus: direct access to SRC experts, custom intelligence made just for you, and personal briefings

HOW TO UPGRADE

1. Log in to your SRC account.
2. Go to the Membership page.
3. Select the tier you want.
4. Enter your payment information.

5. Your new membership starts right away.

Trying before subscribing: there is no automatic trial. You can test the depth of member content in two ways: unlock an individual report or study with a small **one-time purchase** (shown on the report page), or use an **invitation / access code** from SRC or a member — codes can carry time-limited access to a membership level.

HOW TO CANCEL

1. Log in to your SRC account.
2. Go to the Membership page.
3. Find your current membership and select “Cancel subscription.”
4. Confirm your cancellation.
5. You’ll keep access to your membership until the end of your current billing period. After that, you’ll drop back to the free Observer tier.

Tip: If you pay yearly instead of monthly, you save two months of fees on the Essential tier. The Professional tier also offers a yearly discount — ask about it when you upgrade.

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3. Reports

Reports are SRC’s detailed research articles on major global trends. Each report explores one topic in depth across six focus areas: security, geopolitics, energy, climate, economy, and society. Whether you’re tracking an emerging risk or preparing for a board meeting, reports give you the context you need to make informed decisions.

The Reports library

Why it matters: Reports distill complex topics into clear, actionable insights. Your membership tier determines how much of each report you can access — from summaries to full text to downloadable PDFs.

READING A REPORT

A full report with the action bar and Download button

1. Browse the Reports library to find reports of interest.
2. Check if a report has a lock icon — this means it’s restricted to a higher membership tier than yours.
3. Click a report to open it.

4. Read the summary (available to all members) and the full content (available to Essential members and above).
5. If you're locked out, click the report anyway to see which tier is required to read the full content.

CHOOSING WHICH LANGUAGES YOU SEE

The Research lists (the homepage Research tab and the Reports library) show publications in **your site language** only — an English reader never sees an untranslated German article in the timeline.

If you read more than one language, you can widen the list explicitly:

1. Find the **Languages** chips in the list toolbar (EN · DE · FR · IT). Your own site language is always on and cannot be switched off.
2. Click a chip to add that language; click again to remove it. Your selection is remembered on this device.
3. Each article still appears **once** — in your preferred language. If translations exist, small **EN/DE/FR/IT badges** on the card link straight to the sibling versions.
4. The Daily Brief is not affected: it has its own tab and its own language handling.

Why it matters: SRC publishes research with translation siblings in up to four languages. The language filter keeps your timeline clean by default, while multilingual readers can see everything without the same article appearing four times.

SEARCHING FOR REPORTS

1. Press `⌘K` on Mac or `Ctrl+K` on Windows to open the search bar. On mobile, tap the magnifier icon in the top navigation.
2. Type your keyword or topic (for example, "artificial intelligence" or "supply chain").
3. Search looks across report titles, summaries, and — if you have access — the full content of reports.
4. Review your results. Some may show a lock icon, meaning you can only see the summary.

SAVING (BOOKMARKING) REPORTS

1. Open a report, or find it in the library.
2. Click the bookmark icon on the report.
3. The report is now saved to your "Saved" folder in your account.
4. To keep things tidy, you can organise your saved reports into folders.

SHARING A REPORT

1. Open a report, or find it in the library.
2. Click the Share button.
3. Copy the unique link provided.
4. Send it to a colleague by email, chat, or any other method.

DOWNLOADING A REPORT AS PDF

Available to Professional members and above.

1. Open a report you have full access to.
2. Click the Download button in the action bar at the top of the report.
3. The PDF includes the title, author, publish date, summary, full content, and SRC branding.
4. Save the file to your device to share or archive it.

Tip: If you find a report useful, save it right away — your Saved folder becomes a personal research library you can return to anytime.

AI KEY TAKEAWAYS

Available to all signed-in members.

At the top of each full report, SRC's AI assistant generates a concise bullet-point digest — up to ten sentences — distilling the most important findings, key numbers, and implications. This is generated once when the report is published and cached, so it loads instantly.

- The digest is written in the same language as the report.
- Short pieces (under ~1,500 characters) and Daily Briefs are exempt — they're already digest-format.
- If you don't see the digest, make sure you're signed in.

RATING A REPORT

At the bottom of every article, below the content, you'll find a **1–5 star rating** widget in the action strip.

- Hover over the stars to preview your rating (stars fill yellow up to your cursor).
- Click a star to submit. You can change your rating anytime — clicking again updates it.
- The average rating and total count are shown next to the stars.
- If you're not signed in, the stars are visible but inactive — sign in to rate.

Ratings help SRC understand which content resonates most with members.

ANNOTATING A REPORT

Available to Executive members and above. Administrators and publishers can annotate any report regardless of tier.

Annotations are private, per-user notes attached to a specific passage in a report. Use them to highlight key claims, flag something for a colleague, or log your own interpretation next to the source text.

1. Open a report you have full access to.
2. Select (highlight) any passage of text with your cursor.
3. A small **Annotate** button appears above the selection. Click it.
4. Type your note in the panel that opens.
5. Save the annotation. The passage stays highlighted so you can find your notes later.
6. To delete an annotation, select the same passage and click **Remove annotation**.

Annotations are private — other members never see them.

RELATED REPORTS

Available to Professional members and above.

At the bottom of every full report you'll find a **Related reports** panel — up to five other SRC reports on similar themes, selected automatically using semantic similarity rather than keywords.

1. Open any report.
2. Scroll to the bottom of the article.
3. The Related reports panel shows up to five suggestions, each with a title and summary excerpt.
4. Click any card to open that report.

Tip: Related reports are a fast way to deepen your research on a topic — they surface connections across sections and time periods that a keyword search might miss.

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4. Daily Brief

The Daily Brief is a short, curated summary of SRC's latest research. It arrives in your email inbox each morning around 07:00 CET (Central European Time) in your preferred language. If you prefer to read it on the website instead, you can find it anytime under "Daily Brief" in the top navigation menu.

The Daily Brief screen

Why it matters: The Daily Brief keeps you informed about important research developments without overwhelming you. You get just what's new and relevant, delivered at a consistent time so you can start your day informed.

WHAT EACH MEMBERSHIP SEES

- **Free and Observer members:** you receive a short summary with a message inviting you to upgrade to see the full brief.
- **Essential and Professional members:** you receive the complete Daily Brief with all the details and analysis.

READING THE BRIEF ON THE WEBSITE

1. Go to the SRC website.
2. Click "Daily Brief" in the top navigation menu.
3. Read the latest brief for that day.
4. If no brief has been published yet, you'll see a message that the brief will be available at 07:00 CET.

UNSUBSCRIBING FROM EMAILS

1. Open any Daily Brief email you've received.
2. Scroll to the bottom of the email.
3. Click the "unsubscribe" link.
4. Your preference is saved immediately — you'll stop receiving the emails right away.

Tip: Even if you unsubscribe from the emails, you can still read every brief on the website under "Daily Brief."

THE WEEKLY RECAP EMAIL

Every Monday morning (around 07:00 CET) you also receive the **Weekly Recap** — a short email with the five most-read SRC analyses of the past week, in your preferred language.

- **Free and Observer members:** headlines with a one-line summary of each analysis.
- **Essential members and above:** the full summaries.

The Weekly Recap uses the same subscription as the Daily Brief: unsubscribing from one stops both.

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5. The SRC Position

When you visit SRC, you'll find "The SRC Position" at the top of the navigation menu. This is where SRC shares its editorial perspective—thoughtful, evidence-based opinions on important issues. Unlike news reporting, which aims to stay neutral, these pieces take a clear stance. They show you exactly how SRC thinks about a topic and recommend what action (if any) it believes you should take.

The SRC Position section

Why it matters: SRC's positions help you understand complex issues from an expert perspective. Because SRC separates verifiable facts from its own analysis and tells you where disagreement is reasonable, you can follow their thinking rather than just accept it.

POSITION PAPERS VS. OPINIONS

SRC publishes two types of editorial content, each serving a different purpose.

Position Papers are formal, detailed articles. Think of them as essays that dig deep into a topic. They take time to explain the background, walk through the reasoning, and support the conclusion with evidence.

Opinions are shorter takes—quick, focused views on a specific issue or event.

To switch between them, look for the small clickable buttons (called filter chips) at the top of the section. Click the one you want to see.

HOW POSITIONS ARE QUALITY-CHECKED

Every Position and Opinion passes a mandatory internal counter-argument check before publication — an AI-generated "steelman" of the opposing view that editors must confront (see Content Integrity for the full methodology). The *Room for Disagreement* block in every editorial tells you where SRC itself thinks it could be wrong.

WHO CAN READ THE FULL POSITION

Access depends on your SRC membership tier:

- **Observer (free)** – you can read a summary of the position and see the scorecard. This gives you the gist and helps you decide if you want to read more.
- **Paid members** – you can read the entire position, including all the reasoning and evidence.

If a position is locked to a paid tier, you'll see a note telling you which membership level is required to read the full text.

Tip: If you're deciding whether to upgrade, start by reading the summaries and scorecards of a few positions that interest you. That helps you judge whether the full content is worth it.

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6. Content Integrity — How SRC Scores What You Read

Every serious think tank claims to be unbiased. SRC shows its work instead. This section explains, in plain language, the machinery behind every piece of content on the platform: how quality is measured, why the score cannot be influenced by SRC's own opinions, and the four transparency features you'll meet while reading — the Quality Score, evidence-bound Key Takeaways, "The Other Side," and the public track record.

Why it matters: In a world of confident-sounding AI text and agenda-driven publishing, "trust us" is not an argument. SRC's answer is to publish not just its content but its *quality controls* — including the unflattering results. If a piece leans on rhetoric instead of evidence, the label says so, on the article, in public.

THE QUALITY SCORE (THE CQR BUBBLE)

Scored research content — Reports, Analyses, and Briefs — carries a small colored **CQR bubble** next to the article metadata (green = 8.0 or higher, amber = 6.0–7.9, red = below 6.0). Hover or tap it to open the full "nutrition label": the overall Quality Score out of 10, the eight dimension scores behind it, any integrity warnings, and the scoring provenance (which framework version scored it, by whom, and when).

Two design rules make this score meaningful:

1. **The score is bias-free by construction.** It is computed *only* from the eight evidence-quality dimensions below. Whether a piece agrees or disagrees with SRC's editorial worldview is **explicitly excluded** — the label itself says so. A rigorous piece SRC disagrees with will outscore a sloppy piece SRC likes, every time. Internally, worldview fit exists only as a routing signal that helps editors decide *where* something appears — never *whether it is good*.
2. **The machine never grades its own homework.** The AI scorer proposes the eight dimension scores with a written justification for each; the composite, the thresholds, and the warning flags are computed by the platform from board-approved weights, and editors can override any score (overrides are recorded and used to calibrate the scorer).

THE EIGHT QUALITY DIMENSIONS

Each dimension is scored 1–10. The overall score is a weighted average (weights are set by the board per document type — a Study weighs evidence and citations more heavily than a quick Brief).

Dimension	The question it answers
Trustworthiness	Is the reasoning sound and the evidence verifiable, methodical, reproducible?
Source Transparency	Does the source disclose who funds it and what agenda it serves?
Capture	Does the source show signs of institutional capture, astroturfing, or planted narratives? (Scored inverted: cleaner = better for the composite.)
Rhetoric vs. Substance	Is the argument carried by evidence — or by loaded language, appeals to emotion or authority, weasel wording ("many say"), and straw-manning?
Evidence Hierarchy	Do the key claims rest on strong evidence? The ladder: meta-analyses and systematic reviews (9–10), controlled/registered studies (8), peer-reviewed observational work (6–7), preprints and expert opinion (4–5), anecdote and bare assertion (1–3).
Citation Integrity	Do the cited sources actually say what the article claims they say? Are primary sources used and traceable?
Uncertainty Calibration	Are claims scaled to what the evidence supports? Does the piece acknowledge its limitations, or does it "prove" things from thin data?
Statistical Integrity	Are the numbers honest — full time windows, sound denominators, absolute *and* relative risk, no cherry-picked charts?

INTEGRITY WARNINGS — SHOWN IN PUBLIC

When a piece fails one of these tests badly, the label wears the warning openly:

- **”Rhetoric outweighs analysis”** — the argument is carried by language, not evidence.
- **”Claims outrun the evidence”** — systematic overclaiming.
- **”Statistical manipulation detected”** — dishonest numbers.
- **”Key claims rest on weak evidence”** — anecdote where data was needed.
- **”Citations don’t support the text”** — decorative or contradicting references.
- **”Low-transparency source” / “Source shows capture signals”** — problems with where the material comes from.

Publishing content *together with its warnings* is deliberate. An article wearing its flags in public is the honesty guarantee — it proves the scoring is real, not decorative.

The thresholds behind these warnings are not hard-coded: the board tunes them (like the dimension weights) in a versioned configuration, so every change is auditable.

CHECK FALLACIES (EXECUTIVE)

Executive members get one more instrument: a **Check Fallacies** button on every report, study, and opinion. The audit runs **automatically when a piece is published** (so the result is already cached when you click); for older pieces the first click runs it once. It checks the piece against the **SRC Fallacy Taxonomy** — 26 classical argumentation patterns in three families (*Fallacies of No Evidence*, *of Little Evidence*, *of Language*), taken from Sinnott-Armstrong & Fogelin’s standard logic text *Understanding Arguments* (Oxford University Press). The patterns range from ad hominem, straw man and red herring to false cause, false dilemma, suppressed evidence, and equivocation.

The result is not a score but an evidence trail: every detected pattern is shown with the **verbatim quote** from the article, an explanation of why the passage instantiates the pattern, and a **severity** rating (how load-bearing the fallacy is — a 9 means the piece’s central conclusion rests on it). A **clean score** out of 10 summarizes the audit; finding nothing is a valid and valuable result.

Two things make this more than a gimmick:

- **The same taxonomy is ingrained in the quality standard.** The CQR scorer checks every scored piece against exactly these 26 patterns when rating *Rhetoric vs. Substance* — the button just shows Executive members the full working.

- **SRC's own content gets no exemption.** The audit runs on SRC Positions and Opinions with the same severity as on external material. Results are cached per article, so the audit everyone sees is the same one.

KEY TAKEAWAYS — CONCLUSIONS BOUND TO EVIDENCE

On scored reports you'll find a **Key takeaways** panel: three to six one-sentence conclusions a decision-maker can act on. Each takeaway carries an **evidence tier** (1–10, same ladder as above, color-coded) and names the specific **basis** it rests on — the study, dataset, or reasoning in the document. A takeaway that cannot cite its basis is never stored or shown. This is a hard rule: unattributed summary bullets are exactly where hidden bias creeps back into "neutral" digests.

"THE OTHER SIDE" — AUDIATUR ET ALTERA PARS

For selected research pieces, SRC publishes the **strongest good-faith counter-position** to its own content — not a summary of what critics say, but the best case a smart, honest opponent could make, generated deliberately and reviewed by the board before it appears. It lists the sharpest objections with strength ratings (how much each should worry the author, out of 10) and names where the original's evidence is thinnest.

For SRC's own **Positions and Opinions**, the same counter-argument is generated as a **mandatory internal editorial check**: no editorial ships without its steelman having been read. The Latin principle *audiatur et altera pars* — "let the other side be heard" — is centuries older than think tanks, and SRC treats it as an operating rule, not a slogan.

THE TRACK RECORD — CLAIMS WITH A RESOLUTION DATE

Every time a piece is scored, the platform also extracts its **checkable claims**: concrete predictions (with the date they become checkable) and verifiable factual assertions, recorded in a permanent ledger with their source. Over time, claims are resolved — confirmed, refuted, or partially right — building an evidence-based track record of *which sources and authors turn out to be correct*. Recording started on 13 July 2026; the accumulating record will feed future source-reliability ratings.

THE SOURCE REGISTER

Behind the scenes, the board maintains a curated register of recurring sources: who owns them, who funds them, what economic or political dependencies they carry, and board ratings for independence and reliability. When one of these sources appears in a document being scored, the register's **curated facts override the AI's general impressions** — so a source's transparency score rests on documented ownership and funding, not on reputation or vibes.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU AS A READER

- **Green bubble ≠ SRC agrees with it.** It means the evidence handling is sound. Some of SRC's most valuable content is high-quality material that *contradicts* its own positions — flagged internally as exactly that.
- **Red bubble ≠ censored.** SRC may still publish weak-but-newsworthy material as reference — the label just tells you to handle it accordingly.
- **Check the takeaway tiers.** A takeaway resting on tier-9 evidence and one resting on tier-4 expert opinion read the same in prose; the tier chip tells them apart.
- **Read The Other Side when it's offered.** It is not a disclaimer — it is the counter-argument SRC considers strong enough to publish against itself. Reading it is part of reading us.

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7. Your Account & Profile

Your account keeps your personal information, preferences, and saved work in one place. Managing your account takes just a few clicks.

Your Account page — personal details redacted for privacy

Your account page is organised as a menu on the left (on phones, a row of buttons you can swipe), grouped into **Profile** (your details), **Membership** (plan and billing), and **Library** (Saved Content, Content Library, Sharing History, and Monitoring).

Why it matters: Your account lets you personalise your experience on SRC. You can adjust your settings, keep track of your subscription, and organise the reports that matter most to you.

UPLOADING A PROFILE PICTURE

Your profile picture appears in the top navigation bar.

1. Go to your Account page.
2. Click the profile picture area or the "Upload" button.
3. Select an image from your computer.
4. Save or confirm the upload.

Your new picture appears in the top-right corner of the site straight away.

CHANGING YOUR LANGUAGE

You can read the site in the language that works best for you.

1. Find the language dropdown menu in the top-right corner of the site.
2. Click it to see the available languages: English, German, French, and Italian.
3. Select your preferred language.

The entire site updates to your chosen language immediately. You can change this anytime.

FINDING YOUR SAVED REPORTS

When you bookmark reports, they are saved in your account for quick access.

1. Go to your Account page.
2. Open “Saved Content” in the Library group.
3. Browse your bookmarked reports listed here.
4. Use the small collection selector on each report to file it into a named collection (see below).

ORGANISING WITH COLLECTIONS

Collections are named folders for your library — for example “China tech policy” or “Energy Q3”. Available with **Professional membership and above**.

1. On your Account page, open “Saved Content”.
2. On any saved report, open the collection selector and pick a collection — or choose **”+ New collection…”** and type a name.
3. Open **”Content Library”** in the Library group to see everything grouped by collection.
4. ”Remove” takes an item out of its collection but keeps your bookmark.

Renaming a collection

1. On your Account page, open “Saved Content” or “Content Library”.
2. Find the collection header and click the pencil icon next to the collection name.
3. Type the new name and press **Enter** (or click Save). All items in that collection move to the new name automatically.

Deleting a collection

1. Click the bin icon next to the collection name.
2. Confirm the deletion. The collection is removed, but every item in it is returned to your default “Saved” folder — nothing is deleted.

You can create up to the limit shown on the page; the **+ New collection** option is hidden once you reach it.

YOUR CONTENT LIBRARY (UPLOADING YOUR OWN DOCUMENTS)

The Content Library is your personal research workspace: your saved SRC reports and **your own uploaded documents**, side by side in the same collections. Available with **Professional membership and above**.

1. On your Account page, open "Content Library" in the Library group.
2. Click **"Upload document"** and choose a file — PDF, Word, plain text, Markdown, or an image (up to 25 MB per file, 100 documents in total).
3. Give the document a title when asked.
4. The document appears under "My Documents"; use its collection selector to file it next to related SRC reports.
5. Click a document's title (or the download icon) to download it again; the bin icon deletes it permanently.

Your documents stay private. Uploads are stored in a private, access-controlled store. They are never visible to other members, never shared, and never appear in the site's search.

RISK DASHBOARD

The Risk Dashboard shows how SRC rates geopolitical, economic, and operational risks across its six focus areas. At the top, a **spider chart** gives you the whole risk picture at a glance — one axis per focus area, plotted at the average score of its indicators. Below it, the heat-map lists every indicator with a score from 1 (low) to 10 (critical), colour-coded by severity, and a trend arrow (rising, stable, falling).

- **Professional members** see the spider chart and the full heat-map for all categories.
- **Executive members** can additionally tap any indicator card to open a full drill-down with SRC's written assessment and the sources behind the score.
- **Evidence icons.** Where SRC has published research that supports a score, small document icons appear on the indicator card. Hover to preview the article title; click to read the article in an overlay right on the dashboard — you never lose your place. Matching is done by meaning, not keywords, so the most relevant SRC analysis surfaces automatically.

Access: open your **account menu** (your avatar, top-right) and choose **Risk Dashboard**. Available to Professional members and above.

CHECKING YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

Your Account page shows everything about your current membership.

1. Go to your Account page.

2. Look for your subscription information, which includes:
    - your current tier (which plan you have);
    - your subscription status (active or paused);
    - your billing period (when your next charge is due).
3. To cancel, go to the Membership page. Your access continues until the end of your current billing period.

MANAGING EMAIL PREFERENCES

You can choose exactly which SRC emails you receive from the **Account** → **Email** tab. Three types are available:

- **Daily Brief** — the morning email sent each day a brief is published (around 07:05 CET).
- **Weekly Recap** — a Monday-morning summary of the most-read analyses of the past week.
- **Product & Service Updates** — occasional messages about new SRC features and service changes.

To change your preferences (when signed in):

1. Go to your Account page → **Email** tab.
2. Toggle any subscription on or off — changes take effect immediately.

Without signing in (unsubscribe link in email):

Every SRC email includes an "Unsubscribe" link in the footer. Clicking it opens the **Email Preferences** page — no login required. From there you can control all three types and save your choice.

Your preferences are stored permanently on your account and respected by every future email SRC sends you.

SETTING UP A PUBLIC PROFILE

Essential members and above can opt in to a public member profile — a small page anyone can link to with your name, organisation, country, title, bio, and personal links.

1. Go to your Account page → **Profile** tab.
2. Scroll to the **Public Profile** section.
3. Tick **"Make my profile public"**.

4. Choose a URL slug (e.g. `jane-smith`) — it must be 3–30 characters, lowercase letters, numbers, and hyphens only. Your profile will be live at `srcadvisory.com/profiles/your-slug`.
5. Optionally add a **Title / Role** (e.g. "Senior Risk Analyst · KPMG") — shown under your name.
6. Write a short **bio** (up to 500 characters) describing your background or interests.
7. Add up to **5 links** (LinkedIn profile, personal website, etc.).
8. Click **Save profile**. A "View public profile →" link appears once your slug is saved.

To make your profile private again, uncheck the toggle and save. Your slug, title, bio, and links are preserved so you can re-enable them later.

Observer accounts see an upgrade prompt instead — Essential membership or above is required.

MEMBER DIRECTORY

The Member Directory at `/profiles` lists all members who have made their profiles public. Each card shows the member's name, organisation, country, and a short bio preview. Click any card to open that member's full profile page.

The directory is visible to all users — no login is required to browse it.

LOGGING OUT

1. Click your profile picture (avatar) in the top-right corner.
2. Select "Logout" from the menu that appears.

You are signed out immediately.

RESETTING A FORGOTTEN PASSWORD

1. Go to the sign-in screen.
2. Click the "Forgot your password?" (password reset) link.
3. Enter your email address.
4. Check your email for a reset link.
5. Click the link in the email to create a new password.

Tip: Store your password in a secure place, or let your browser's password manager remember it for you.

REFERRING OTHER MEMBERS

SRC's referral programme lets you share access with colleagues and earn rewards when they join. The quickest way in is the **partner seal on the homepage** ("15% — Affiliate & Referral Partner") or your Referral page.

How it works:

1. Open your **Referral page** (via the Support menu, or go directly to `/referral`).
2. You will see your personal referral code (e.g. `SMITH-AB3K7`) and a ready-to-share referral link.
3. Share the link or code with a colleague. When they sign up and complete their first payment using your code, they receive a **10% discount** on their first payment.
4. You earn **platform credit** equal to the discount amount, applied automatically to your next renewal.

Reward milestones — as your successful referrals accumulate, you unlock exclusive perks:

Referrals	Reward
3	Exclusive report PDF sent to your account email
5	One month free (paying members) or full archive unlock (free members)
10	Invitation to a quarterly analyst briefing
25	Printed forecast + named acknowledgment
100	One-to-one call with an SRC analyst

The milestone ladder is shown on your Referral page, including progress towards the next reward and delivery status of each perk.

Cash payout: Once you have at least CHF 50 in cleared referral credit (credits age 45 days before they can be paid out), you can request a cash payout via Wise or PayPal directly from the Referral page. Payouts are board-reviewed before any money moves.

BECOMING AN SRC PARTNER (CREATORS & PUBLISHERS)

If you have an audience — a channel, a newsletter, a podcast, a community — the **SRC Partner Programme** pays real commission instead of platform credit: **15% of every payment** a referred member makes during their first 12 months, while your audience gets **10% off** with your personal code.

Where to find it: the rotating **”15% — Affiliate & Referral Partner” seal** on the homepage (both the SRC site and the marketing site), the **Partners** entry in the marketing-site navigation, or directly at `/partners/me`. All of them lead to the same one-minute registration.

Registering is self-serve and takes about a minute:

1. Go to **`/partners/me`** (or follow “Become a partner” from the SRC marketing site).
2. Not signed in? Register a free account right on that page — no separate application.
3. Click **”Create my partner link”** — your unique promo code and share link are issued instantly.
4. Complete the one-time onboarding in your dashboard (accept the programme terms, add payout details). Commissions accrue only after the terms are accepted.

Your partner dashboard shows your link and code, every commission line (pending → vested → paid), and totals. Commissions vest 45 days after each payment (the refund window) and pay out via Wise or PayPal from CHF 50.

Fair-play rules: your code cannot be applied to your own purchases (self-referrals earn nothing), codes are personal and may not be resold, and bidding on SRC brand keywords is not permitted. Running a network of creators? Contact `partners@src-advisory.ch` about the Super-Influencer tier.

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8. Monitors & Getting Help

Monitors help you keep an eye on topics that matter to you, while the Help & Support page and HelpChat assistant answer your questions about using SRC.

The Help & Support page

Why it matters: Monitors save you time by automatically flagging new reports about what you care about, instead of searching manually each time. When you have questions, the Help page and HelpChat give you quick answers.

SETTING UP A MONITOR

The Monitors page

1. Open the **Monitors** section in the navigation menu.
2. Create a new monitor and give it a descriptive name (for example, “Climate Tech” or “Tech Regulation”).

3. Type the **keywords** you want to watch for—words that appear in reports you want to see.
4. Choose your **focus areas** (the topic sections you care about).
5. Select which **content types** to include (such as Reports or Analysis).
6. Save the monitor.

From now on, when a new report matches your monitor, a small number appears next to **Monitors** in the navigation to show how many new matches arrived. Click it to see what's new.

Note: this feature may require a paid tier. If you see an upgrade prompt, monitors aren't yet available on your plan.

CONNECTING TELEGRAM FOR MONITOR ALERTS

Requires a Professional membership or above.

You can link your personal Telegram account so that every time a new report matches one of your monitors, the SRC bot sends you a direct message — no need to check the website.

Step-by-step setup

1. **Open the Monitors page** (`/monitors`) and locate the **Telegram alerts** panel at the top of the monitor list.
2. **Click "Connect Telegram."** The panel shows a three-step guide and generates a one-time command (valid for 15 minutes).
3. **Open a chat with the bot.** In step 2 of the panel, the bot name **@SRCEditor_bot** is a clickable link that opens Telegram directly — or search for it by name. Tap **Start**.
4. **Copy the command** shown in the panel (e.g. `/link abc123…`), paste it into the chat with the bot, and send it.
5. **The panel updates automatically** within a few seconds to show a green "Connected" badge. You are now linked.

> The bot only sends you alerts — it cannot read your other Telegram chats.

Enabling alerts per monitor

Linking your account is global — it does not turn on alerts for every monitor. You control notifications per monitor:

- In the monitor list, click the **send/paper-plane icon** next to a monitor name.
  - **Blue icon** = Telegram alerts on for that monitor.
  - **Grey icon** = alerts off.

Disconnecting

To remove the Telegram connection, click **Disconnect** in the Telegram panel. You will stop receiving DMs immediately. You can re-connect at any time.

USING THE HELP PAGE

1. Click **Help** in the main navigation (or footer).
2. You'll see a list of topics on the left and a search box at the top labelled **"Search help topics."**
3. To find answers quickly, type a keyword in the search box (for example, "Daily Brief" or "PDF") and the list filters automatically.
4. Alternatively, click any topic on the left—such as **Reports**, **Search**, or **Membership & Tiers**—to see all its questions.
5. Click any question to expand it and read the answer.

ASKING THE HELPCHAT ASSISTANT

1. On the Help page, find the **"Ask anything about SRC"** box.
2. Type your question in your own words—you don't need exact terms (for example, "How do I download a report as a PDF?").
3. Press **Enter** or click the send button.
4. The HelpChat assistant reads your question and gives you a direct answer.

Tip: Use the Help page for a quick, specific question—it's usually fastest. Use HelpChat for a more complex question or follow-ups.

HELPDESK — REPORT A BUG OR REQUEST A FEATURE

The HelpDesk is where you tell the SRC team what's broken or what you'd like added. Every ticket is reviewed by the board, moves through a transparent pipeline, and accepted feature requests appear on the public roadmap.

1. Open the **account menu** (your avatar, top-right) and choose **HelpDesk** (or go to `/helpdesk`).
2. Pick **Bug** or **Feature request**.
3. Give it a short title and a description. For a bug, add the page it happened on; you can also **attach a screenshot or document** (image, PDF, Word or text, up to 5 MB — attachments are virus-scanned).
4. Submit. You'll see the ticket under **My tickets** with its status.

The pipeline: Received → Checking → In planning → On the roadmap → Available (or Declined, with a reason). The board can leave a note on your ticket, which you'll see against it.

Resolution badge: when a ticket is fixed, it carries a badge showing who resolved it — **fixed by SRC AI** (our engineering agent) or **fixed by board** — plus the release it shipped in (e.g. `v1.4.0`), so you know exactly when the fix reached the live site.

Roadmap tab: the HelpDesk page also shows the public roadmap — what's Planned, Building and Shipped — so you can see where accepted ideas stand.

There is no support email address — the HelpDesk is the single channel for questions, bugs and feature requests, so nothing gets lost in an inbox.

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9. Intelligence & Analysis

The Analysis section is SRC's analytical machinery made visible — the data structures and assessment tools behind every published report. It is an **Executive membership** surface (board and staff always have access). Lower tiers reach the classic Risk Dashboard and Threat Map links in the account menu; whether previews of the deeper modules are offered to other tiers is a board decision still open.

Access: sign in with an Executive account and open the **Analysis** menu in the top navigation — a dropdown grouped into Intelligence, Threat & risk, and Domain telemetry, so you can jump straight to any tool — or go directly to `/analysis`. Inside, a **left rail** (same grouping) switches between tools while the content stays in place; the Overview lists every module, live ones clickable and scheduled ones showing their delivery month.

9.1 KNOWLEDGE GRAPH

The Knowledge Graph is the entity-and-relation model underneath SRC assessments. It answers a simple question that prose cannot: *who is connected to what, how, and how strongly?*

What it contains

- **Entities** — states, organisations, companies, infrastructure, groups and concepts. Each carries a type badge, an optional country code, a description, and a **significance** rating from ● (peripheral) to ●●●●● (systemic).
- **Relations** — typed, directed, weighted edges between entities: *ally, adversary, owns, supplies, member_of, influences, depends_on, conflict*. The weight (0–1) expresses strength or confidence.

Step by step

1. Open **Analysis → Knowledge Graph**.
2. Use the **search box** to find an entity — names, aliases (e.g. “Fancy Bear” finds APT28/29) and descriptions all match. Or narrow the list by **type** with the dropdown.
3. Click an entity. Its profile opens on the right: type, aliases, description and all its **connections**.
4. Read the direction from the arrow: *supplies* → means the selected entity supplies the other; ← *depends_on* means the other depends on it.
5. Click any connection to **hop** to that entity. Chains are traced by hopping: Russia → *owns* → Gazprom → *supplies* → TurkStream.

The graph is curated by the board (sources are vetted with the CHIEF protocol — see the Glossary) and grows with every assessment cycle. Entity vetting trails are board-internal and not displayed.

9.2 THREAT MAP

The Threat Map is the board’s own **Delphi threat survey**. Each board member independently scores every threat on **probability** and **impact**; the responses are consolidated in assessment rounds into the SRC threat index (SRCti). Because scoring is independent before consolidation, the map shows genuine board judgement rather than groupthink.

1. Open **Analysis → Threat Map** (it opens as its own page).
2. The matrix plots threats by probability × impact — top-right is the critical corner.
3. Click a threat for its description and scoring history across rounds.
4. AI-gen offers a dedicated walkthrough on the Threat Map page itself.

9.3 RISK DASHBOARD

The Risk Dashboard is SRC’s standing risk picture across its six focus areas — slower-moving than the Threat Map, indicator-based, and evidenced by published research.

1. Open **Analysis → Risk Dashboard** (it opens as its own page).
2. The **spider chart** at the top shows the average score per focus area — the shape tells you where pressure concentrates.
3. The **heat-map** below lists each indicator, scored 1 (low) to 10 (critical), colour-coded, with a trend arrow (rising / stable / falling).
4. **Evidence icons** on an indicator card link the SRC reports that support the score — click to read in an overlay without leaving the dashboard. Matching is semantic, not keyword-based.

5. As an Executive member, click any indicator for the full **drill-down**: SRC's written assessment and the sources behind the number.

9.4 MONITORS (ALL MEMBER TIERS)

Monitors are personal standing searches over new SRC content — not Executive-gated, but part of the same intelligence workflow: the graph and dashboards show the picture, Monitors make sure you hear when it changes. See Monitors & Getting Help for setup, including Telegram alerts.

9.5 SENTINEL — MILITARY OSINT (EXECUTIVE)

Sentinel monitors military posture across the European theatre — 27 countries from the D-A-CH region and NATO's eastern flank to Russia, Belarus and Ukraine — built entirely on open sources.

The posture table shows each country's latest military expenditure (in US dollars and as % of GDP, from SIPRI data published by the World Bank), its armed forces personnel, and a ten-year trend arrow: red ↑ means spending as a share of the economy grew by more than 0.15 percentage points over the decade, green ↓ means it shrank. Countries at or above NATO's 2%-of-GDP guideline are highlighted; the summary tiles at the top count them and total the theatre's expenditure. **Click any row** to open the country drill-down: the decade's spending curve as a chart, arms imports and exports (SIPRI trend indicator values), and any event signals detected in that country in the last 48 hours.

The signal feed on the right has two layers, both from GDELT's global monitoring. **Event signals** are structured conflict events (armed clashes, aerial attacks, mobilizations, bombings) detected in the European theatre over the last 48 hours — SRC ingests these every 15 minutes and tags each with a severity chip (low/med/high, based on how widely the event was reported); click one to open a source article. Below them, **coverage headlines** list recent military-related news articles. If a layer is briefly unavailable the posture table still works.

Reading notes: figures are annual and reflect each country's latest reported year — Russia and Belarus typically lag due to reporting gaps. The data is descriptive open-source material, not an SRC assessment; for SRC's own judgement see the Threat Map and Risk Dashboard.

9.6 PIPELINE — ENERGY TELEMETRY (EXECUTIVE)

Pipeline shows the live state of the D-A-CH energy system from open sources.

Day-ahead prices: today's electricity price curve for the German (DE-LU) and Swiss bidding zones in €/MWh, with the latest value highlighted. **Production mix**: what Germany, Switzerland and Austria are generating right now — a colour-banded bar from solar and wind through hydro to fossil sources, with total generation and the renewable share of load. Electricity data comes from Energy-Charts (Fraunhofer ISE, based on Bundesnetzagentur/SMARD data) and refreshes about every 15 minutes.

EU gas storage (GIE AGSI+): per-country storage fill levels with a colour scale (green ≥ 60%, amber ≥ 35%, red below) and the daily injection/withdrawal trend. This panel needs a free AGSI+ API key configured on the platform; until then it shows a connect hint while the electricity telemetry works regardless.

9.7 SRC LAGEBILD — THE STRATEGIC SITUATION PICTURE (EXECUTIVE)

SRC Lagebild is the fusion layer over everything the Analysis hub measures — the single situational picture a command staff would keep. Its doctrine, in three rules: **baseline, not headline** (every fact is a deviation from its own history, never a raw count); **divergence is a finding** (when the live stream and the board's assessment disagree, that gap is the signal); **persistence beats spikes** (the posture level only changes when two consecutive computations agree — no flapping needle).

Layer 1 — SRC Condition. One number, 1 (Calm) to 5 (Critical), with the drivers that pushed it and a 14-day history sparkline. Computed from the watchboard below with two-run hysteresis.

Layer 2 — The watchboard. Ten facts as one strip: escalation co-activation (from Fusion), geographic concentration, severity tail, energy stress (DE-LU day-ahead price z-score), mobilization markers, hybrid/infra markers, board–machine divergence, watchlist entity touches, board Delphi divergence, and structural drift (weekly, Phase 2). Each cell is green/amber/red against its own baseline — **hover any cell** for exactly what was measured against what.

The theatre map. Between the watchboard and the assessment sits the world map — movements made visible. Toggleable layers: **activity heat** (per-country event volume, red when high-severity events are present), **S4/S5 hotspots** (hover for the event card, click *Open source* → for the underlying coverage), the **Ukraine frontline** (DeepStateMap, refreshed every 30 minutes) and **fires** (NASA FIRMS thermal anomalies, once the free key is configured). The **Replay 72h** slider steps the heat layer back in 12-hour windows, so you can watch concentration shift over the last three days.

Layer 3 — Today's assessment. The top cross-domain findings in plain language, linked into Fusion for the full picture.

Layer 4 — What changed. A strict diff against the previous snapshot: level changes and status flips only. An empty list means the picture is stable — quiet is a result.

Snapshots are computed at 06:00 and 17:00 UTC and archived, so the picture is replayable ("show me July 13"). The board is alerted on Telegram **only when the Condition reaches Elevated (3) or above**; the alert updates in place and retracts when the picture calms.

9.8 FUSION — HYBRID THREATS (EXECUTIVE)

Fusion looks for the hybrid-threat signature: **several signal categories running hot at the same time**. It takes the live signal stream (the same conflict events Sentinel ingests every 15 minutes, sub-classified into categories such as *use of conventional force*, *territorial occupation*, *military mobilization*, *aerial attack*), buckets the last 72 hours into 24-hour windows, and compares every category against its **own 7-day baseline**.

When two or more categories are simultaneously elevated, the window becomes a **finding**, ranked by score (total intensity × category diversity, boosted when the categories share actors/regions). Each finding card shows: the co-active categories, per-category intensity ("28 events · 3.5× baseline"), the **shared actors/regions** binding the pattern (e.g. activity concentrating on one country across several categories), and the top severity-ranked events with links to the source coverage.

Beyond the conflict-event stream, dedicated feeds add real cross-domain signal hourly: **CISA KEV** (actively-exploited vulnerabilities → cyber, higher severity when tied to known ransomware), **ISW daily campaign assessments** (analyst context), and **Cloudflare Radar** internet-outage annotations (infrastructure — these geocode onto the theatre map) once the free token is configured.

A quiet feed is a result, not an error: "No cross-domain correlations above threshold" means no window in the last 72 hours showed multi-category escalation. Use **Refresh** to re-run the correlation on demand.

9.9 ORACLE — FORECASTING (EXECUTIVE)

Oracle turns judgment into a measurable skill. The board posts **precisely resolvable questions** (yes/no with a probability, or a number) with a close date and a resolution date. Everyone forecasts with a probability slider or a value — **one live forecast per person**, updatable until the question closes.

Two design rules matter: forecasts stay **private while a question is open** (you see only the crowd mean and the AI's line — no anchoring on colleagues), and every resolution **Brier-scores** all submissions (0 = perfect, 0.25 = a coin flip, 1 = maximally wrong; numeric questions score a normalized error on the same 0–1 axis). The **leaderboard** ranks everyone by mean Brier and shows how often your high-confidence calls (≥70%) actually happened — calibration made visible, the AI forecaster competing on the same terms.

Creating and resolving questions is board/staff only — question quality is the whole game: a question that can't be resolved unambiguously can't be scored fairly. The **Ask AI** button (staff) has the AI gateway submit a reasoned forecast attributed to the model.

All Analysis Engine modules are now live — there are no locked cards left on the overview.

9.10 SENTINEL — NATIONAL DEBT

Fiscal counterpart to Sentinel Military: general-government gross debt for the European theatre plus USA, China and Japan (IMF World Economic Outlook data).

1. Open **Analysis** → **Sentinel — National Debt**.
2. Each bar shows **debt as % of GDP**, coloured against the Maastricht anchors (green ≤60%, amber ≤90%, orange ≤120%, red above); the thin vertical line marks the 60% reference.
3. The **sparkline** shows the 10-year trend (red = rising, green = falling).
4. Toggle **Nominal (USD) / PPP (Int$)** top-right to switch the GDP and absolute-debt columns between market exchange rates and purchasing-power parity.

10. Administrator Guide (SRC Staff)

The admin area is a separate, staff-only part of the SRC platform where you can manage reports, users, members, and the content that feeds the platform's research. You access it through a dedicated admin login — regular member accounts cannot enter the admin area.

The admin dashboard

Who this is for: SRC staff only. You need administrator permissions to log in to the admin area.

WHAT YOU CAN DO IN THE ADMIN AREA

Editorial

- **Reports** — review, approve, publish, or delete reports, and gate each one to a members-only tier. Published pieces can be **retracted**: one click pulls the piece off the live site; you must give a reason, which goes on the permanent audit record. A **published piece cannot be hard-deleted directly** — retract it first (auditable, reversible in intent), then delete if truly needed. This guard protects the live canonical set from accidental or mis-directed deletion.
- **Content Creation** — the commissioning desk. Start a *New Opinion, Report, Editorial, Analysis or Brief*: tick the research sources it should build on, add your editorial instructions (angle, tone, length), link related published pieces, paste reference URLs, upload text files, pick a **research mode** — *Fast* (corpus only, ~15 min), *Solid* (corpus + web, ~1 h) or *In-depth* (deep dive, ~6 h) — and decide **who writes it** (“Written by”): **In-house**, choosing the AI model from the picker, or **Paperclip**. Your routing decision is followed: in-house commissions start writing immediately with your chosen model; Paperclip commissions go to the agent and only appear in its feed. Either way every commission has an SLA — if it is missed, the pipeline escalates to the board and the SRC writer steps in as safety net, so a commission never stalls silently. In-house drafts are automatically **grounded in the SRC corpus** (semantic search over your published reports and vetted sources) and carry **visuals** — inline SVG charts for data, and real **public-domain images** (auto-sourced from Wikimedia Commons with attribution) for photos/artworks. **Review & revise in the desk:** open Compare/Preview (it renders exactly like the live page); type a note and *Request revision* to have the writer regenerate an improved draft while the live version stays up. **Publishing** follows the piece’s workflow — *Direct* publishes straight from the draft; *Two-person review* (four-eyes) needs *Send for review* then a different board member to publish. Publishing a revised piece replaces the live version and re-generates its DE/FR/IT translated siblings.
- **Workflows** — choose how a piece travels from creation to publication. Two workflows ship today: **Direct publish** (the creator may publish their own piece; review is optional) and **Four-eyes review** (a different person must review and publish). Pick one as the default; every transition (sent for review, published, retracted…) is logged in the audit trail shown on this page.
- **Ingestion Log** — every item the content pipeline pushed in, marked accepted, rejected, or errored, with the reason. The first place to look when content is missing.

Distribution

- **Delivery** — external delivery targets (partner feeds, Telegram channels, webhooks, email). Each target can be edited in place; feed targets get a tokenised URL partners poll.
- **Monitors** — view all member content monitors and their match counts, and run the backfill scan.

- **Broadcast & Alerts → Breaking Alert & Site Message Bar** — two channels for urgent news, side by side on the Broadcast & Alerts page (`/admin/email`). *Send Breaking Alert* emails the selected member tiers immediately (a checkbox mirrors the headline into the site bar). The *Site Message Bar* panel posts directly to the red breaking bar every visitor sees at the top of the site: write the headline, add an optional link, choose Breaking (red) or Notice (blue) style and an expiry (6 hours to 7 days), and publish. The panel lists recent messages with their live/expired status — **Take down** removes one immediately. Reports that auto-publish with a CQR score above 8 create a 24-hour bar message automatically (marked "auto (CQR)"); take it down here if it shouldn't headline the site. Breaking messages support an optional **detail text** that scrolls after the headline (Telegram-flagged items carry their shared text and any 💬 board comments automatically). On the site, a fresh breaking item plays an attention phase (flashing bar, pulsing "Breaking News" badge), holds the bar for ~5 minutes, then alternates with the Daily Brief crawl (~20s red / ~40s navy) until it expires — the brief ticker is never silenced for a whole day again. An audience snapshot (brief/recap subscribers, bounces, total) sits at the top, with a link into MMS for per-subscriber email-preference management.

Intelligence

- **Source Corpus** — the knowledge base: every article shared with the SRC-Editor Telegram bot, sent by email, or uploaded. Each source shows whether it is embedded for AI retrieval, how often agents have reused it, and its focus-area tags. Search, re-embed, or remove sources here.
- **CQR Framework** — the content-quality engine, in five tabs. *Worldview Matrix*: the board's topic positions (used only for internal routing since CQR v2). *Tuning*: leads with the six **Master Dials** (0–10 sliders, 5 = neutral — Strictness, Evidence bar, Independence sensitivity, Symmetry guard, Disclosure forgiveness, Automation trust) with Launch/Standard/Strict presets; every raw parameter derives from them at scoring time, while the full tables (Quality Score weights, Editorial Fit weights, decision thresholds, integrity flag rules) stay editable under *Advanced*. The Automation-trust dial also sets the auto-publish floor and the rolling daily cap. *Content Scores*: score or re-score any report, inspect the quality/fit split, per-dimension rationale and integrity flags, and generate or publish the **Steelman** counter-position ("The Other Side"). *Source Register*: board-curated facts about recurring sources — owner, funders, dependencies, independence/reliability ratings — that the AI scorer must use instead of its own priors. *Claims Ledger*: every checkable claim and prediction extracted from scored content, with a resolve workflow that builds the long-term source track record.

- **Author Profiles** — the **internal-only** independence register for guest and external authors (never shown publicly). Three pillars — Independence, Financial conflicts, Expertise — computed from findings on a fixed 19-parameter catalog. Hard rules: every deduction needs a source URL (“no source, no deduction”); conflicts the author disclosed themselves cost only half (honesty mitigation, dial-tunable); an author can **contest** a finding, which removes it from the score until the board upholds or withdraws it; any active *undisclosed* conflict raises a red flag on the profile. An AI assistant drafts findings from research material you paste in — it uses only that material, and every suggestion still needs your source and confirmation.
- **Risk Dashboard** — set and maintain the risk heat-map: create categories and indicators, assign scores (1–10) and a trend (segmented Rising / Stable / Falling control, colour-coded), write the assessment text and sources, and toggle each indicator’s visibility. A live spider-chart preview at the top shows exactly what members see. Saves update in place — the page keeps your scroll position. Changes appear immediately on the member-facing dashboard, where supporting SRC articles are attached to each indicator automatically by semantic match.
- **QA** — the quality watchdog. Configure which AI model reviews each publication, see every check of every post-publish QA run (metadata, duplicates, formatting, API visibility, embedding presence…), and a live system-health board covering the database, email, Telegram, embeddings, invitation delivery, endpoint security, admin 2FA enrollment, public profiles, and the risk dashboard.

Community

- **People (MMS)** — the single people console for both members and staff. It replaces the former separate “Members” and “Email Subscribers” pages (both now redirect here). Three tabs: **Members**, **Staff** (anyone with a creator / publisher / guest-creator role), and **All people**. Each row shows the person’s access tier, lifecycle (active-paid / trialing / registered / churned), categories, tags, and **email-notification state** (Daily Brief, Weekly Recap, Breaking alerts on/off; a Marketing-consent chip; a red Bounced flag). Filter across every axis — tier, category, lifecycle, notification (e.g. “gets Daily Brief”, “marketing consent”, “bounced”), language, and tag. **Export CSV** streams the currently-filtered set (a marketing/sales segment). Expand any row to: assign/revoke **categories**; change **staff role**; toggle each **email notification**, marketing consent, or clear a bounce; **grant tier access** (30-day quick comp inline, or a custom/permanent grant with an audit reason); add/delete internal **notes**; add/remove **tags**; read the **timeline**; run a **DSAR export** (nDSG/GDPR data file); or exercise **right-to-erasure** (type the member’s email to permanently delete the account and all its data).

- **Saved segments & bulk actions** — save any filter combination as a named **segment** (a reusable marketing/sales query) and re-apply it in one click. The **bulk** toolbar applies a tag or category to exactly the people currently shown (add/remove tag, assign/revoke category), with a confirmation showing the count.
- **Invitations** — invite people by email and optionally grant them free access on signup. Delivery is tracked — the QA page raises an alert if an invitation email failed to send.
- **Analytics** — internal platform metrics: total registered users, members on trial, tier distribution chart, active subscription counts and estimated monthly revenue, daily view sparkline (30 days), top 10 most-read reports, and recent subscription conversions. Use the **Export CSV** button to download all data as a spreadsheet for board reporting. Admin-only.

System

- **Site Admins** — manage who has administrator access.
- **Automated safeguards (run for you)** — three background jobs keep the platform healthy without manual work: a **nightly probe-sweep** auto-removes disposable synthetic probe/test reports (the health/ingestion checks that write throwaway rows), so they never accumulate or need manual deletion — it never touches published or approved content, and spares any test row that shares a source with real content; an **AI cost-spike alert** checks token spend every two hours and emails admins the moment any feature runs above its daily threshold; and every deletion, sweep, and cost alert is written to the audit trail.
- **Security (2FA)** — protect your admin account with two-factor authentication. Click *Enable 2FA*, scan the QR code with any authenticator app (Google Authenticator, 1Password, Apple Passwords…), and confirm with the six-digit code. You receive eight one-time backup codes — store them safely; each signs you in once if you lose your device. From then on, login asks for your authenticator code after your password.

The admin area uses the same left-hand menu style as the member account — with a red badge on Reports showing how many await review.

OPERATING THE CQR FRAMEWORK (BOARD ROUTINE)

The CQR Framework page (`/admin/framework`) is the quality engine's cockpit. The day-to-day routines:

Scoring content. Open *Content Scores*, filter by focus area/type, and use **Score** on a single report or the batch buttons: *Score unscored* (first-time scoring), *Re-score stale* (run this after every Tuning change — it re-scores everything whose score predates the new framework version), *Re-score all* (force-refresh, one AI call per report). Expanding a row shows the quality/fit split: the eight public **Quality** dimensions with the composite, the three dashed **Editorial Fit** dimensions (internal routing — never shown to members), per-dimension rationale, and integrity flags. Rows marked **v1** were scored under the old blended composite — re-score them to upgrade. Scoring also runs the distill pass automatically: key takeaways land on the report, checkable claims land in the Claims Ledger.

Steelman workflow. In the same expanded row, **Generate** produces the counter-position. For Reports/Analyses/Studies/Briefs it starts *internal*; clicking **publish** makes it the public "The Other Side" sidebar (board-gated, click again to unpublish; regeneration always resets to internal). For Positions/Opinions publishing is blocked by design — the steelman is the mandatory internal check, read it before approving the piece.

Tuning. The *Tuning* tab holds the Quality Score weight table (per document type, each column must sum to 1.00), the Editorial Fit weights, the decision thresholds (applied to the Quality Score only), and — since v1.1.0 — the **integrity flag rules**: the exact dimension thresholds at which RHETORIC_OVER_ANALYSIS, OVERCLAIMING, STATS_ABUSE, WEAK_EVIDENCE, CITATION_RISK, WORLDVIEW_CLASH, CORRUPTION_ALERT, SOURCE_RISK and CONTRARIAN_GOLD fire. Publishing bumps the framework version; old scores keep their version for audit. Remember: after publishing a change, run *Re-score stale*.

Fallacy audits. The member-facing *Check Fallacies* button (Executive) caches one audit per report; staff can force a fresh audit with the refresh parameter after a piece is revised. The audit uses the same SRC Fallacy Taxonomy the scorer applies — if a fallacy audit and a rhetoric score seem to disagree, trust the audit's quotes and consider an editorial override on the score.

Source Register. Add each recurring source once: owner, funders (comma-separated), dependency notes, and 1–10 board ratings for independence and reliability. Aliases matter — the scorer matches entries by name *or* alias appearing in the document text, and matched entries override the model's prior knowledge. Deactivate rather than delete when a source stops appearing.

Claims Ledger. The track record accrues automatically; the board's job is resolution. Filter for predictions whose *Checkable* date has passed, click **Resolve**, add a short note, and pick confirmed / refuted / partial / unresolvable. Delete only mis-extractions. Resolution quality directly feeds the future source-reliability scores — resolve honestly, including SRC's own claims.

The calibration playbook. The machine proposes scores; the board calibrates them — that loop is what makes the ratings trustworthy. The full playbook lives in `docs/SRC-CQR-CALIBRATION.md`, and the AI assistant on the CQR Framework page walks you through it step by step. In short: **(1)** baseline — re-score everything until the health check shows ~100 % current; **(2)** seed the Source Register (~50 recurring sources, generous aliases) and re-score; **(3)** blind calibration sprint — ~20 pieces rated by the board *without* seeing the AI's scores, disagreements recorded as editorial overrides; **(4)** tune weights from what the sprint showed —

strictly **one change per framework version**, re-score stale, judge by the top-10/bottom-10 ranking; **(5)** set thresholds against the real score distribution; **(6)** validate every public integrity flag (they render on the live site — a wrong flag is a public wrong); **(7–9)** standing routine — steelman before every Position/Opinion approval, monthly claim resolution, quarterly blind re-audit. Hard rules: one change per version; no exemptions for SRC's own content; overrides are data — record them honestly.

REVIEWING ON TELEGRAM (BOARD MEMBERS)

Board members can run the whole editorial review from the SRC Telegram bot — no computer needed:

- Every new report arrives as a card with four buttons: ✅ **Publish** (one tap takes it live, including all translations), ❌ **Reject** (pick a quick reason or type your own — your reason goes back to the editorial pipeline for rework), 👁 **Read full draft**, and 📧 **For comment** (email the draft to an outside reviewer; their comments come straight back into the chat).
- `/pending` lists everything awaiting review; `/stats` shows a site overview.
- Board members can be scoped to specific focus areas — they only receive and decide on cards in their areas.

Note: Changes you make in the admin area directly affect what members see on the live SRC site. Proceed carefully when editing reports, member access, or framework settings.

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11. Glossary

Analytics (admin) — internal dashboard at `/admin/analytics` showing membership counts, tier distribution, subscription revenue, daily report views, and recent conversions. Includes a one-click CSV export for board reporting. Visible to SRC staff only.

Annotation — a private note you attach to a highlighted passage in a report (Executive tier and above). Visible only to you.

Bookmark / Saved — saving a report to your personal "Saved" folder so you can read it later.

CET — Central European Time, the Swiss time zone that SRC uses (for example, the Daily Brief is sent around 07:00 CET).

Check Fallacies — an Executive-member button on report pages that audits the piece against the SRC Fallacy Taxonomy and shows every detected pattern with the verbatim quote, an explanation, and a severity rating. SRC's own content is audited by the same standard.

Claims Ledger — SRC's permanent record of checkable claims and predictions extracted from scored content, each resolved over time as confirmed, refuted, or partial. It builds a public-interest track record of which sources turn out to be right.

Collection — a named folder in your library for grouping saved reports and uploaded documents by topic (Professional tier and above).

Content Library — your personal research workspace on the Account page: saved SRC reports and your own uploaded documents, organised into collections (Professional tier and above).

Daily Brief — a short daily email summary of SRC's latest research, sent each morning around 07:00 CET.

Editorial Fit — an internal-only routing signal (worldview alignment + member value + actionability) that helps editors decide where content appears. It never influences the public Quality Score and is never shown to members.

Email Preferences — the Account → Email tab (or the public `/email-preferences` page reachable from any SRC email footer) where you control which SRC emails you receive: Daily Brief, Weekly Recap, and Product & Service Updates. Changes are saved immediately and do not require a password.

Focus area — one of SRC's six subject areas: Digital Power & AI; Geopolitics & Hard Security; Energy & Resources; Climate, Environment & Food; Economy & Competitiveness; and Society, Migration & Institutions.

HelpChat — the assistant on the Help page where you can ask a question in your own words.

Monitor — a saved watch that flags new reports matching your chosen keywords, focus areas, and content types.

Observer / Essential / Professional / Expert — the four SRC membership tiers, ranging from free (Observer) to custom and institutional (Expert).

Opinion — a shorter editorial take within The SRC Position.

PDF download — saving a report as a branded PDF file (available with Professional tier and above).

Position Paper — a formal, longer editorial within The SRC Position.

Related reports — a panel at the bottom of each report showing up to five similar reports, selected by semantic similarity (Professional tier and above).

Report — an in-depth SRC research article on a topic. Access depends on your membership tier.

Weekly Recap — a Monday-morning email with the five most-read SRC analyses of the past week; same subscription as the Daily Brief.

Evidence tier — a 1–10 rating of how strong the evidence behind a claim is: meta-analyses and systematic reviews (9–10), controlled/registered studies (8), peer-reviewed observational work (6–7), preprints and expert opinion (4–5), anecdote and assertion (1–3). Shown on every Key Takeaway.

Key Takeaways (evidence-bound) — the AI-distilled conclusions panel on scored reports; each takeaway names its evidence tier and the specific basis it rests on. Takeaways without a citable basis are never shown.

Source Register — the board-curated database of recurring sources (ownership, funders, dependencies, independence and reliability ratings). Its facts override the AI scorer's general knowledge when those sources appear in content being scored.

SRC Fallacy Taxonomy — the fixed reference list of 26 argumentation fallacies (three families: No Evidence, Little Evidence, Language; after Sinnott-Armstrong & Fogelin, *Understanding Arguments*, OUP) used by both the CQR scorer's Rhetoric-vs-Substance dimension and the Check Fallacies audit.

SRC-CQR Quality Score — the public, bias-free quality rating on scored content, computed from eight epistemic dimensions (Trustworthiness, Source Transparency, Capture, Rhetoric vs. Substance, Evidence Hierarchy, Citation Integrity, Uncertainty Calibration, Statistical Integrity). Worldview alignment is deliberately excluded from this score; it is used only as an internal routing signal. See Content Integrity.

The Other Side (Steelman) — the strongest good-faith counter-position to a piece, published alongside selected research content and run as a mandatory internal check on SRC's own Positions and Opinions (*audiatur et altera pars*).

The SRC Position — SRC's editorial and opinion section, offering clear, decision-focused viewpoints.

Public Profile — an optional, publicly accessible member page at `srcadvisory.com/profiles/your-slug` showing your name, title/role, organisation, country, bio, and personal links. Opt in from the Account → Profile tab. Available on Essential tier and above.

Member Directory — the public listing of opted-in member profiles at `/profiles`. Browsable by anyone. Links to individual member profile pages.

Analysis (section) — the Executive-tier hub at `/analysis` uniting the Knowledge Graph, Threat Map, Risk Dashboard and the Analysis Engine modules under one menu.

CHIEF — SRC's source-vetting protocol: **C**redibility, **H**ierarchy, **I**ndependence, **E**vidence, **F**raming, each scored 0–5 and combined into a weighted verdict (trusted / caution / unreliable). A source with no evidence is never auto-trusted, however polished. Audit trails are board-internal.

Oracle — the forecasting module under Analysis: probabilistic questions Brier-scored on resolution, with a calibration leaderboard and an AI forecaster competing on equal terms.

Lagebild (SRC Lagebild) — the Strategic Situation Picture: ten baseline-deviation facts fused into the SRC Condition (1 Calm … 5 Critical), with drivers, watchboard, assessment and change-diff. The fusion layer over all Analysis modules.

Fusion — the hybrid-threats module under Analysis: correlates the live signal stream across categories and flags time windows where several run above their own baselines at once.

Knowledge Graph — the entity-and-relation model behind SRC assessments: typed entities (states, companies, infrastructure…) connected by directed, weighted relations. Browsable by Executive members under Analysis.

Risk Dashboard — the interactive risk heat-map at `/risk`, showing SRC's scored assessment of threats across all six focus areas. Accessible from the main navigation bar — no login required. Executive members unlock the full drill-down assessment and analyst notes for each indicator.

Think tank — an independent organisation that researches topics and publishes expert analysis to inform decisions.

Tier — your membership level: Observer (free), Essential, Professional, or Expert. It controls what you can access.

Tier-gated — content whose visibility depends on your membership tier.

Trial — a 7-day free period to try a paid tier; no credit card is required.

This guide describes the SRC platform at www.src-advisory.com. Screenshots show public pages; login-only screens are described in text. Prices and tier features are current as of the date this guide was produced and may change — the Membership and Help pages on the site always show the latest details.