

# Guideline for **EPIS**

- Network, Thinktank & Consultancy -  
on  
Foreign Affairs & Security Policy



# Introduction

Dear EPIS Fellows,

Berlin, 04 July 2025

EPIS is becoming one of the largest student organisations of Europe. Since the establishment, 2023 EPIS has grown 300+ EPIS Fellows. The EPIS Fellows come from different countries and studies. Throughout the years, EPIS has remained non-partisan & independent. As of now, EPIS is parted into 4 EPIS Branches:

- Consultancy - *for advocacy & leadership*
- Network - *for connecting & contacting*
- Thinktank for Foreign Affairs & Security Policy (FASP)
- Thinktank for Global Economics & Trade Strategy (GETS)

Within these branches, EPIS functions as a bridge between students and experts. Via EPIS Thinktanks, EPIS Fellows get first experiences in academic research. Via EPIS Network, EPIS Fellows benefit from far-stretched professional connections.

With this EPIS Guideline we introduce the EPIS. We explain how EPIS is structured, how every structure is working, and how you contribute to this work.

If you have any questions or comments. Please let us know! You can contact EPIS Board of Directors Internal Affairs Leader Julius Kurek. He will help you in any.

Thank you for your interest in EPIS!

 (Chairman)

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## Thinktank for Foreign Affairs & Security Policy (FASP)

- Report Groups
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- Format Groups

## Thinktank for Global Economics & Trade Strategy (GETS)

- Report Groups
- Working Groups
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## Network

- Delegations
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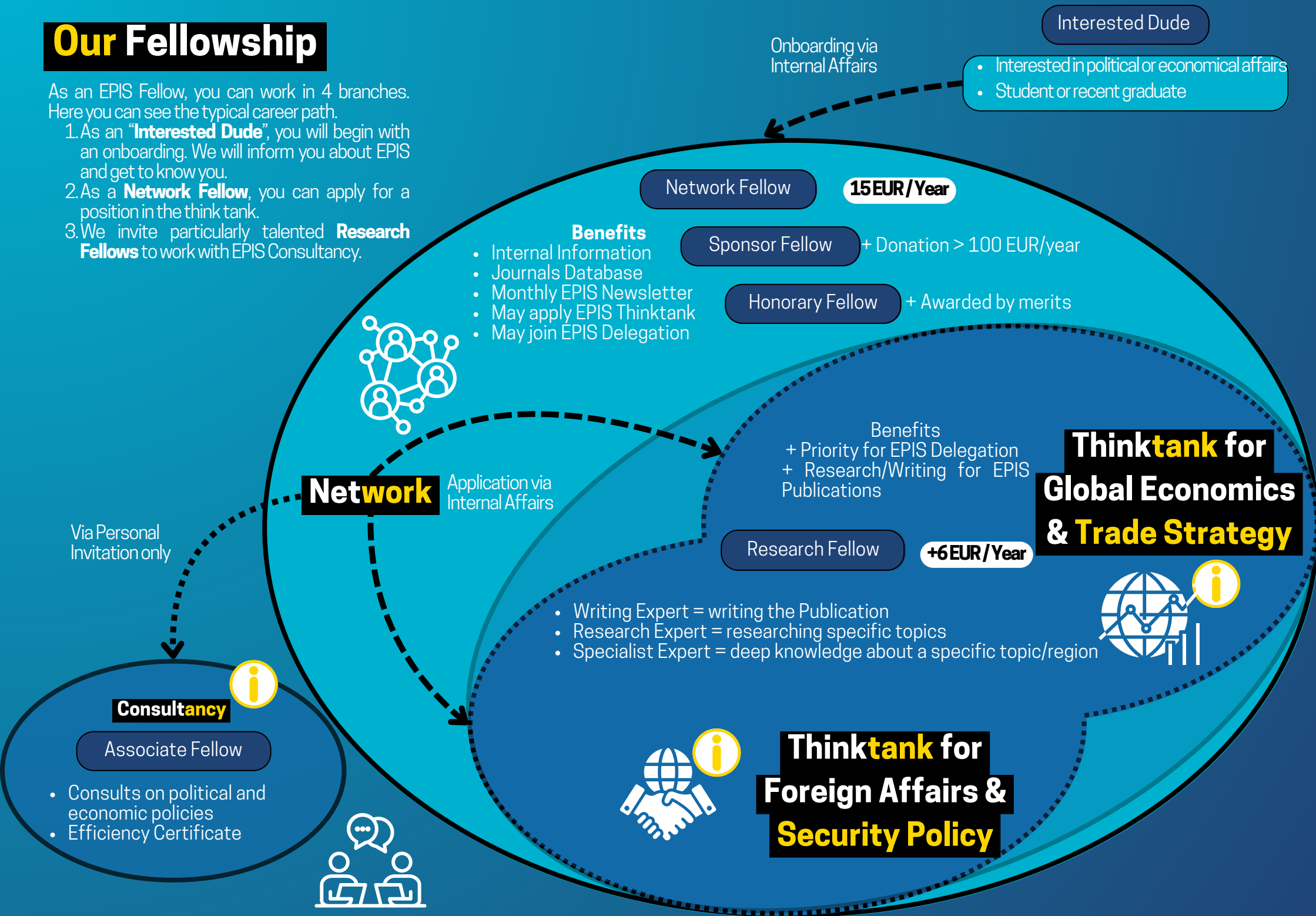
## Consultancy

- Efficiency Certification Service
- Monitoring

# Our Fellowship

As an EPIS Fellow, you can work in 4 branches. Here you can see the typical career path.

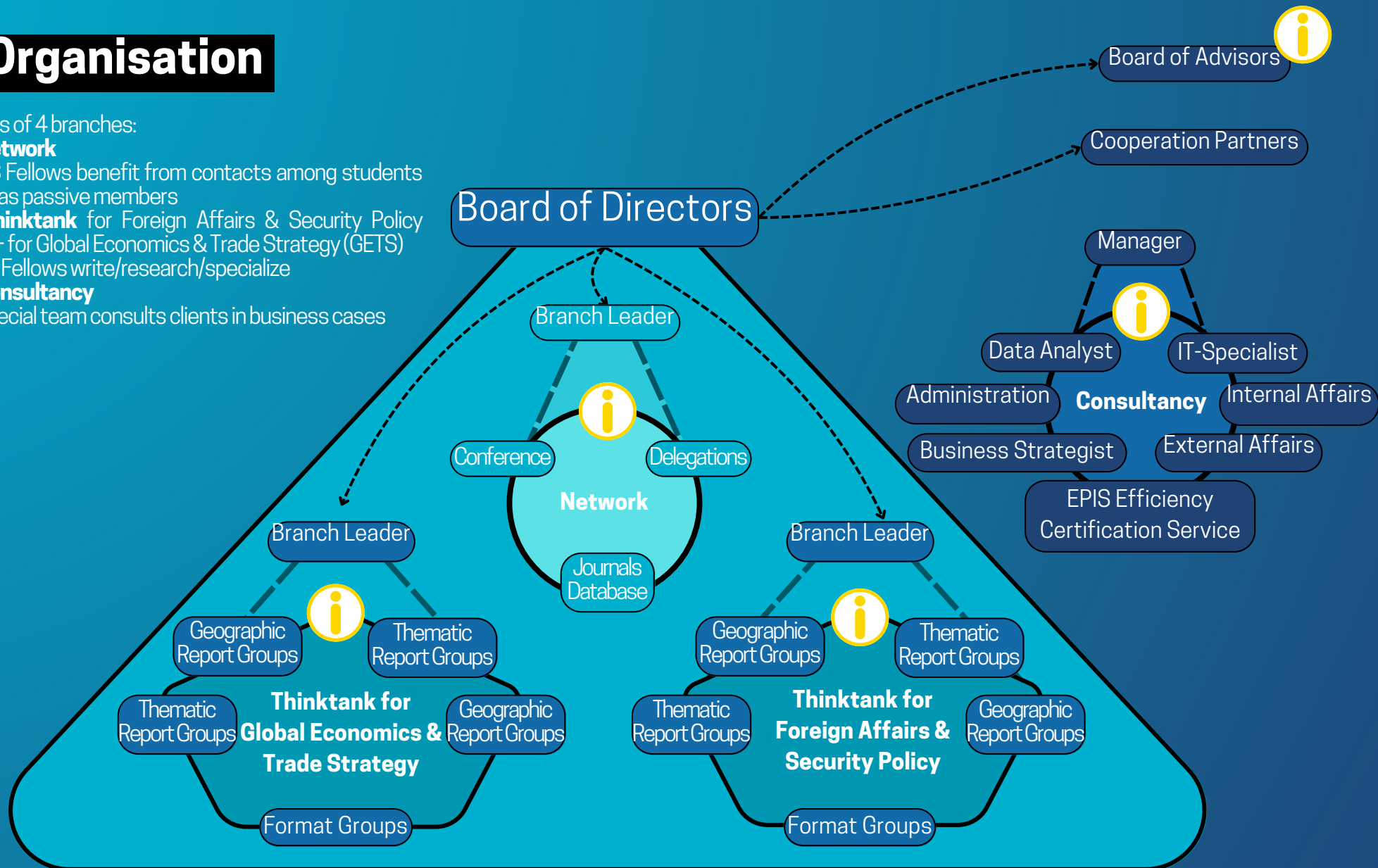
1. As an **"Interested Dude"**, you will begin with an onboarding. We will inform you about EPIS and get to know you.
2. As a **Network Fellow**, you can apply for a position in the think tank.
3. We invite particularly talented **Research Fellows** to work with EPIS Consultancy.



# Our Organisation

EPIS consists of 4 branches:

- **EPIS Network**
  - where EPIS Fellows benefit from contacts among students and experts as passive members
- **EPIS Thinktank** for Foreign Affairs & Security Policy (FASP) + for Global Economics & Trade Strategy (GETS)
  - where EPIS Fellows write/research/specialize
- **EPIS Consultancy**
  - where a special team consults clients in business cases





# Our Board of Directors

The EPIS Board of Directors leads the strategic direction and operations of EPIS. Composed of dedicated young professionals and students from across Europe, the Board oversees every affairs. With a strong commitment to fostering youth engagement in European policy, the Board ensures the continuity, quality, and impact of EPIS.



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**Chairman**  
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Johannes Hollunder



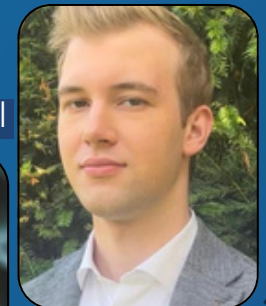
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Leonard Strohwald



**Internal Affairs**



Julius Kurek



Mihnea Turcitu



**Social Media**  
Oliver Headley



**External Affairs**

Alek Spieczny



Julia Gruber



# Our Board of Advisors

The Board of Advisors combines several designated personalities in politics and economy. These former professionals contribute their experience to the professionalisation of EPIS.

The EPIS Board of Advisors advises the EPIS Board of Directors on regarding the content and strategy.



**Ron Keller**



## At the Moment

International Advisor on Geopolitics,  
Global Economics and Finance

## Prior Experience

- Dutch Ambassador to Russia, Ukraine, Turkey and China
- Advisor at the EU, EBRD, IMF and World Bank
- Senior Director at the Dutch Ministries of Finance and Foreign Affairs



**Robert Walter**



## At the Moment

Advocate for defence cooperation in  
Europe

## Prior Experience

- Member of UK Parliament
- Head of UK Delegation, Council of Europe (2010)
- President, European Security and Defence Assembly

# Our Internal Affairs

The EPIS Internal Affairs enhances EPIS' internal effectiveness by deepening impact through structured workflows and EPIS Fellow's engagement. It supports EPIS Fellows, ensures smooth internal communication, and facilitates the exchange of ideas between working groups. EPIS Internal Affairs works closely with EPIS Administration to strengthen operational efficiency and the long-term success of EPIS initiatives.

## 3 Responsibilities

Onboarding

### 1. About you:

- Study: where/why/what?
- Special interest?
- Prior/other engagement?



### 2. About EPIS:

- EPIS as an organisation
- EPIS Network: Delegations & Exchange
- EPIS Thinktank: EPIS Resorts

### 3. Next Steps:

- Send Forms + Guideline
- Settling time frame
- Any questions?

**Minhea Turcitu**  
Internal Affairs - Onboarding

In an Onboarding, we get to know each other



Assisting

Julius will help in any internal matters

Ask & join us

**Julius Kurek**  
Internal Affairs - Leader

- Question about EPIS?
- Consult where to engage?
- Require proof of engagement?



Application

In an Application, we see whether is a match

Collaborate with us

**Chiara Postinghel**  
Internal Affairs - Application

### 1. About You:

- Why applied?
- Relevant experience?
- Motivation for engagement?

### 2. About the Position:

- Requirements
- Work process
- Next deadlines/current projects

### 3. Next Steps:

- Forms submitted (incl. profile picture)
- Next Monthly Meeting
- Questions?





# Our External Affairs

The EPIS External Affairs focuses on expanding EPIS' visibility and reach by managing relationships with external partners, institutions, and experts. It organises events, guest contributions, and informal talks to establish new collaborations. It is also responsible for maintaining public relations and ensuring EPIS is represented at key discussions, conferences, and networking opportunities.

**Publish together!**

**Alek Spieczny**  
External Affairs - Thinktank



## Informal Talks

- 45 min Q&A-session with an Expert
- for EPIS Fellows only



## Guest Contributions

- 500 - 3.000 words contribution by external author
- in EPIS Formats & EPIS Report Groups



## 2 Points of Contact

Network

Thinktank

**Collaborate with us?**

**Julia Gruber**  
External Affairs - Network



## Conference

- annual gathering of European student think tanks
- publishing a jointly written communiqué



## Delegations

- enabling EPIS Fellows to access international conferences
- networking with expert directly



## Journals Database

- building a database, accumulating academic articles
- 2-D experience of research



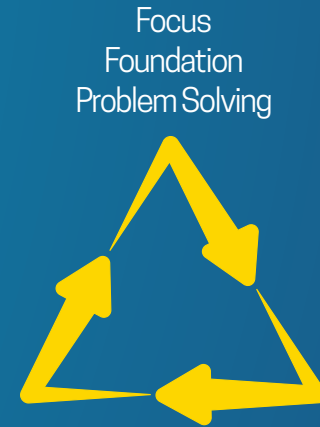
# Our Award

Every year, the EPIS Thinktanks presents the EPIS Award. This is intended to honour the best publication of the year. It is also intended as an incentive for EPIS Fellows to maintain the high standard of future publications. It is awarded at the end of the year in the categories: Best Magazine Article, Best Blog Post & Best Working Group Article.



## Criteria

Utilisability  
Methodology  
Systematics



Orthography  
Layout  
Formalities

## Winners 2024



Working Groups

Gaston  
Göttlich



Magazine

Ferdinand  
Wegener,  
Dmytro  
Sochnyev,  
Vitaliy  
Venislavskyy



Blog

Thalia  
Bouchehrian

EPIS Thinktank for Foreign Affaris & Security Policy

to be determined Dec. 2025

EPIS Thinktank for Gobal Economics & Trade Strategy



# Frequently Asked Questions

## About EPIS

- **What does EPIS stand for?**

EPIS (ancient Greek ἐπιστήμη epistḗmē) stands for "insight, knowledge, science."

- **What is EPIS?**

EPIS is a student organisation for foreign & economic affairs. It combines 4 branches: EPIS Consultancy, EPIS Network & 2 EPIS Thinktanks.

- **What does "non-partisan" mean in the context of EPIS?**

We are a neutral organisation and don't pursue a certain political agenda. We encourage free speech on an academic basis in the boundaries of mutual respect.

- **How is EPIS funded?**

90 % of EPIS' budget comes from fellowship fees of EPIS Fellows. Around 10 % are made up by project based funding such as OTT.

- **Where is EPIS based?**

EPIS is based online and active mostly in Europe and North America

## About Fellowship

- **Who can become an EPIS Fellow?**

The EPIS Fellowship is open to students & graduates who are interested in foreign and economic affairs. After the onboarding one becomes & EPIS Network Fellow, after the application one joins the EPIS Thinktanks as an EPIS Research Fellow.

- **Does one need to study political science or economics to apply?**

No, everyone who has an interest in the foreign and economic affairs can join also after graduation or without studying it.

- **What is the fellowship fee?**

EPIS Network Fellows pay 15 EUR/year. EPIS Research Fellows (of EPIS Thinktanks) pay additional 6 EUR/year. With this budget, we stay independent, non-partisan and can sustain our operations.

- **Are there any duties for EPIS Fellows?**

No, EPIS operates on a voluntary basis. You can be active, but you don't have to. There are EPIS Fellows who publish once, others who are regularly active, and some who contribute occasionally.



## About Organisation

- **What is the difference between EPIS Network & EPIS Thinktank**

The EPIS Network is the connection between students and experts. EPIS Thinktank produces publications.

- **What is an EPIS Resort?**

The EPIS Thinktanks are divided into various EPIS Resorts: EPIS Format Groups, EPIS Working Groups, and EPIS Report Groups. Each Resort consists of multiple subgroups.

- **How can one publish texts?**

If one joins a Group in an EPIS Resort, one can publish articles. The respective EPIS Thinktank Group Leader will guide through the process.

- **Where can one get involved?**

As an EPIS Fellow, one can contribute to any EPIS Resort which suits one's interest.

- **Are there regular meetings one has to attend?**

Yes, each Group meets on a monthly basis. The attendance is mandatory, as the important information and decisions are done there.



Contact Julius Kurek. He will assist you :)

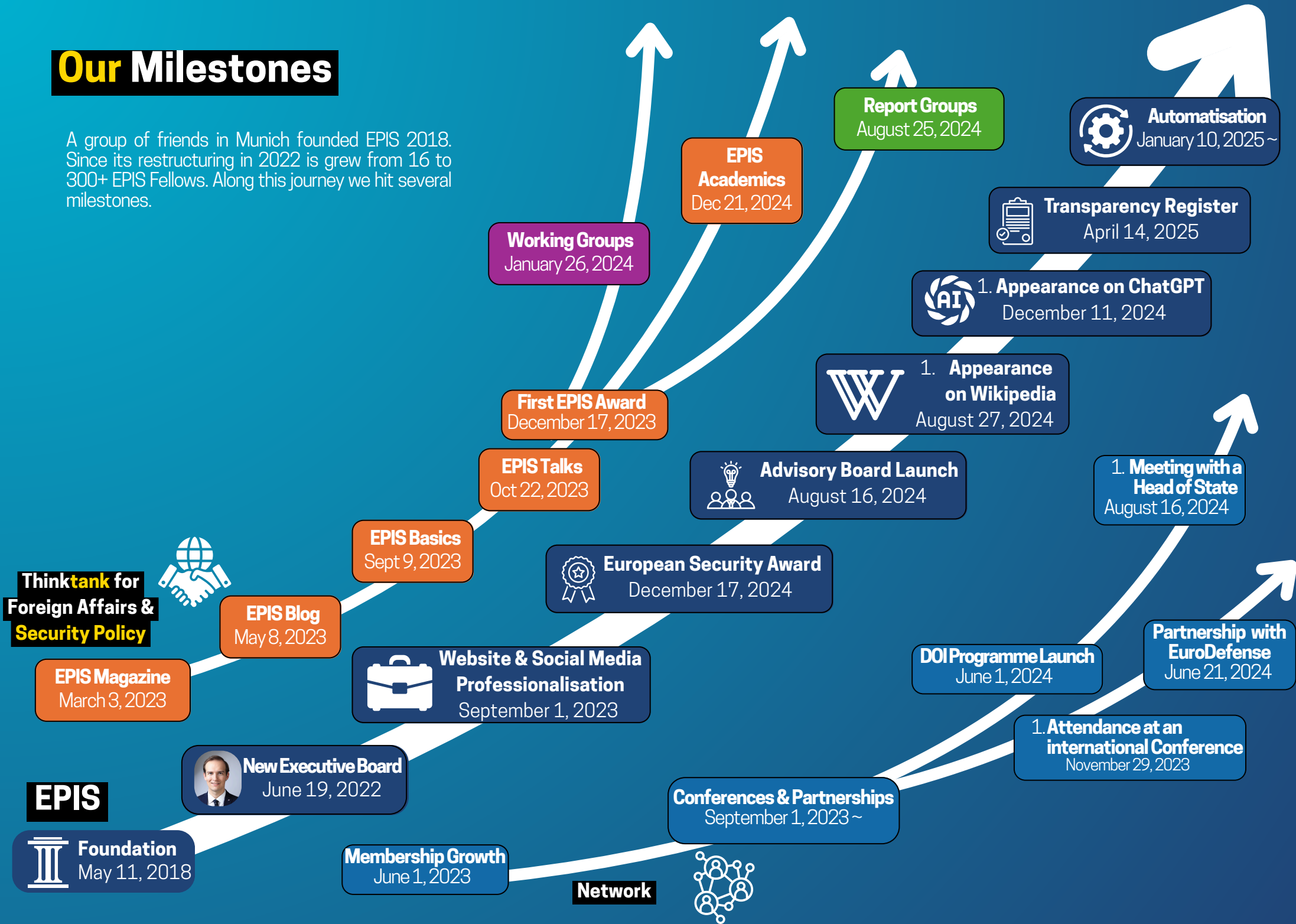
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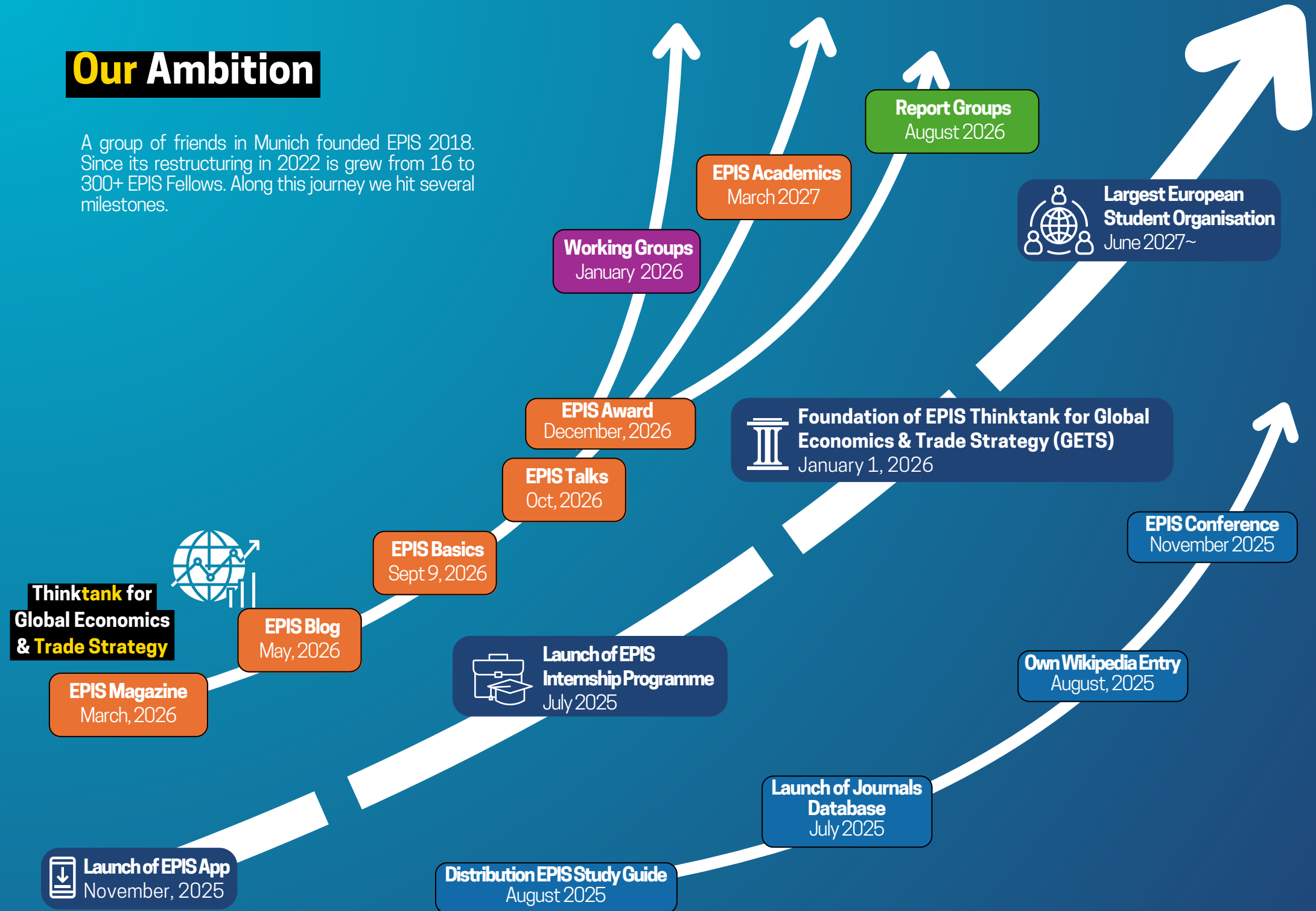
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# Our Ambition

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# Our Code of Conduct

EPIS follows a Code of Conduct based on 3 core principles that define how we work together. These principles apply to all EPIS Fellows. They aim to ensure both maximum freedom for our EPIS Fellows and a respectful working environment.



## Integrity



EPIS is independent, particularly from political, economic, or ideological influences. EPIS guarantees its Fellows freedom of expression. At the same time, EPIS is committed to the principles of human rights.

## Reliability

EPIS is efficient, goal-oriented, and reliable. EPIS Fellows carry out their tasks with a sense of responsibility toward others, acting dependably and with clear communication.



## Kollegiality



EPIS promotes exchange among its EPIS Fellows in a spirit that is respectful, supportive, and based on mutual understanding—especially across cultural, academic, political, and geographical differences.

**Questions  
Complaints?**

Contact Julius Kurek.  
He will assist you :)

**Internal Affairs Manager**

[internal.affairs@epis-thinktank.de](mailto:internal.affairs@epis-thinktank.de)





# Social Media: Workflows

We have created countless social media posts in Canva. When creating new ones, copy and paste recurrent elements (logo etc.) to retain their positions. For everything else:

**Be Creative!**

**Group Leader**

**Social Media Team**

**Editing**  
~ 28th of previous month

- Editing
- Submission of Articles (+Visualisation, Sketches)

**Layout**  
using Canva

- **Creation** of the Cover Image/Visualisation

Confirmation of the Visualisation

**only Working Groups Brief**

**Document** --> EPIS Publications

- Drive + Link to Google Sheet

**Document** --> WIX

- EPIS Talks Audio = WIX Music Library
- EPIS Talks Video/EPIS Basics Video = link to CMS
- EPIS Blog = Blog
- other PDF = CMS

**Cover Image**

--> EPIS Publications (Drive + Link to Google Sheet)

--> WIX (CMS)

**Upload**  
WIX&EPISDrive

**Transfer** Article and Visualisation into the PostingTemplate

- Replace Picture
- Calibri 12, 6 pt between paragraphs, no blank line between paragraphs
- Formatting justified



**Schedule Posting**

via Meta + LinkedIn + YouTube according to the EPIS Calendar

- all Working- /Report - /Format Groups /
  - Insta: All Tiles + Insta Story
  - LinkedIn: Cover Image in Template as PDF
- EPIS Talks & EPIS Basics additionally YouTube



**Post Story**

on Instagram

- Posting the Story incl. Link on Publication Day

## Uploading Schedule

**07:00 CET Postings**  
**19:00 CET Stories**

**+ Weekly Recap as Insta-Story**

<b>Mon</b>	Blog
<b>Tue</b>	Working Group
<b>Wed</b>	Basics
<b>Thu</b>	Report Group
<b>Fri</b>	Working Group
<b>Sat</b>	Magazine
<b>Sun</b>	Talks

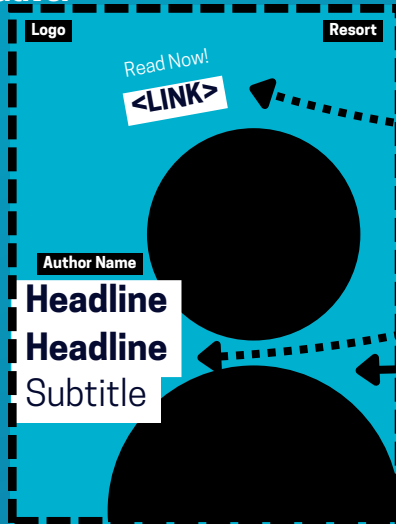


# Social Media: Design

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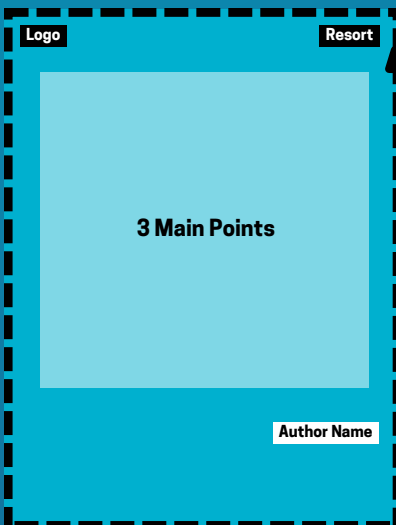
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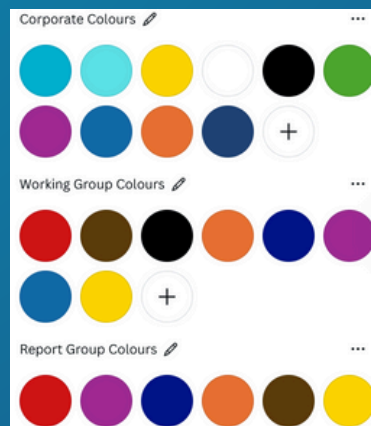
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**Colour Fade as Background**

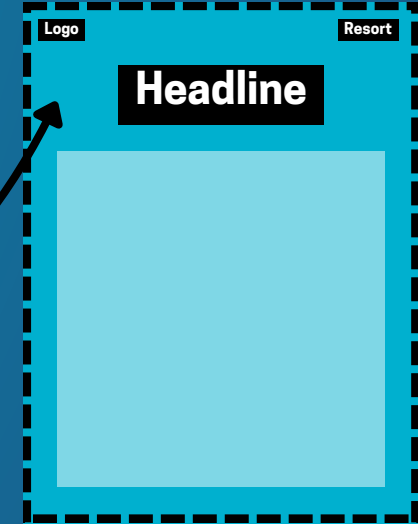
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**General Colour Scheme**

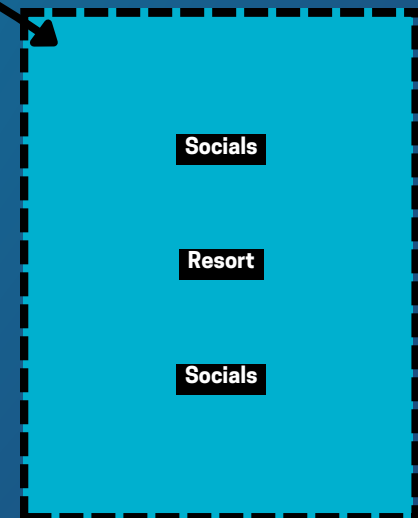


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(only Working Group)

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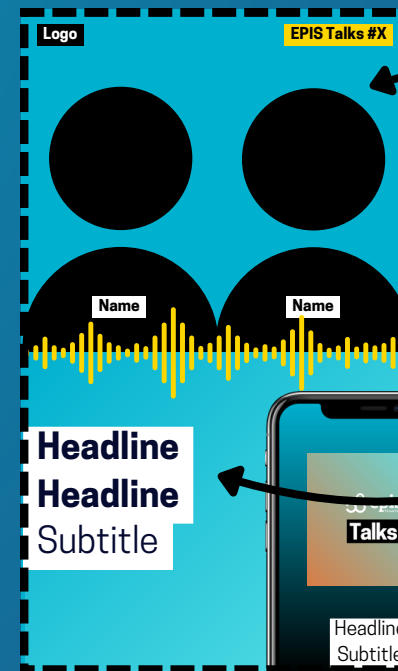
# Social Media: **Video**

**for YouTube**



Background Picture +  
Colour Fade Blue/Green/Transparent

**for Instagram/LinkedIn**



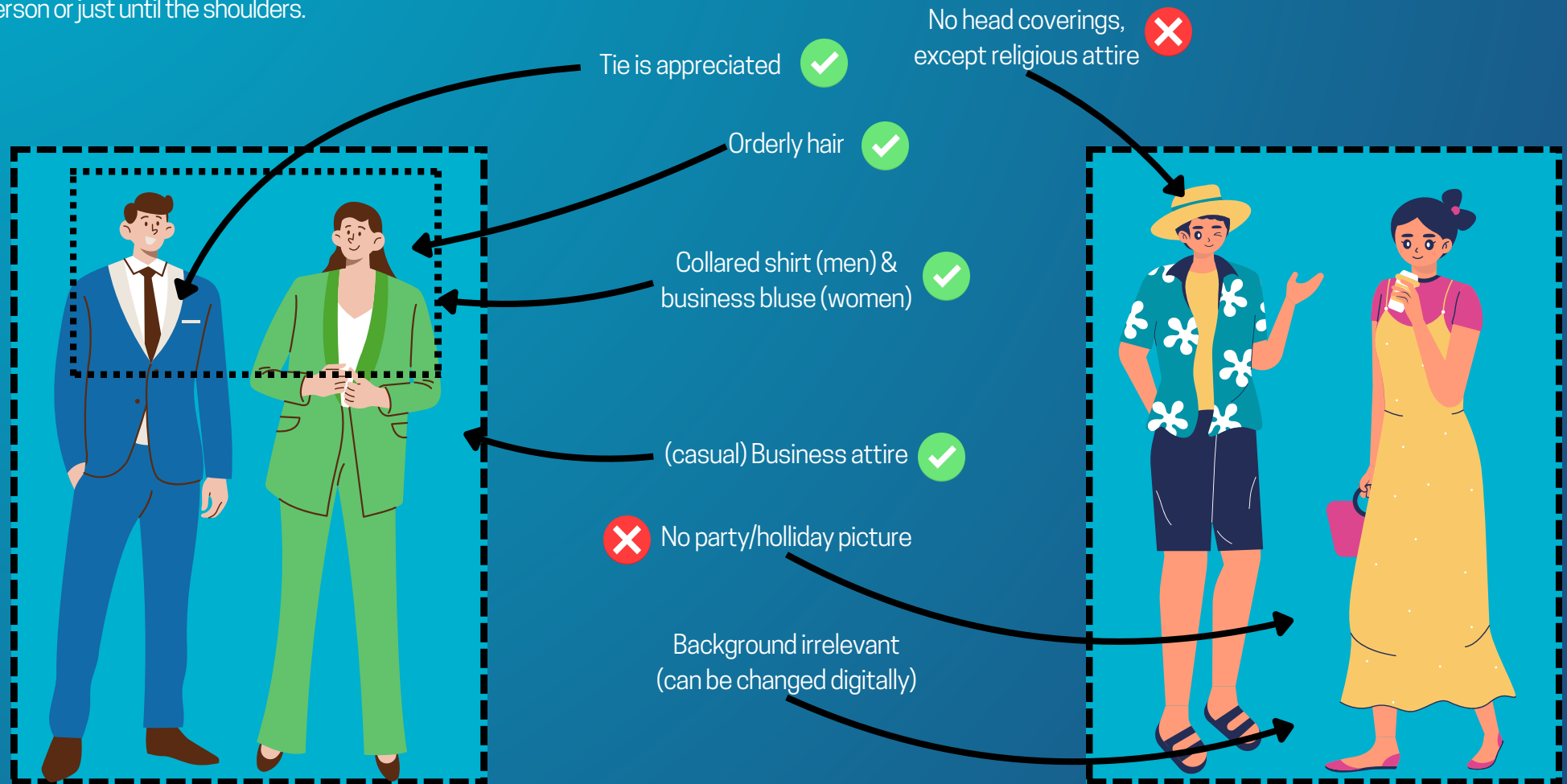
Background Picture in  
Black and White

Soundwave as a  
Moving Element

Depending on the colour of the  
guest's clothes, colours may be  
inverted

# Social Media: **Profile Picture**

The profile picture is displayed on our EPIS Website and in our EPIS Publications. A professional appearance can only be ensured with a proper photo. Therefore, it is important to follow certain guidelines. A profile picture can be either fully person or just until the shoulders.



# How to: Pick a Topic

Every topic has to deal with either

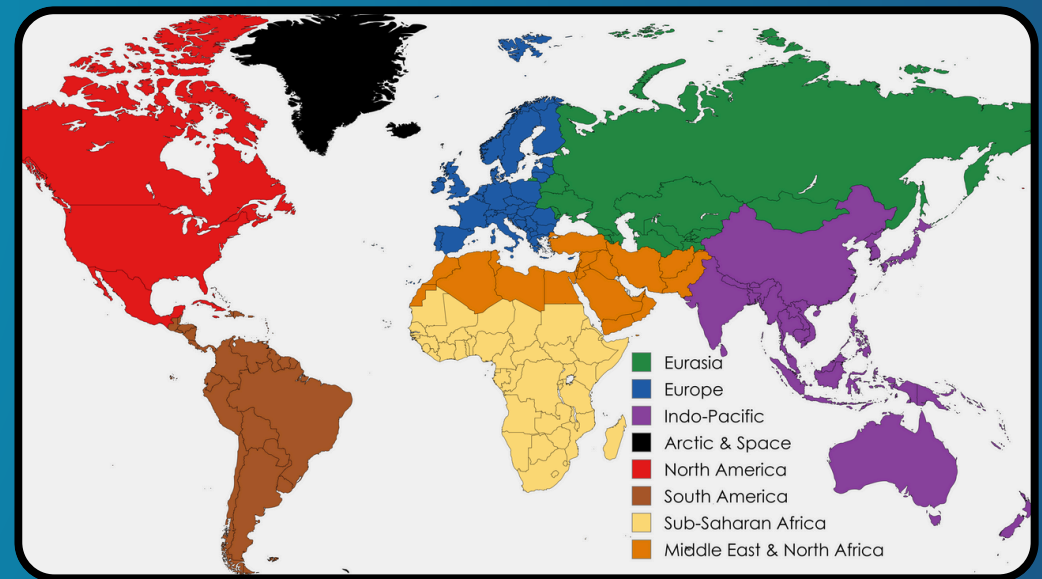
- **foreign affairs & security policy OR**
- **economic affairs & trade strategy**

Before writing, narrow down the topic of your publication.

→ Pick 1 topic - not more. Why?

- this makes your text orderly and focused.
- this support it with more arguments/paragraphs.

To define the subject of your publication, use these **3 criteria**:



## Location

What area does your topic address?  
Global? International? National?

## Time

What time period does your topic cover?



### Peacekeeping & Conflict Prevention

- International Cooperation
- Peace Missions
- Terrorism Prevention & Response
- Conflict Prevention

### Artificial Intelligence & Cybersecurity

- Cyber Defense & Hybrid Warfare
- AI Governance & Global Norms
- Data Security & Intelligence

### International Economic Relations

- Sanctions Policy
- Resource Conflicts
- Energy Policy
- Trade Policy

### Security Policy & Defence

- Arms Control & Disarmament
- Non-Proliferation of WMDs
- Crisis Management
- Military Alliances
- Cyber Defense-Protection & Cooperation

### Climate Policy & Environment

- Climate Protection
- Environmental Security

### International Relations & Diplomacy

- Bilateralism & Multilateralism
- Multilateralism
- Alliance Building
- International Agreements
- Conflict Resolution

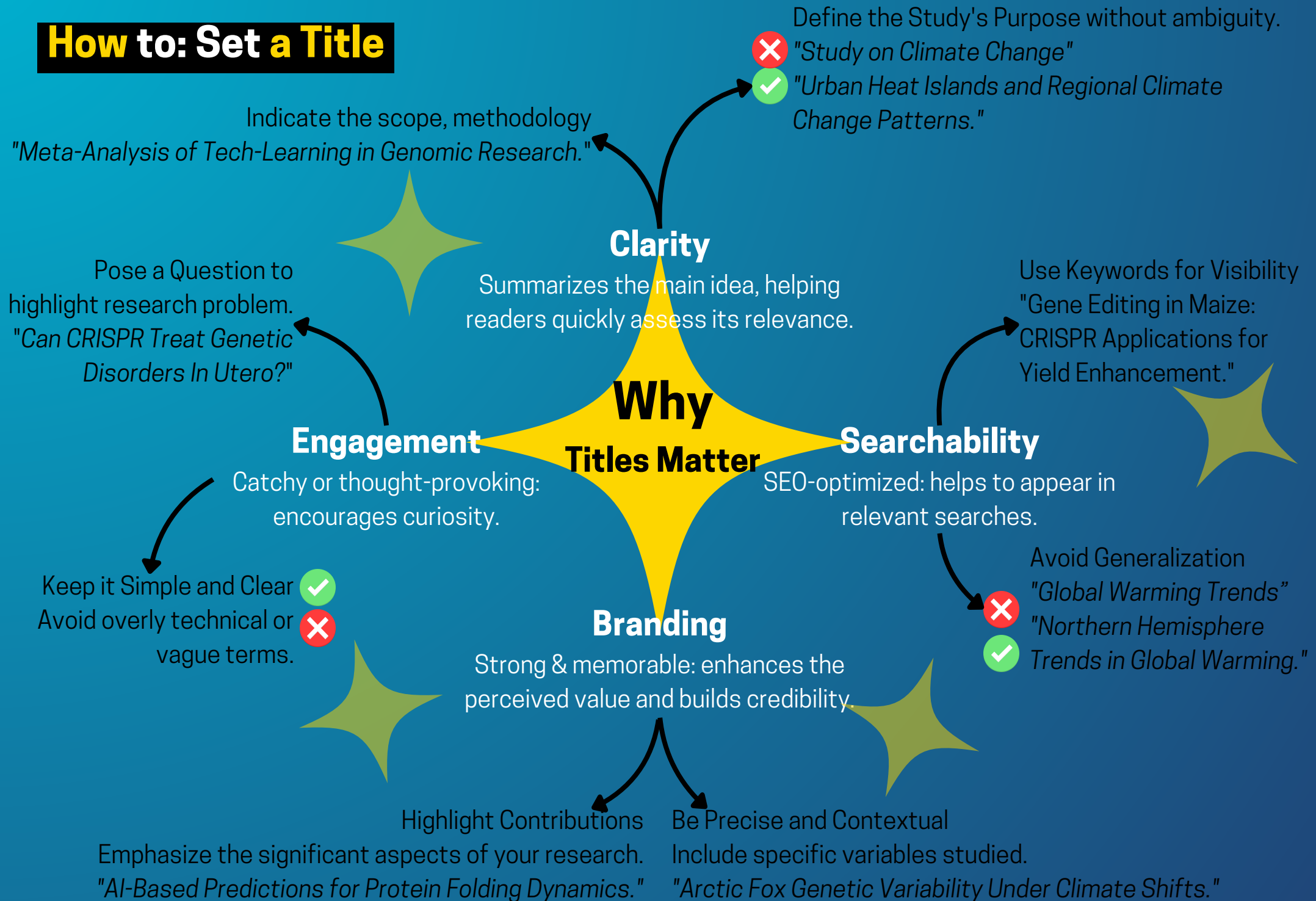
### Human Rights & Humanitarian Aid

- Refugee Assistance
- Humanitarian Interventions
- Migration Policy
- Human Rights Promotion

## Topics

What do topic you address?

# How to: Set a Title





# How to: Write an Introduction

The introduction is the most important part of the text. It's the first thing the reader reads. It's the first impression a reader gets. A good introduction presents the whole text. This means it explains the beginning while also laying out the structure and the conclusion.

## Guideline

- **General introduction** to the issue.
  - Is there a special occasion/reason?
- Clarification of the **Research question**
  - What does your research question cover?
  - What did you exclude from this coverage and why?
- Discussion of it's **theoretical and practical interests** - Why should a reader take the time reading your article?
  - **Practical interests:** Why is it important to practical societal issues? Who benefits from reading/knowing your article?
  - **Scientific interests:** What is the current state of research? How, what and who has already published about this topic? What is your article going to add?
- **Answer** the research question
  - Provide a one-liner answer
- Description of the **methodology**
  - How did you approach the research question (i.e. via Literature review/empirical studies)?
- **Explanation of the main subdivisions**
  - How did you structure your article? Why and in how many parts did you split it? What is your thought behind it?



## Example

- The **war in Ukraine** fired up the conflict between Russia and NATO
- **Is NATO prepared** for a military conflict against Russia?
  - This article covers new military technologies.
  - This excludes organisation, since less important in emergency.
- This answer is of **interest both for society and science**
  - The **practical relevance** is of how the society is included in preparation of war.
  - Research argues NATO is prepared. However, this is till invasion of Ukraine 2014. This article **updates the current stand.**
- NATO **is not prepared** till they level up their air systems.
- The article approaches the question **empirically** by collecting public information, weighing them and reaffirming them with rough estimates in expert literature.
- This article is divided in **three parts. First**, it explains the numbers of NATO. **Second**, the numbers are compared with Russian numbers. Third, it draws the conclusion.

# How to: Write a Paragraph

To write a convincing, **well-structured paragraph**, follow these **principles**:

- **1 paragraph = 1** single, cohesive **claim** (don't stuff paragraphs with several thoughts)
- Each sentence contributes (only!) to this claim
- Each paragraph contains min. 4 sentences
- To better organise your sentences use the:

## SNAKE Shape

## + Example

### 1. Claim

Introduces the main purpose of the paragraph  
Serves as an introduction to a new claim

### 2. Definition

Explains the context or terms/theories used  
Serves to prepare the claim

### 3. Argumentation

Apply research/evidence/argument to definition  
Serves to argue your claim

### 4. Conclusion

Summarizes the argumentation to a solution  
Serves to validate that your claim is proven

The Russian attacks on Ukraine clearly qualify as a war. War is defined as a sustained conflict between nations or organized groups involving significant armed violence. Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, marked by large-scale military operations, territorial occupations, and the loss of thousands of lives. Furthermore, the use of artillery, air strikes, and ground troops reflects the organized and deliberate nature of the conflict. In conclusion, the scale, intensity, and duration of the Russian attacks on Ukraine unequivocally categorize the conflict as a war.

another snake, another paragraph ...  
... eventually growing into a fulltext

# How to: Write a Text

## Formalities & Structure



- You have an **engaging** title and use paragraphs & subtitles
- Logical, organised sections, with **smooth transitions** and clear headings
- Each paragraph deals with one single topic
- Terms are defined and used consistently



## Language

- **Your choice of language is ...**
  - Clear and concise
  - Formal, unemotional and objective
- **You avoid ...**
  - Repetitions
  - Subjective or ambiguous language
  - Grammatical errors and awkward sentence structures
- **Further Advice:**
  - Vary your sentences in length and style for improved readability
  - Avoid overly complex sentence structures
  - Follow our **5 Do's of Good Writing**



## Content

- Your ideas flow naturally. Your text follows a guiding thread.
- Your claims are supported by **robust evidence**
- Necessary concepts are well-explained with the **necessary level of detail** and are used consistently throughout the text
- Data Analysis & Results
  - You describe data source and analysis methods
  - Your results are effectively visualised
- Discussion:
  - You interpret your results **with regard to your findings**
  - Your interpretation sticks to the facts, regardless of what your claim is. If your results differ from your claim, this is mentioned and explained in your text
  - Describe how your results fit into the overall literature on your topic of analysis
  - Acknowledge limitations
- Conclusion:
  - **Summarise** findings and implications, and **suggest** avenues for future research

# How to: Format a Text

The format of a text is the first visual impression for the reader. Only a well-formatted text makes a good impression. Therefore, we only accept correctly ordered texts.

## Text Body

Line Spacing: 1,5

Font Type: Calibri

Alignment: Justified

Font Size: 12 (Headlines: 14)

Ordered as follows: →

Font Weight: normal (Headlines: Bold)

```
1.
2.
  2.1.
  2.2.
    2.2.1.
    2.2.2.
```

## Use of AI

Check out these **Tools!**

- You are free to use AI for support (research, correction, improvements).
- If it becomes apparent, however, that your text was **written by an AI** tool, it **cannot be published**

### ChatGPT

Can help you structure your argumentation

### Grammarly

Grammatical Correction

### DeepL Write

Stylistic Improvements

## Wording

### • Capitalisation:

- Proper Nouns / Names / Brands / Organisations / States etc. (NOT concepts or theories)
- Example: "President Lincoln was the president of the United States"

### • Numbers: one through twelve = spelt out (one, two, ..., twelve, 13, 14, ...)

### • Dates: Day Number - Month Name - Year Number (Example: 03. January 2023)

### • Wording: British English - Special attention to Differences with American English (🇬🇧 = analyse 🇺🇸 = analyze)

## References & Formalities

- Line **indentation** at the beginning of a new paragraph
- **Justified** text and **Hyphenation**
- **APA 7** guidelines: In-text citations + Reference list entry  
Find a guideline and examples here
- **Plagiarized** content will not be uploaded! We will **check**.

# How to: Create Visualisations

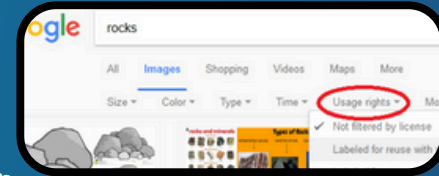
Visualisation are a **core component** of a publication. They assist the reader in understand why you want to tell with you article. Also, it looks more apealing than a wall of words. Be creative: Don't just submit a BORING scale - be creative!

1. **Check if you may use** the visualization.

- As an author, you are liable for copyright infringements.
- **Creative Commons** licence are mostly usable. HOWEVER, some require naming the creator or forbid amendments. Be aware!

2. You can filter for a Creative Commons license like this:

## 5 Steps to visualise



when using someone  
elses visualisation

1 Talk to your Resort Leader - what do you want to visualise?



2 Select a type of visualisation

3 Gather essential data - which will be presented in your visualisations

4 Draw a sketch - by hand on paper +add it to your document

**WOW!**  
Our Media Designer digitalises your sketch!

5



# How to: 5 Do's of Good Writing

## Formulate **Actively**

- Write indicatively and avoid conjunctive formulations. It is wrong when inferring unavoidable conclusion.

✓ “If tomorrow were a new day the sun **will** rise”

✗ “If tomorrow were a new day, the **would** rise”

- Active phrases are more appealing than passive ones

✓ “as the Council of Europe **communicated**”

✗ “as was **communicated by** the Council of Europe”

## Write **Vividly**

- Cynical asides, surprising metaphors, the use of images and the like help readers identify with the text. This keeps them more attentive and allows you to better deliver your message.
- You can omit some content if this allows for a better delivery of your key message.

“After all China: once a **Dragon**, turned into **Winnie Poe**... or was lead by him

“After all China: lost it's **might**... or **competence**”

## Formulate **Explicitly**

- Oftentimes, authors try to hide their uncertainty or lack of expressiveness behind complicated sentences. This prevents them from writing what they think and the reader from understanding what they mean

✓ “He **died** in **February**”

“The **second month of the year** was when he

✗ **didn't live** anylonger”

## Use **Technical Terms**

- The use of technical terms can facilitate discourse by summarising the meaning of an otherwise too-long explanation. It is important, however, to remember that the **readership** is **not** a committee of **experts**. Texts overflowing with technical terms are **unreadable** (even for the insiders!).
- Unfamiliar terms require **explanation** when used.
- No abbreviations, also **do not** ✓ **don't** ✗

## Short & Precise Sentences

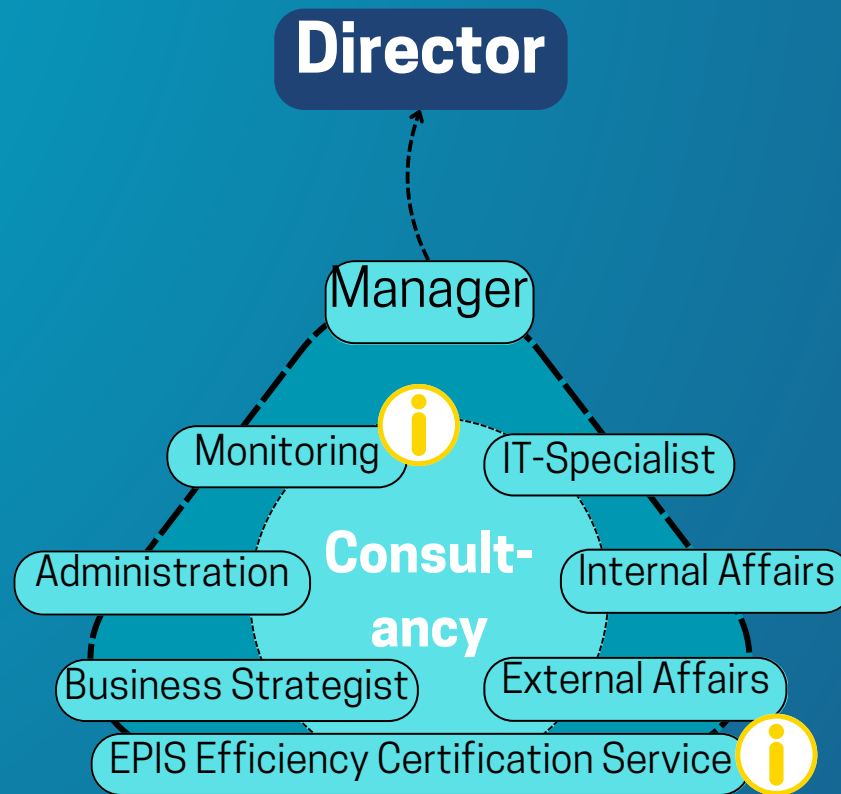
- The reader's attention span forces precise formulation
- Delete **filler words** “clearly”, “very” just as many adjectives are **tautological** “exact facts”, “danger potential”

# **EPIS** Consultancy

- Consultancy -  
on  
Foreign Affairs & Security Policy



# Our Consultancy



# EPIS Efficiency Certification Service

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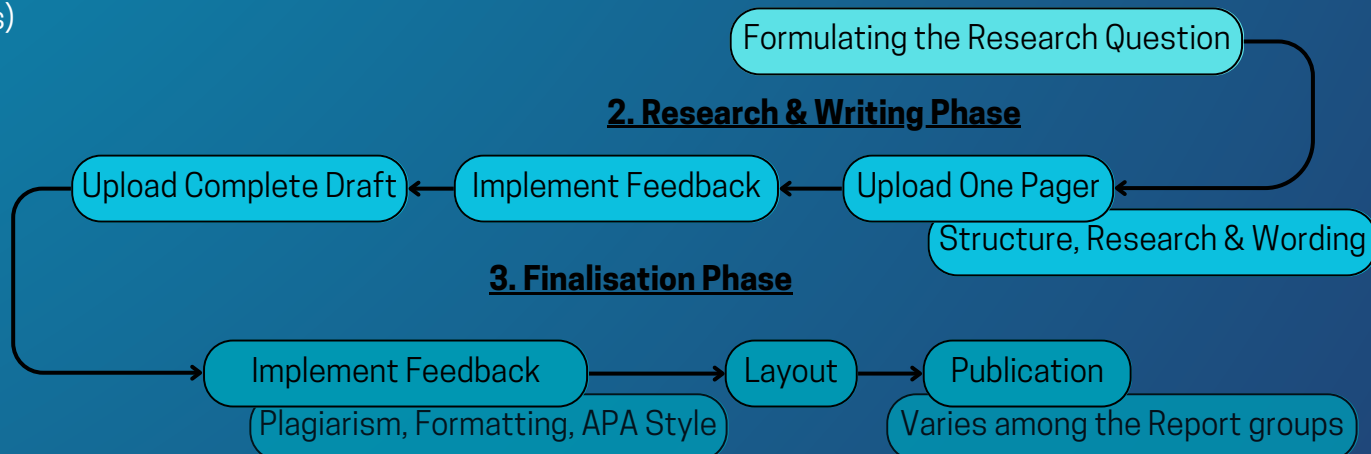
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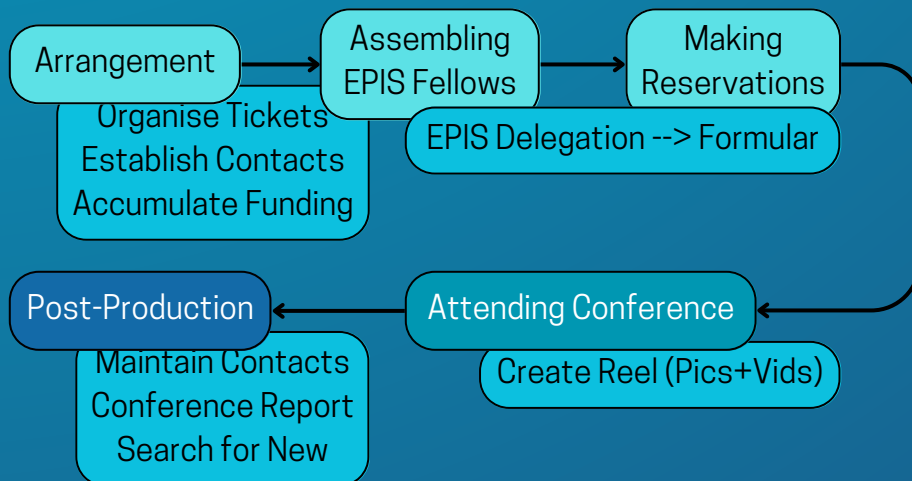
# EPIS Network Delegations

## Scope

With EPIS Delegations, our EPIS Fellows gain access to conferences. EPIS provides entry, supports Fellows in their preparation, and together we engage firsthand with high network events.



## From Idea to Delegation



## Annual Conferences

Among the annual conference we attend regularly are:



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Write & call Daniel. He gets people places :)

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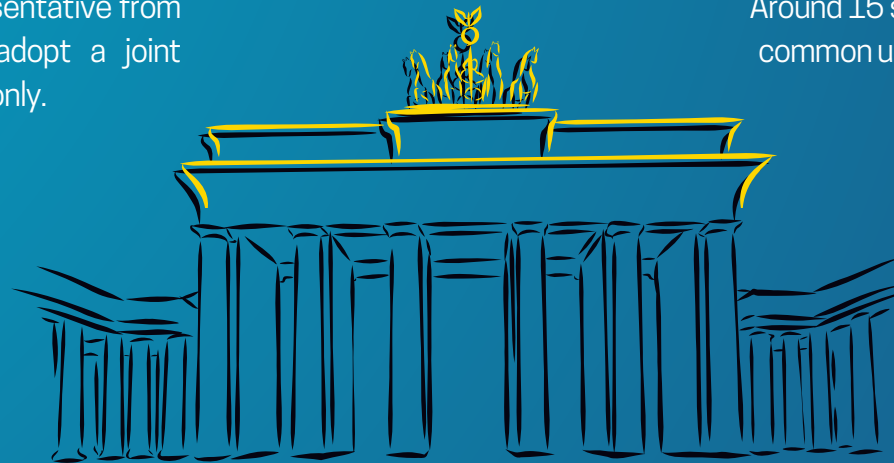
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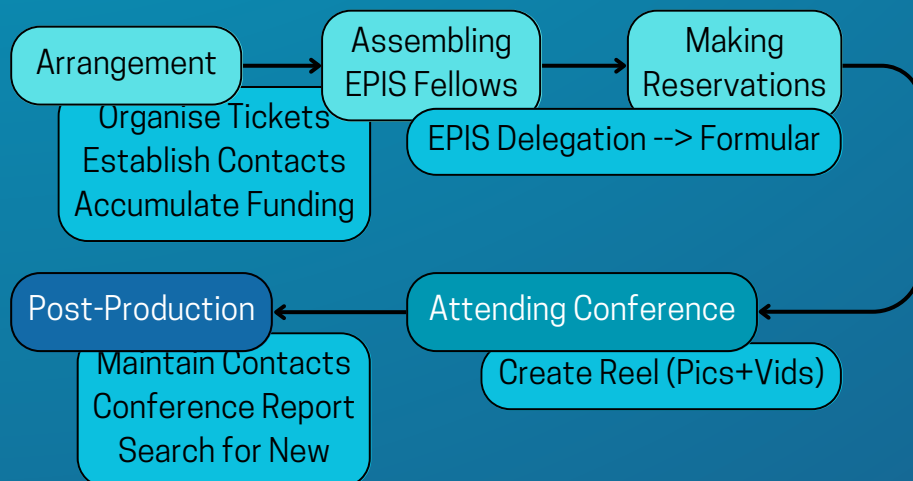
Each year, EPIS hosts a conference in one of Europe's political hotspots, bringing together one representative from each student think tank. The goal is to adopt a joint communiqué. The participation is via invitation only.

## Conference 2025

The Conference 2025 will take place in Berlin. Around 15 student think tanks will discuss a common understanding of current security policies.



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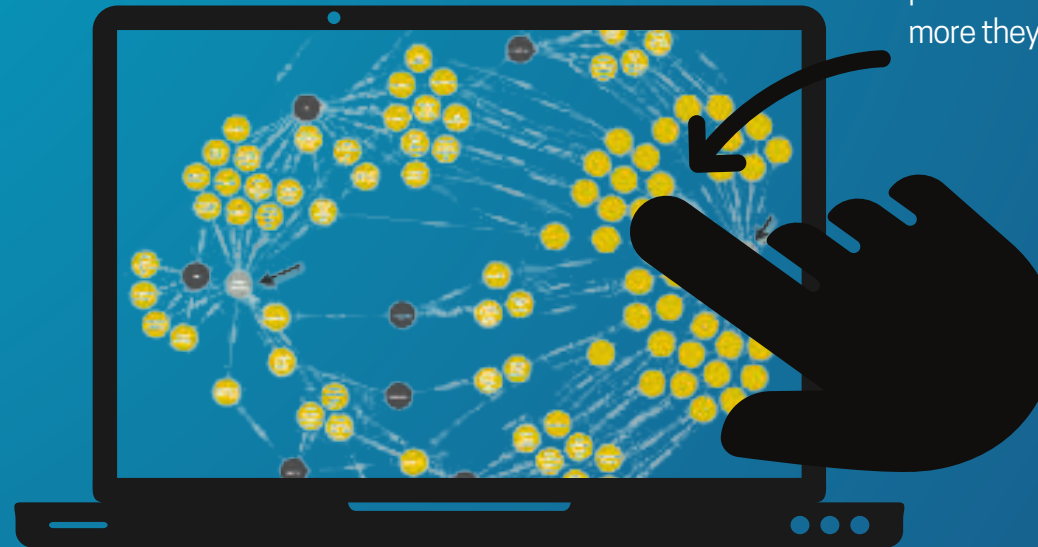
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We are revolutionizing research. In addition to the EPIS Magazine, there are other journals in foreign and security policy. EPIS has direct access to various publications and share them within our network. Doing that, our EPIS Fellows have premium access to it.

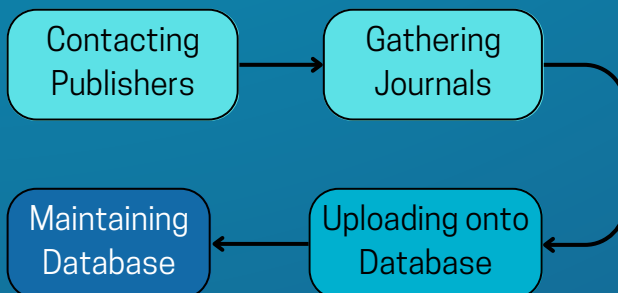
## Journals Database

Each article appears as a dot on a 2D map, organized by region and topic. A built-in timeline allows you to filter for the most recent publications. The closer the articles are linked, the more they are relevant to each other.



*Research by scrolling through the world of science.*

## From Idea to Access



**Publish your Journal?**



Contact Vincent Sipeer. He will get people reading it :)

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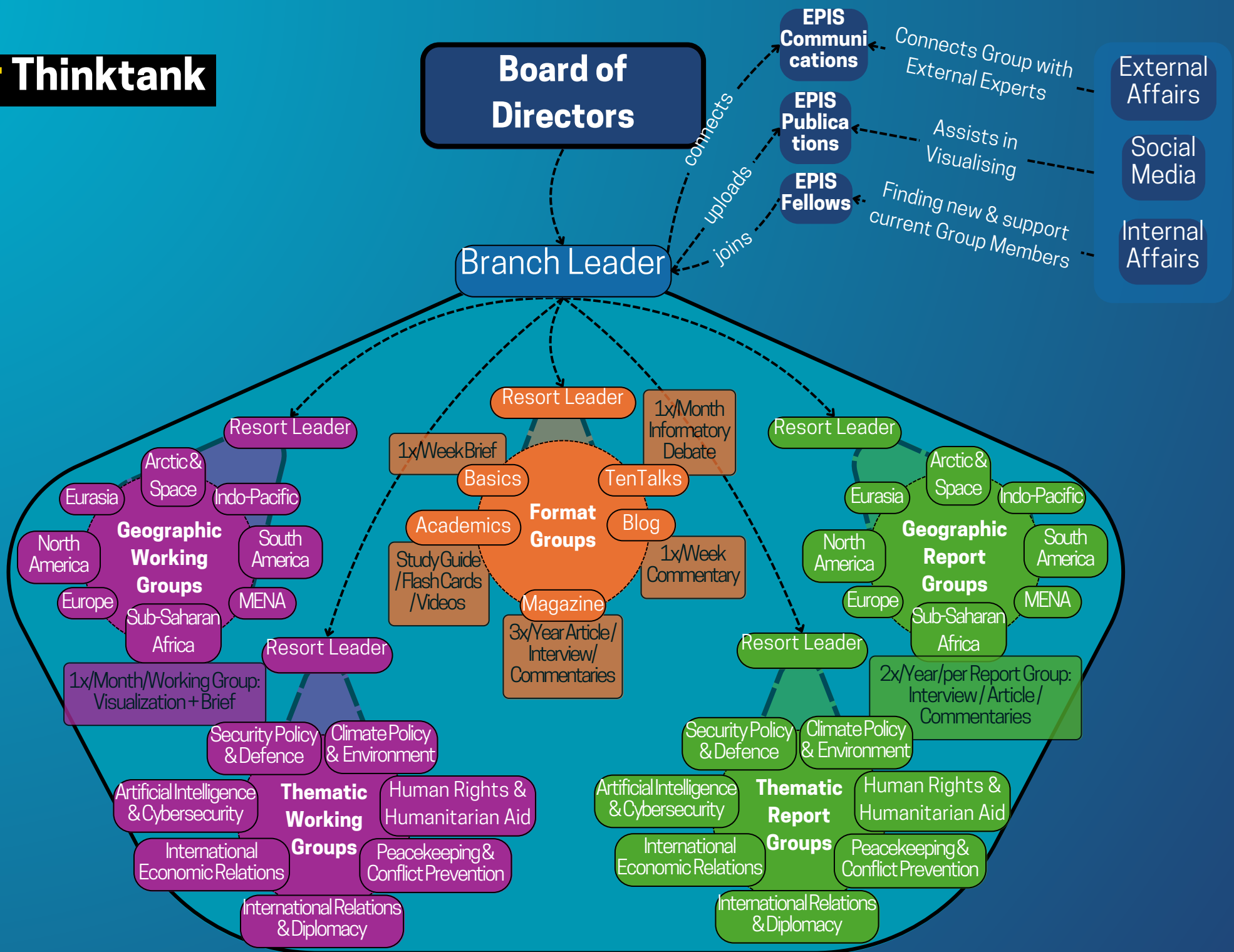
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## for Foreign Affairs & Security Policy

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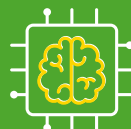
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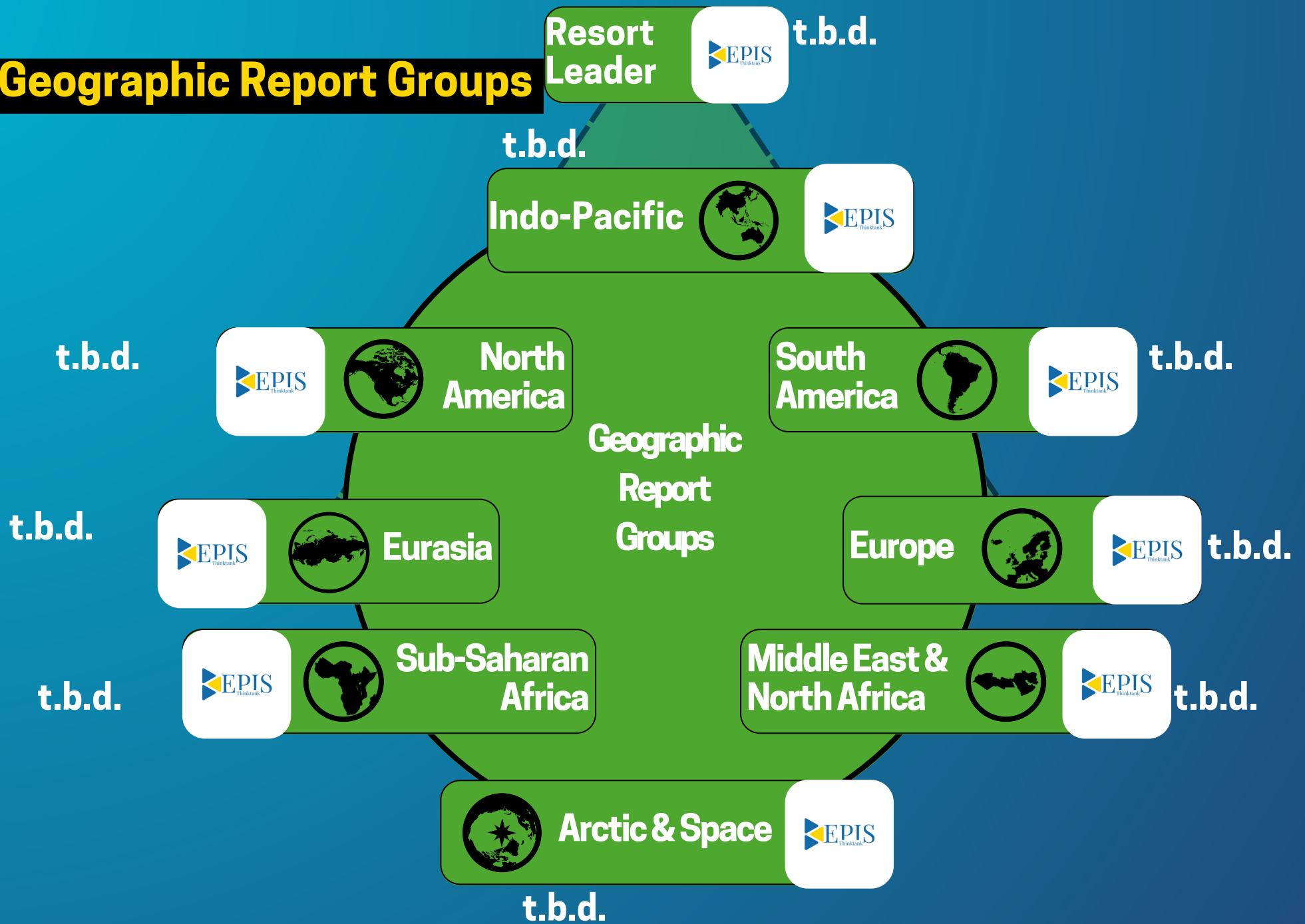


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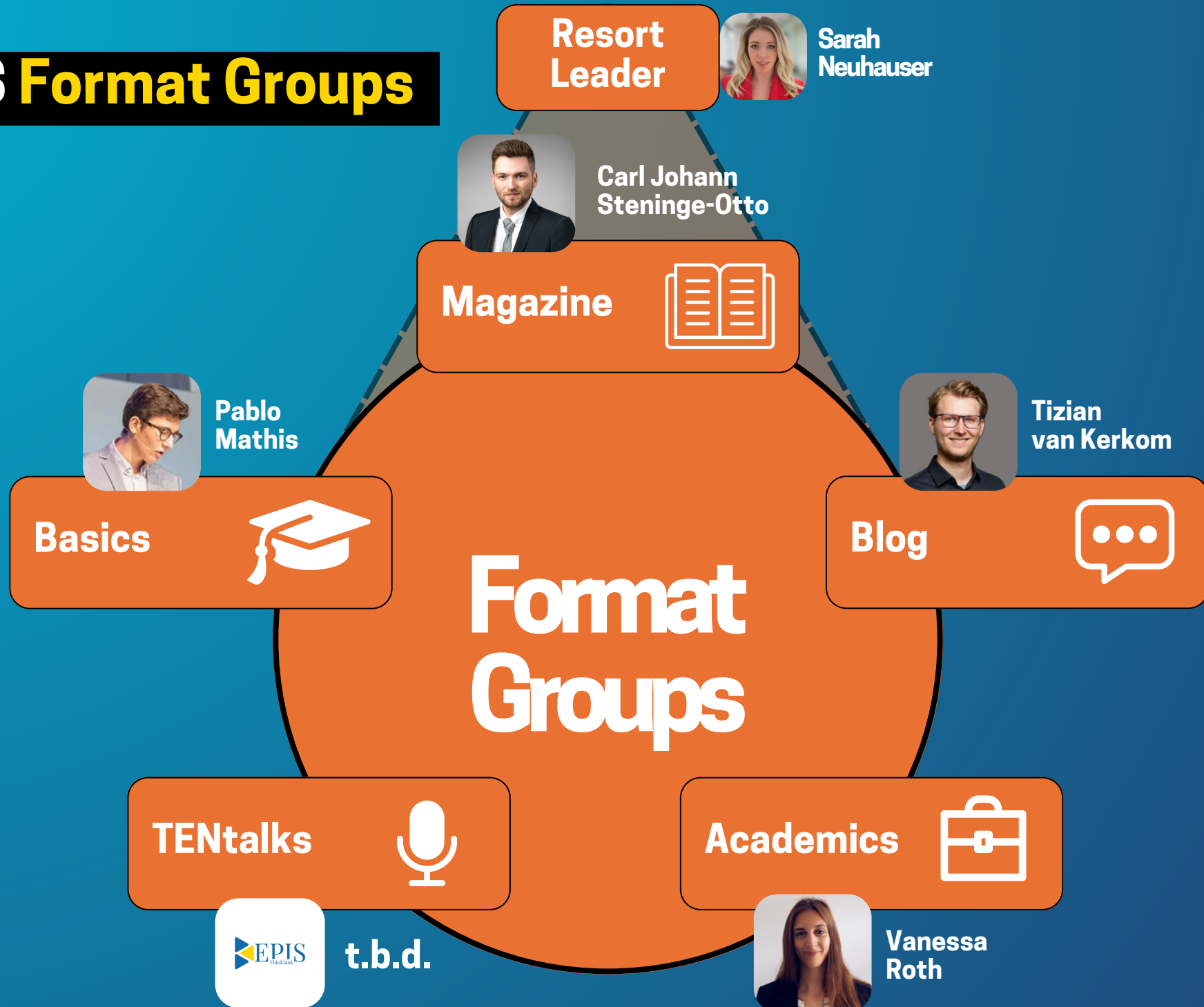
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# EPIS **Format Groups**





# EPIS **Format Groups** Academics

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The Format Groups Academics – A comprehensive study guide and set of flashcards designed to cover the fundamental principles of foreign affairs and security policy. It offers an accessible introduction to international relations theories, conflict resolution frameworks, and global security dynamics, tailored for undergraduate students. The materials serve as a foundational resource to support academic orientation and learning in international security studies.

## From **Idea** to **Publication**

### 1. Preparation Phase

Collection of information

Topic Selection

### 2. Research and Writing Phase

Review and Editing

Preparation of first drafts

### 3. Finalisation Phase

Incorporation of Feedback

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## Projects of EPIS Academics

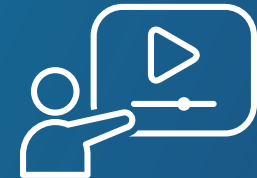


### Study Script

70 pages pure international relations. Similar to EPIS Basics, but more comprehensive. It provides an overview over all basis knowledge.

### Explanatory Videos

No time to read? Watch instead! EPIS Academics Videos will provide you with everything you will need to know.



### Flashcards

Flashcards that complement our script to allow you to study on the go - on the train, between lectures, or on the way to the gym.

# EPIS **Format Groups** Basics

## Scope

The Format Groups Basics – A weekly series of concise articles (max. 500 words) and brief video reels explaining core concepts in foreign affairs and security policy. It breaks down complex theories, influential figures, and key diplomatic strategies, making foundational knowledge accessible to students, emerging professionals, and the general public.

## Guideline

- Introducing certain personalities/theories/regimes of main concern in foreign affairs and security policy
- Video length: max. 60 seconds
- Text length: max. 500 words
- Add a visualisation

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Template

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Publication

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## Structure & Wording

- There is not pre-determined structure but the text must be **well-rounded**.
- Start theoretical and provide an example.
- Do **not repeat information**.

# EPIS **Format Groups** Blog

## Scope

The Format Groups Blog – A weekly series of opinionated briefs (500-1000 words) discussing current issues in foreign affairs and security policy. Topics range from geopolitical analysis and international conflict to diplomatic strategies and global governance. The format presents well-researched, succinct insights to engage both academic and general audiences in timely security policy discussions.

## Guideline

- Analyse a current issue related to foreign and/or security policy
- Share your personal perspective
- Length: 500-1000 words
- Add references as hyperlinks in the text
- Tip: Check your text with tools such as Grammarly or DeepL to elevate the level of your writing

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- Your **analysis** is the **main part** of your contribution. Provide only as much background information as is needed for non-experts to understand your opinion

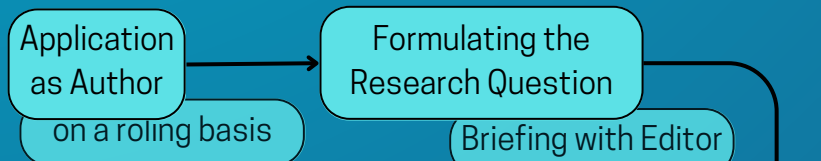
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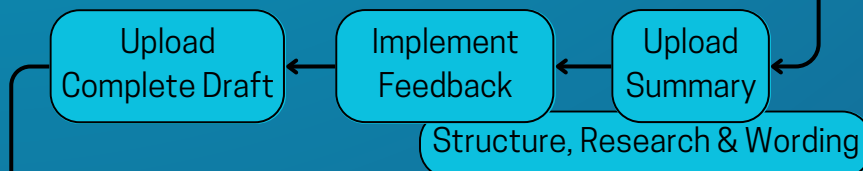
The Format Groups Magazine – A triannual scholarly journal presenting 100 pages of in-depth analysis on international security and foreign policy. It includes research articles, policy reviews, and expert commentaries, supported by data visualisations. Designed for academics, policymakers, and security analysts, it provides a comprehensive perspective on global security trends and diplomatic strategies through rigorous research.

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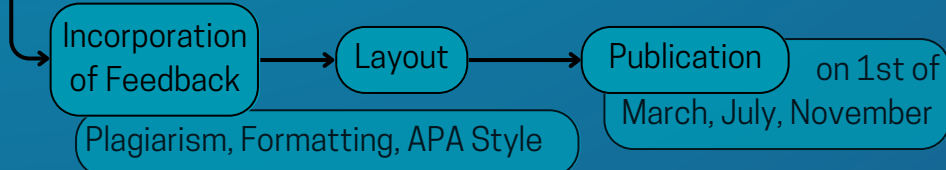
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## Style

- Conversational, friendly, inviting. Speak freely, elaborate - the magic comes from the conversation!
- Objective and well-founded, without being overly academic
- Ensure clarity and comprehensibility  
→ incorporate examples and personal anecdotes!
- If you **misspeak**, **repeat** your **entire sentence**/ sentence chunk (that eases editing)

## Formalities

- Discussions with experts from the domains of diplomacy, military, academia, etc.
- 30-45 min episodes
- biweekly release

## 3-Part Structure



### 1. Person

- Focus: Portraying an interesting person from the domains of politics & economy
- Topics: Personal path, experiences, challenges in the context of foreign & security policy

### 2. Field / Institution

- Focus: Analysis of a current issue. Portraying the work of the interviewed actor with regard to this challenge.
- Topics: Conflict zones, strategic developments, innovations



### 3. Career

- Focus: Advice for listeners who aim for a career in international politics
- Topic: Practical tips, soft skills, etc.

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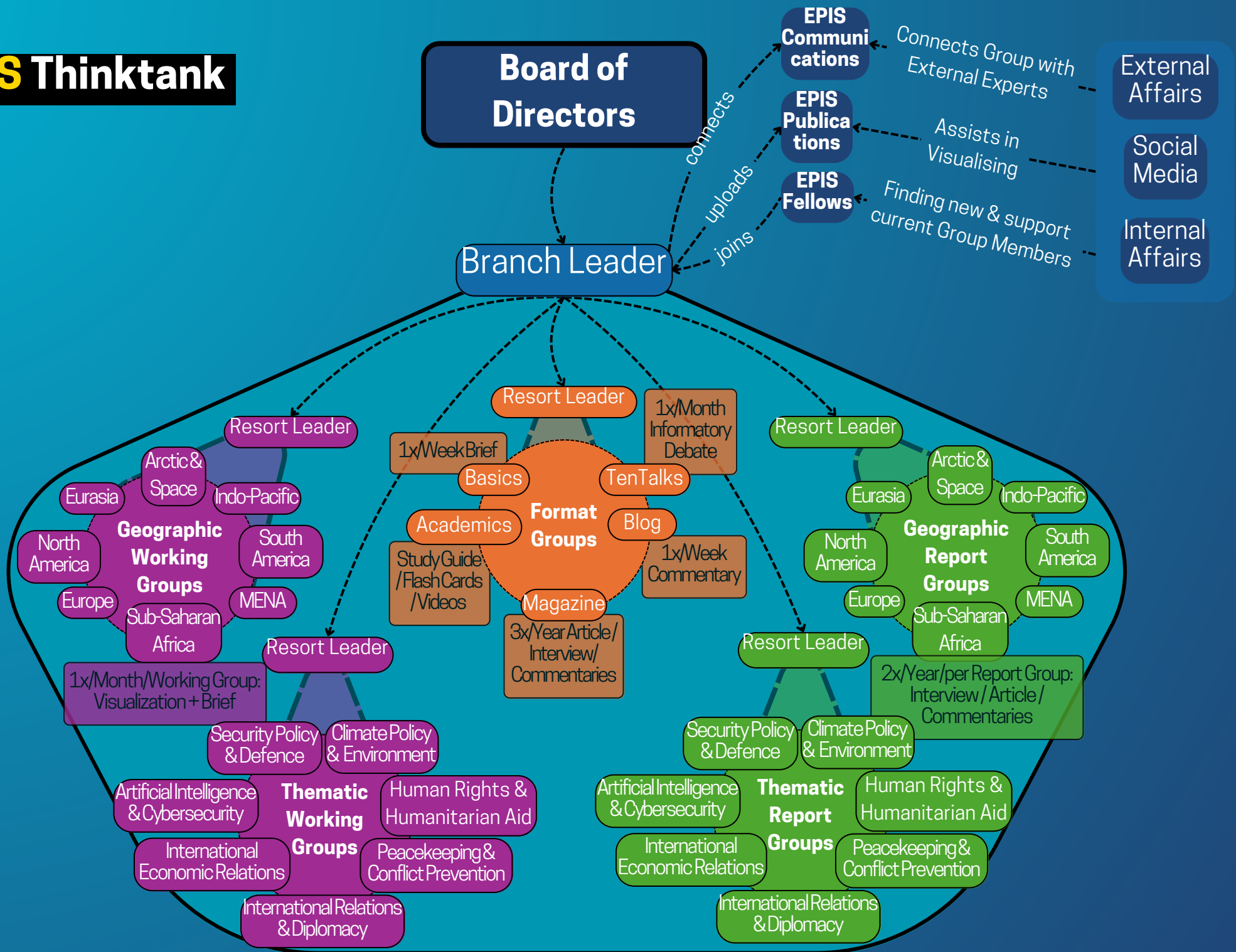


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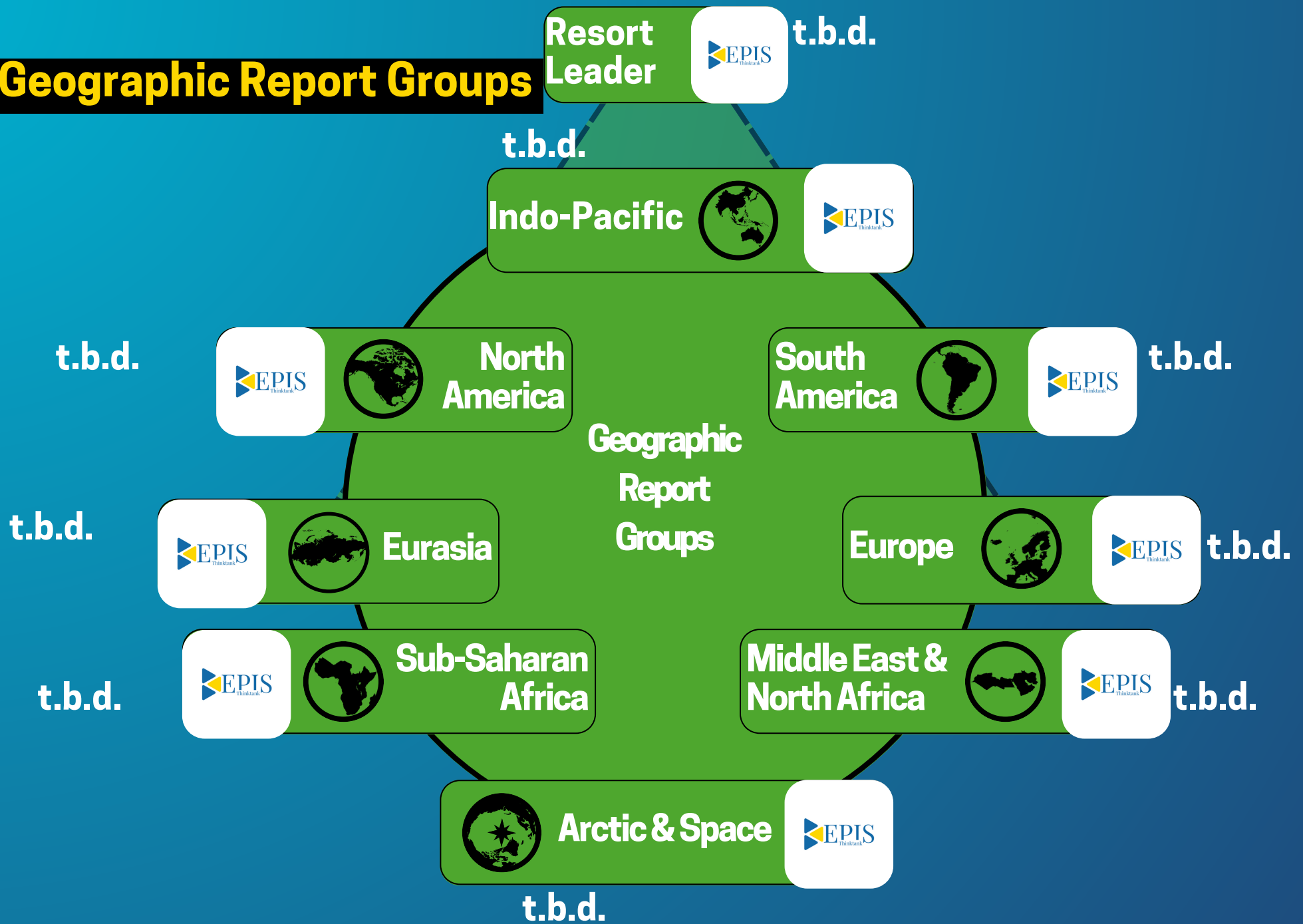




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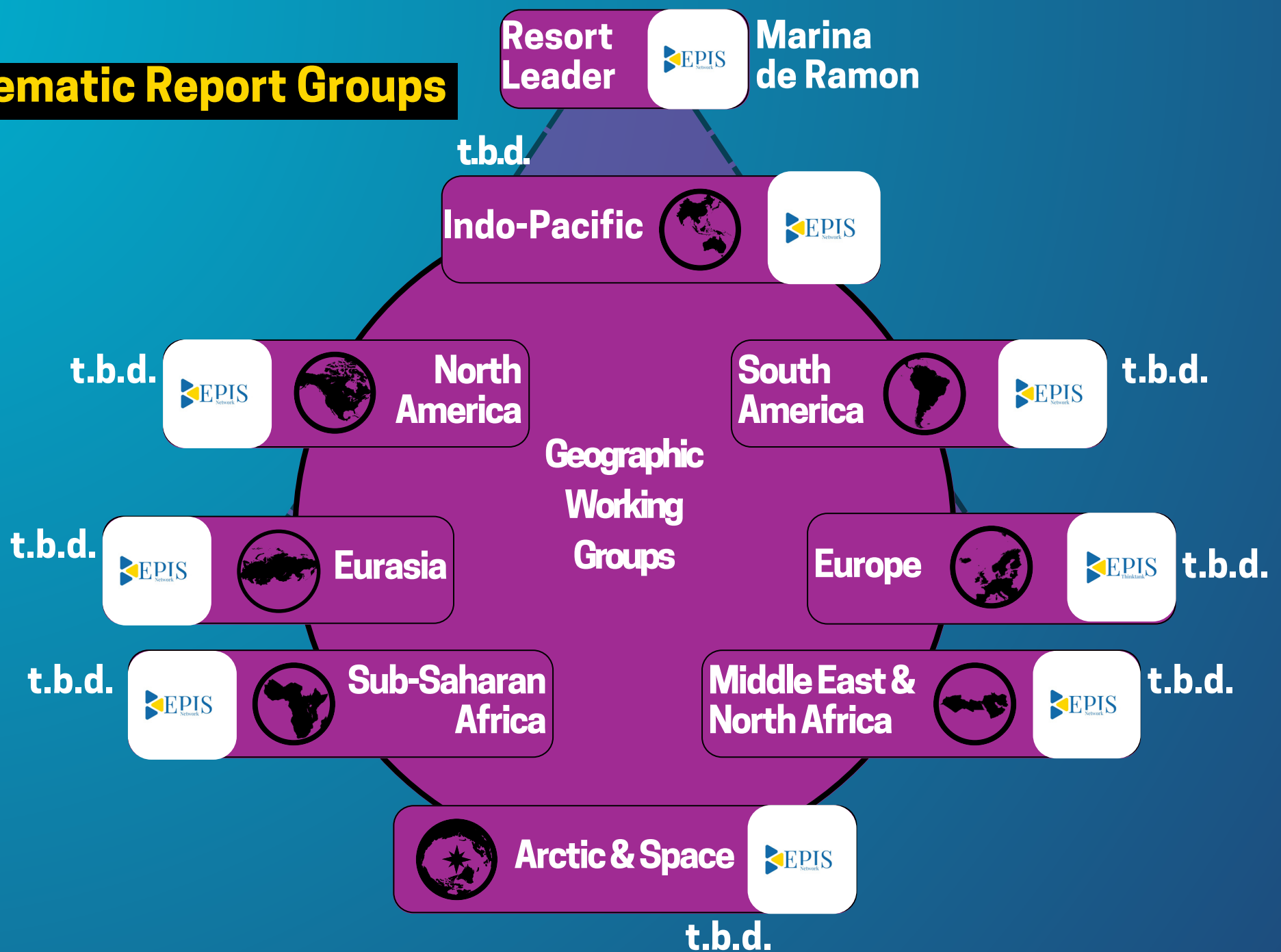
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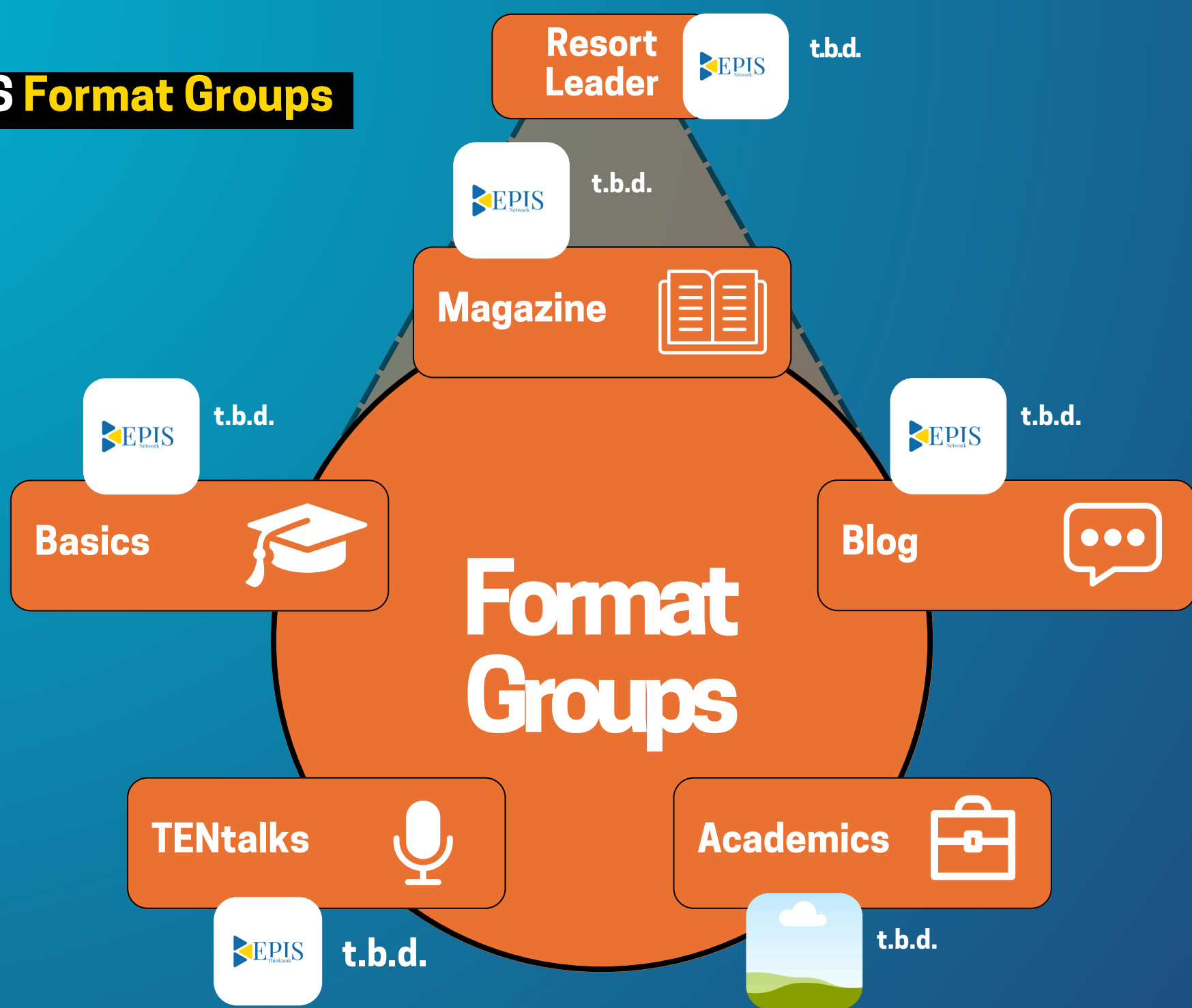
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