

INSIGHT REPORT HIGHLIGHT

Security Impacts of the Ukraine Crisis

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The ongoing crisis in Ukraine is resonating globally and remains highly fluid.

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OVERVIEW

The Russia-Ukraine conflict appears to have strengthened European regional alliances. NATO will continue to seek to de-escalate tensions with Russia and avoid a military confrontation, while providing assistance to Ukraine in a unified response with the EU and other allies.

The EU will undertake efforts to reduce its dependence on Russian energy, though it will not be able to do so in the short term.

As a result, inflation and energy prices will continue to increase in the coming months.

Major issues resulting from the conflict will revolve around the secondary economic fallout of sanctions, high energy prices and the economic impact of absorbing refugee populations. Public opinion could also sway regional political balances and lead to social unrest.

Despite what may be initial Russian withdrawals from some areas of Ukraine, there remain several escalation scenarios that could increase tensions between Russia and Europe, including the potential for two new countries, Finland and Sweden, to join NATO.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO MANAGERS

Below are some of our recommendations to manage associated risks to protect the safety and security of your employees:

Monitor the following triggers for escalation:

- Confirmed reports of chemical or biological weapons use by Russia in Ukraine, which would likely lead to a more forceful sanctions response by Europe.
- Statements by the EU indicating it would consider a wider ban on Russian gas, which would also be viewed negatively by Russia.
- Statements by Finland and/or Sweden that they will begin the process to join NATO, seen as a significant escalation trigger for Russia.

Defer all travel to Ukraine. Travel to and within all European countries can continue in accordance with COVID-19-related restrictions.

Avoid non-essential travel to border regions with Ukraine amid an increased military presence, the transport of military and humanitarian supplies, spot checks and possible delays due to potential further waves of refugees departing Ukraine and the provision of refugee reception and assistance.

If in regions bordering Ukraine, ensure you understand the immediate actions to take on hearing air raid warnings, including identifying secure locations to shelter in place.



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