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ABSTRACT

Background: Geopolitical information systems must reconcile high signal diversity from open and semi-open source contexts (**OSINT**) with traceable aggregation, without allowing semantic drift between raw signal, analytical index, and public presentation.

Subject: We describe the **NationFiles** framework as a hybrid situational awareness and comparison platform: an operationally advancing data pipeline, a multi-stage documented **NationFiles Stability Index (NFSI)**, and a pluralised **controller surface** that projects the same relational truth into multiple **presentation ontologies**. We further situate the **Naciro Intelligence Engine** and the **LPU-oriented inference architecture** documented in the public **Knowledge Graph** (Large Processing Unit — not vendor-specific hardware as the definition) within the overall architecture.

Methods: At the core lies a **three-stage stability pipeline** (normalisation, day-level aggregation, weighted end composition) with explicit treatment of missing values, domain logics, and rule-based coupling — the NFSI is framed as a **descriptive, rule-based aggregate**, not as an autonomous prognostic "judgment."

Integrity: The **integrity strategy** stresses, inter alia, avoiding empty navigation promises, cartographic restraint toward pseudo-precision, synchronisation of structured metadata with knowledge definitions, and **transparency over elegance**.

Keywords: Geopolitics; OSINT; stability index; data pipeline; knowledge graph; governance; open science; persistent identifier; citation practice

Strategic core positions (for audit and peer review)

1. **The NFSI is not an oracle.** It is consistently framed as a **descriptive, rule-based aggregate**; any forecast or action claims — if delivered at all — must be **explicitly** separated from the index logic and versioned.
2. **Transparency around data gaps.** Stage 2 uses documented **recovery rules** so that missing or thin inputs are **not** silently misread as low-risk or "peaceful" normality.

3. **Integrity strategy.** The operational principle **“transparency over elegance”** prioritises **honest ambiguity** and visible assumptions over smooth but misleading surfaces — central for scientific and regulatory audit paths.

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1. INTRODUCTION AND PARADIGM SHIFT

Classical geopolitical situational pictures were long produced mainly in an **archiving**, **delayed** mode. National and international decision processes today face **higher temporal expectations** — alongside growing complexity from heterogeneous data sources. The framework described here therefore follows an **operational** paradigm: raw signals are continuously ingested, cleaned, normalised, and converted into **evaluation and presentation aggregates**; the public surface reflects the same headline metrics in maps, profiles, tables, and exports without permitting silent semantic drift (cf. NationFiles Research, 2026, Part A.1) [^monographie].

The platform functionally combines **characteristics** often seen separately in public perception: statistical structure (macro-economic and governance-related modules), encyclopaedically curated context (knowledge graph), and **high-frequency** updating of situational and security views — always under the constraint of **explainable provenance** via registers, layer texts, and status reports.

1.1 Problem statement: Semantic drift as a systemic risk

For reviewers in agencies and academia, **semantic drift** — gradual divergence between raw signal, internal evaluation logic, and publicly visible headline figures — is harder to prove than a single arithmetic error. NationFiles addresses drift through **a single canon**: the same relational truth is projected into multiple **presentation ontologies**, not multiply recomputed **independently** (NationFiles Research, 2026, Parts F, J) [^monographie]. This design is **citation-friendly**: a citation of the NFSI remains compatible with a citation of layer documentation as long as version discipline holds.

1.2 Distinction from purely static information offerings

Pure encyclopaedias explain **terms**, not necessarily **situations**. Pure news aggregates narrate **events**, not necessarily **comparable** country states over time. The framework combines **term and situation logic** without one replacing the other: the knowledge graph fixes definitions; the NFSI materialises daily aggregated situation; controllers choose the **public-facing** interface per audience (Parts C–F) [^monographie].

1.3 Contribution of this whitepaper

This manuscript **distils** the internal monograph into an argument **suited to persistent identifiers**. It does not replace full architecture documentation; it grounds the **methods and governance baseline** external citation should refer to — especially stages 1–3 (Part B.2), ontology inventory (Part J), and the integrity strategy (Part W) [^monographie].

[Figure 1: Paradigm shift — from static reading stock to continuously advanced situational picture; role of connectors, pipeline, and presentation layers]

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2. ARCHITECTURE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

2.1 Backend: Connector ecosystem and operational discipline

On the input side stand hundreds of specialised **connectors**, organised as specialisations of a common execution model. Each connector has defined fetch intervals, lock logic, and target artefacts in relational materialisation. A scheduler caps total runtime and parallelism; optionally a **FIFO job queue** supports strict ordering and diagnostics for **stuck** jobs (NationFiles Research, 2026, Part B.1) [^monographie].

This layer is the **epistemic foundation**: without a disciplined connector ecosystem there is no explainable NFSI — only a pile of loose tables.

2.2 Naciro Intelligence Engine and Knowledge Graph

In the public **Knowledge Graph** (HTTPS-based entity planes), **Naciro** as analytical system engine and **NFSI** as central stability indicator are definitionally anchored; terms such as **Engine**, **LPU** (Large Processing Unit — in the graph an **architecture entity**, not a marketing label), and **Core Hierarchy** are semantically supported so that citation and internal pipeline share the same conceptual basis (cf. knowledge entities; formal treatment in the companion NationFiles/Naciro methodology publication) [^methodik].

Naciro is described there as the engine executing the documented renewal cycle of the platform and NFSI-conformant evaluation transformations; upstream lie published connectors and profiles, downstream materialised fields for maps and dashboards [^methodik]. For **LPU**, the graph documents a **specialised inference architecture** with **low latency** (the companion text cites sub-50 ms inference as a published order of magnitude) and **deterministic embedding** relative to the overall architecture — without vendor-specific accelerator hardware as the definitional core [^methodik].

2.3 Frontend: Multi-controller orchestration

The visible web application is not a monolithic blog but an **orchestration stack** of modular **controllers** serving URL spaces, translations, export channels, and visualisation families. A **base controller** supplies global state (multilingualism, canonicalisation of territorial codes, world stability mappings, consistent colour logic for vector country maps) before domain controllers load their modules (NationFiles Research, 2026, Parts A.3, C.1) [^monographie].

2.4 Geometry, auxiliary systems, and operational sustainability

Beyond the core pipeline, **auxiliary systems** exist for vector geometry (web maps), imagery (globe illustrations), migration data families, and **maintenance cycles** (health checks, cleanup of

temporary import artefacts). This layer matters for the whitepaper because **cartographic integrity** and **performance** are part of the epistemic claim: large choropleth maps are not "neutrally pretty" but semantically loaded if they hide data gaps (NationFiles Research, 2026, Parts B.3, D.1) [^monographie].

[Figure 2: Architecture overview — connectors → materialisation → engine/pipeline → controller ontologies → export & structured data]

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3. METHODS: THE THREE-STAGE STABILITY PIPELINE (CORE)

3.1 Logical role of the three stages

The pipeline is the **mathematical–logical heart** of the indexing (Part B.2 of the monograph) [^monographie]. Here the stages are described **functionally**, not implementation-specifically:

Stage 1 — Raw signal normalisation: Incoming raw rows are transformed **per source** to a unified 0–100 scale. **Directional sensitivity** ("higher is worse"), linear impact factors, and **selective updates** are applied so noise does not destabilise every state.

Stage 2 — Day aggregation at country level: Per country and day, normalised contributions are aggregated; **today's and yesterday's** day values are combined with **documented weighting**. Rules address **recovery** for missing days and **conservative starting values** for security domains — an epistemically central point: absence of data must not silently be read as "peaceful."

Stage 3 — Weighted end composition to country score: Connector contributions are weighted; missing contributions are **neutrally substituted** (in the sense of defined substitution discipline, not political neutrality rhetoric). Further documented rule families include conflict and fragility logics, population-related add-on rules, institutional coupling, and caps. Non-country or static connectors are excluded; currency nodes are handled as **virtual** nodes linked to country assignment.

3.2 NFSI as a descriptive, rule-based aggregate

The **NFSI** is thus a **rule-based, traceably documented aggregate** over heterogeneous inputs — not a singular ML "score" in the black-box prognosis sense. Prognostic or exploratory text elements on the product surface must be **explicitly** labelled and remain separably readable from index logic (integrity strategy; NationFiles Research, 2026, Part W) [^monographie].

3.3 OSINT signals and source heterogeneity

OSINT-style strands (media, event corpora, open registers) enter as **connector families** under the same normalisation and gatekeeping rules as more structured macro series. The public security/radar layer uses **filtering** instances (gatekeepers) to reduce duplicates and echo bias —

3.6 Relation to engine and LPU inference

Where **Naciro** and **LPU** are described in the Knowledge Graph, this denotes **inference and throughput logic** for documented transformations and delivered fields — not replacing stages 1–3 with an undocumented end-to-end AI. Rather, **rule-based** and **inference-assisted** components are positioned **along the data path**; the NFSI remains bound to **transparency of end aggregation** [^methodik].

3.7 Sensitivity to information asymmetry

Media and connector landscapes are globally **uneven in density**. The pipeline must not enforce an implicit equation “absence of news = stability”; recovery and starting-value logics in stage 2 and confidence and vintage displays in macro surfaces are **necessary** correctives (NationFiles Research, 2026, Parts C.5, W.3d) [^monographie].

[Figure 3: Data flow — from heterogeneous connectors through stages 1–3 to NFSI country headline and derived world aggregates]

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4. PRESENTATION ONTOLOGIES AND AUDIENCES

The monograph explains why **many controllers** exist: each analytical audience needs its own **presentation ontology** without duplicating the data basis (NationFiles Research, 2026, Part F) [^monographie]. Table 1 summarises the ontology inventory (Part J) [^monographie].

Table 1. Excerpt from presentation ontology inventory (simplified).

ONTOLOGY	PURPOSE	TYPICAL AUDIENCE ROLE
World situation overview	Headline values, global framing	Public, media
Country depth	NFSI layers, subsites, news	Analysts, NGOs
Comparison pair	Side-by-side, fair vintage notes	Macro, policy
Security board	Filter lenses, hotspots, export	Security, OSINT
Macroeconomics (PPI)	Rankings, choropleths, scatter plots	Economists
Governance (GGI)	Institution metrics	Policy, reform advisory
Legal / source ontology	Provenance, connector register	Compliance, science
Knowledge graph	Definitions, edges, mind maps	Editorial, research
Export & badge	Micro-citation	Technical partners

5. VALIDATION, STRESSORS, AND DATA INTEGRITY

The internal monograph develops **auditable case studies** and review catalogues (Part O, extended by Q–U) readable as **methodological stress tests**: election weeks, sanction shocks, territorial conflicts, earthquake layers over daily NFSI, merged lists of sensitive domains, multilingualism, accessibility, and PDF archivability.

Core thesis of this chapter: Integrity arises not only from technical availability but from **made-visible assumptions** (vintage, confidence, gatekeepers) and from the ability to **defuse misreadings** through text, legend, and status discipline.

5.1 Validation logic: What a "stress test" means here

Unlike classical ML benchmarks, stress tests **do not** target a single loss value but **epistemic robustness**: Does the **reading** of data stay stable in politically volatile weeks? Do **false reassurances** arise from cache, from combining maps of different temporal resolution, or from diverging structured metadata?

5.2 Example fault trees (excerpt)

- **Connector outage:** neutral substitution in stage 3 — **meta situation** must name domain.
- **Geometry outage:** textual fallbacks, no silent blank maps.
- **Timestamp drift:** macro vintage vs. NFSI as-of date separately shown.
- **Gatekeeper misclassification:** escalation path instead of algorithmic closure alone (NationFiles Research, 2026, Parts H, O) [^monographie].

[Figure 5: Example fault tree "mid-run connector outage" — fallback, communication, meta situation]

5.3 From review catalogue to case study: methodological frame

Internal catalogue IDs (Part O, incl. O.75, O.8, O.36, O.55) [^monographie] are **not** empirical measurement series but **scenario anchors**. For a persistently identifiable paper we reconstruct **fictional yet realistic** time paths: they illustrate **which observables** (signal density, connector availability, separate macro vs. NFSI vintage) must be visible for audit and review. All numbers in Tables 2–4 are **illustrative** for **didactic** readability, not claimed proof of a historical event.

5.4 Case study A — Information shutdown and signal-density collapse (ref. O.75)

Setup (fictional): In **"Demokratia,"** a **wide-ranging Internet shutdown** occurs between (t{=}0) and (t{=}14). OSINT connectors relying on public news pillars and civil-society sources lose **observability**, while still-reachable satellite/bank/commodity paths **partly** continue.

Pipeline expectation: The NFSI architecture must **not** infer "calm" automatically from **missing** headlines. Recovery and substitution logic in stages 2–3 must yield either (a) a **conservative** country score or (b) **uncertainty/confidence bands** and status fields surfacing the **information vacuum** — per released policy fixed in layer text.

Table 2 shows a **qualitative** path (0–100 scale illustrative only for “normalised stress reading”).

Table 2. *Fictional* day indicators under information shutdown.

DAY (T)	PUBLIC NEWS SIGNAL DENSITY (INDEX)	SHARE OF AVAILABLE OSINT CONNECTORS	ILLUSTRATIVE RAW STAGE-2 AGGREGATE INPUT	COMMENT
−2	62	0.94	54	Baseline
0	58	0.91	56	Start of restriction
3	22	0.61	59	Echo collapse — *without* ethical recovery, “silence = good” would be conceivable
7	11	0.38	61	Vacuum — pipeline must flag gaps
10	9	0.33	58	First partial routing workarounds
14	18	0.45	55	Recovery of observability

[Figure 12: Qualitative curves — signal density vs. stage-2 raw aggregates vs. policy-dependent NFSI path with confidence band (placeholder)]

Audit questions (from O.75): Is the **information vacuum** named semantically on the country surface? Does substitution-plus-malus prevent **artificial calming** while uncertainty remains high?

5.5 Case study B — Sanction shock with diverging macro paths (ref. O.8, O.55)

Setup (fictional): “Handelsrepublik” experiences a **sanction shock** at (t{=}0). Commodity and FX connectors jump; **PPI-related** series react **fast**, **GGI/governance** series **slowly**. NFSI must **not** coincide with a single FX spiral.

Table 3. *Fictional* separated paths (0–100, higher = greater stress in respective domain reading).

DAY	NFSI-ALIGNED DOMAINS (COMBINED)	PPI STRESS PROXY	GGI INSTITUTIONS PROXY	NOTE
−5	48	41	44	Pre-shock
0	53	68	45	Shock day — FX/ commodity steep

6. DISCUSSION: GOVERNANCE, ETHICS, AND PLATFORM CREDIBILITY

6.1 Integrity strategy (Part W)

We summarise the **integrity strategy** as follows (fully developed in NationFiles Research, 2026, Part W) [^monographie]:

- **Avoid** empty geopolitical promises in navigation;
- **Restraint** toward cartographic pseudo-precision;
- **Reduction** of static prose without data tie-in in favour of data-driven, versioned artefacts;
- **Unification** of diverging structured-data branches;
- **Synchronisation** of pipeline changes with **persistently identifiable** methodology publications;
- **Mobile UX** as its own **speed class** with immediate readability of headline indicators;
- **Descriptive KPI language** instead of moralising shorthand;
- **Higher frequency** of honest status and freshness reports supporting a **continuous situational picture**.

The principle **"transparency over elegance"** is thus not aesthetic but **epistemic**: smooth surfaces hiding uncertainty harm trust even when they feel more "convincing" short term.

6.2 Global South and information asymmetry

Where media or connector coverage is thin, the platform must surface **information asymmetry** — so absence of headlines is not misread as stability (Part W.3d) [^monographie].

6.3 Data sovereignty and rights of Indigenous peoples and communities

Governance of a global OSINT and macro framework touches **not only** state sovereignty in the narrow sense but **epistemic justice**: many Indigenous peoples and locally rooted communities are **under-represented** or **distorted** in public and commercial data ecosystems — e.g. when territories appear only as aggregated national area, when resource conflicts lack land-rights perspective, or when language bias in news and event corpora amplifies dominant narratives (review logic related to O.7 subnationality, O.5 source bubbles) [^monographie].

We summarise **operational guardrails** coherent with the integrity strategy:

1. **Territorial and colonial caution:** Where the monograph treats subnationality and autonomous regions (Part O.7), later **finer** spatial modelling (Part W.3 — subnational extension) must be paired with explicit **legal and ethics review**, rather than silently homogenising Indigenous land claims under state surfaces.
2. **Provenance dominance:** For sensitive topics (land, resources, health, religion), **source and register discipline** takes precedence over "story optimisation" — **transparency over elegance**.

APPENDIX A — DEEPENING THE METHODOLOGY (READINGS OF THE THREE-STAGE PIPELINE)

A.1 Epistemic function of Stage 1

Stage 1 answers how **heterogeneous raw signals from one source** translate into **comparable metric language**. Directional sensitivity prevents false domain transfers between e.g. economically optimistic and security-relevant readings.

A.2 Temporal inertia and recovery in Stage 2

The mix of **today and yesterday** dampens single-day outliers. Recovery rules for missing days are **ethically** salient: missing data must not silently be read as normality.

A.2.1 Algebraic sketch (day aggregation and recovery)

Let (y_{c,k,t}) be the normalised connector contribution from stage 1. A **minimal** reconstruction of the "today–yesterday" mix is:

[x{c,k,t} \;=\; \alpha\, y{c,k,t} \;+\; (1-\alpha)\, y_{c,k,t-1}\,, \qquad \alpha \in (0,1)\text{ from documented policy.}]

Recovery: If (y_{c,k,t}) is missing, a **gap function** (R(\cdot)) applies — e.g. limited carry-forward, cap against over-smoothing, or explicit "uncertainty flags":

[x{c,k,t} \;=\; R\bigl(y{c,k,t-1},\,y_{c,k,t-2},\,\ldots;\,\text{Policy}\bigr)\,.]

(R) must **not** arbitrarily push the aggregate reading downward when external crisis indicators remain high — cf. case study 5.6.

A.3 Weighting and institutional coupling in Stage 3

Stage 3 is where distinct **connector families fuse** under documented weights. **Transparency of substitution** for missing contributions is mandatory for citation and agency communication.

A.4 Distinguishing NFSI ↔ prognosis

The NFSI is **descriptive and rule-based**. Prognostic product components — if delivered — must be **separately** named, dated, and versioned.

[Figure 6: Stage-wise information-algebraic reading — what each stage may claim and what it may not]

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- **Fully code-based and documented:** Every calculation step (Layers 1–4) is implemented in code and described in this report with constants, formulas, and pseudo-code.
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What is disclosed:

- All formulas and calculation steps (Layers 1–4), including pseudo-code and the complete constants table, in this report.
- Complete data inventory of all sources with NFSI impact: origin, licence, update frequency, thematic weight. Access to legal sources (`/legal/sources/`).
- No secret weightings: The weight matrix (connector weights, groups) is documented; upon request, authorised auditors can access technical artefacts under audit agreements.
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smoothing is applied and the raw score is output as `NFSI_Today`. The result is the published NFSI value for that country and date.

DAILY INDICATORS AND THEIR IMPACT ON THE NFSI

The NFSI integrates daily-updated sources that reflect stability in near real time. These include news events (GDELT), media tone, and country-specific risk signals. They enter via defined indicators in Layer 1 and affect the daily value through Layers 2 and 3.

Relevant daily sources: (1) GDELT — Goldstein scale, average tone, and event risk level per country; (2) media sentiment; (3) proprietary news risk signals with 24h/48h windows.

A live signal is formed from averages of Goldstein, tone, and risk level. If average risk exceeds a threshold, a deduction is applied. The result may be smoothed with the established NFSI index (e.g. 40% live, 60% index) to limit noise.

Simplified logic (pseudo-code, not implementation-identical): LIVE_BASE = 50 FOR each source: LIVE_BASE += (Goldstein_avg × k1) + (Tone_avg × k2) + (Sentiment_avg × k2) IF risk_avg > threshold THEN LIVE_BASE −= (risk_avg − threshold) × k3 LIVE_BASE = CLAMP(LIVE_BASE, 0, 100) IF established index present THEN SMOOTHED = 0.4 × LIVE_BASE + 0.6 × index

DATA INVENTORY — ALL SOURCES WITH NFSI IMPACT

SOURCE	FIELD	LICENSE	UPDATE	COVERAGE	WEIGHT
AcledMonthAll	Crisis & Safety Radar (Level 1)	ACLED / filtered, aggregated for Naciro Intelligence	wöchentlich	Global	90
AcledMonthAllOverview	Crisis & Safety Radar (Level 1)	ACLED / filtered, aggregated for Naciro Intelligence	wöchentlich	Global	95
CountriesConflictUcdpGed	UCDP GED conflict events	Free for academic, commercial, governmental use (see UCDP)	täglich	Global	85
CountriesCurrencyFromFa	7-Tage-Trend Währung	intern	täglich	Global	65

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