

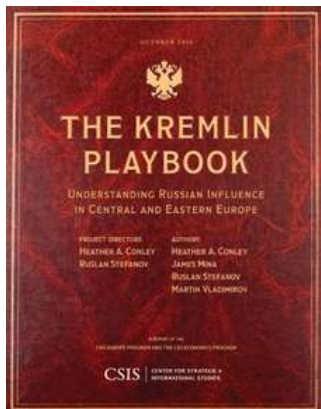
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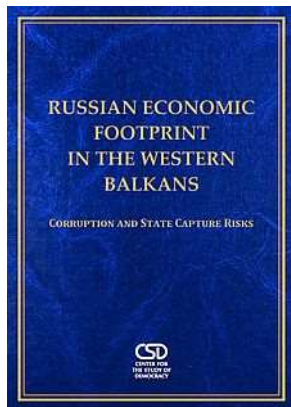
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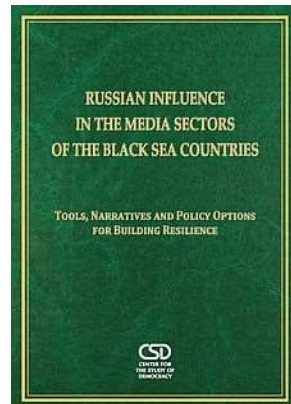
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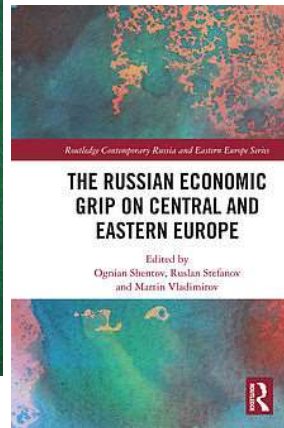
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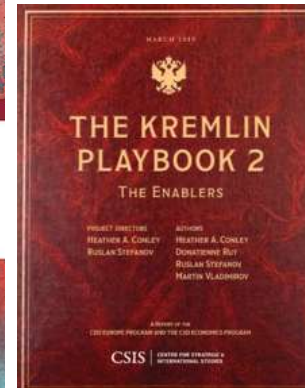
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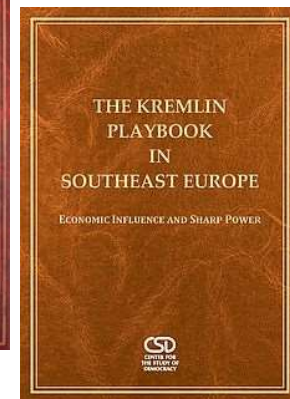
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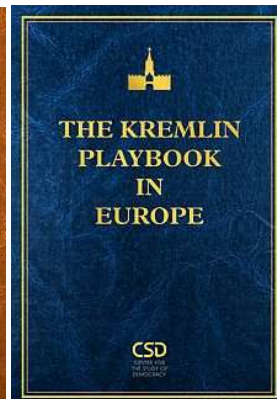
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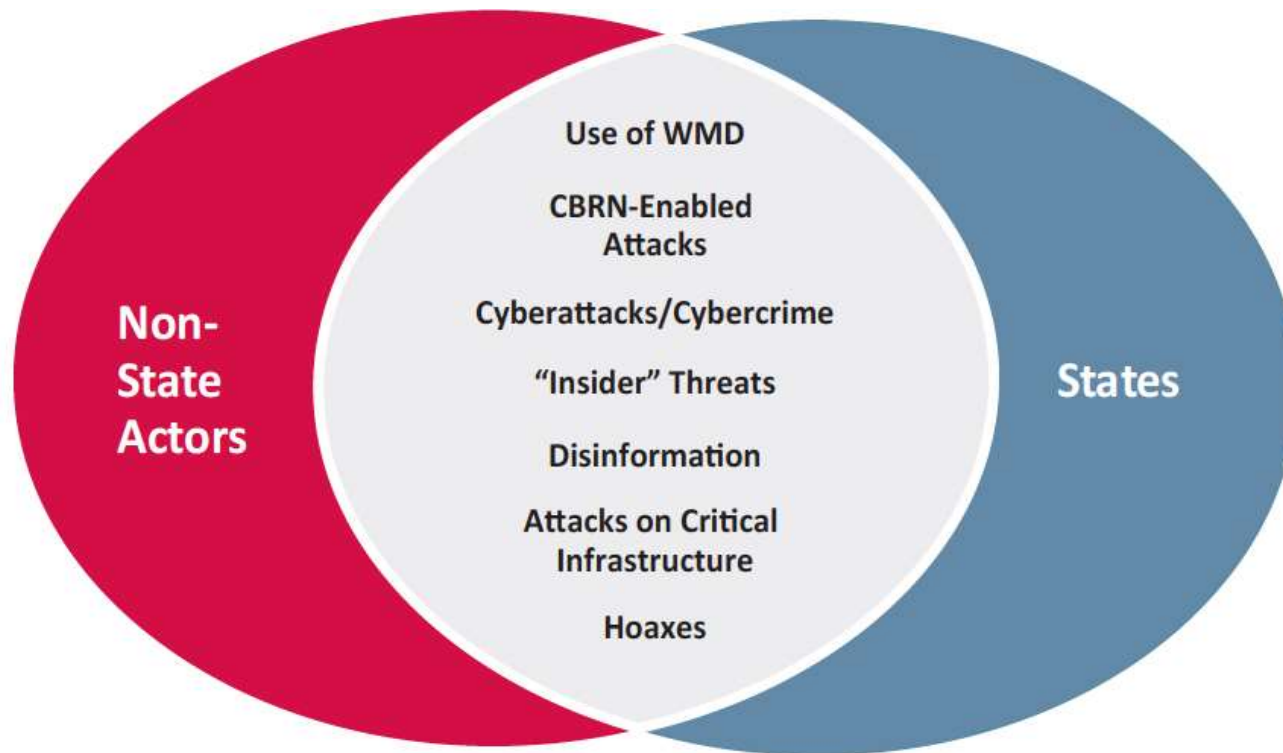


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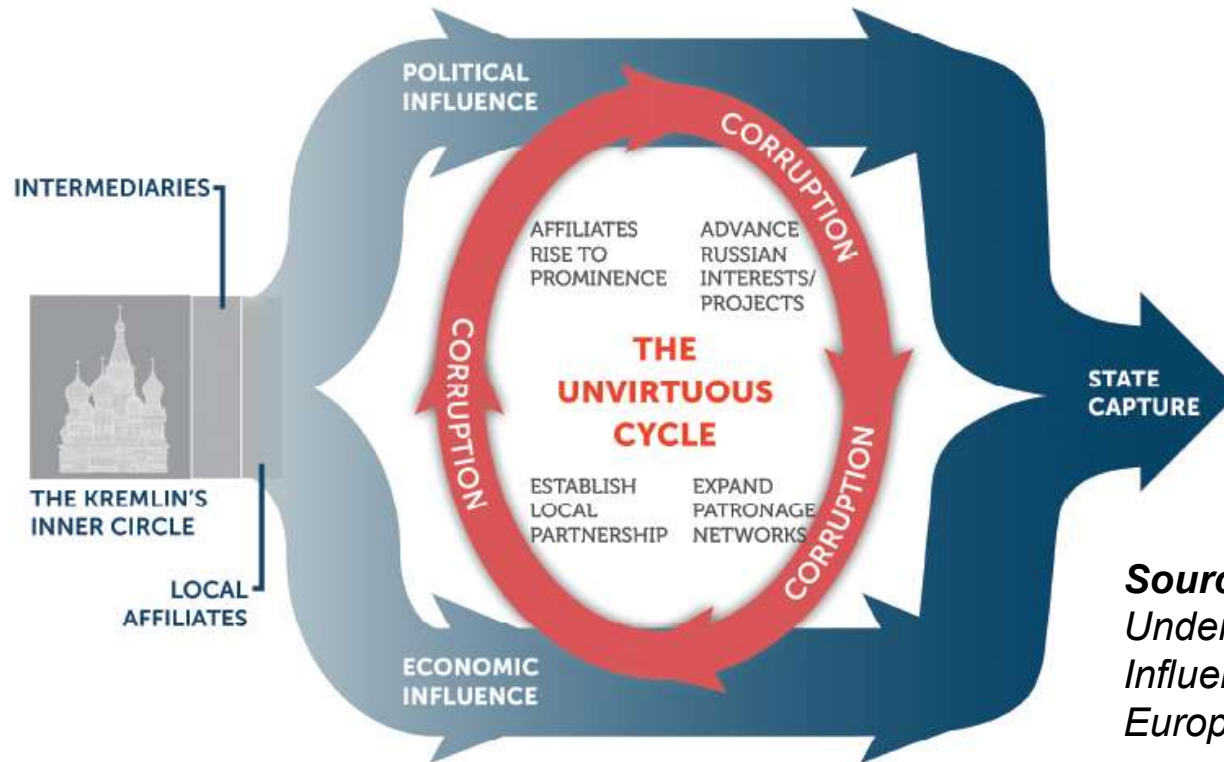
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## Types of WMD-related Hybrid Threats



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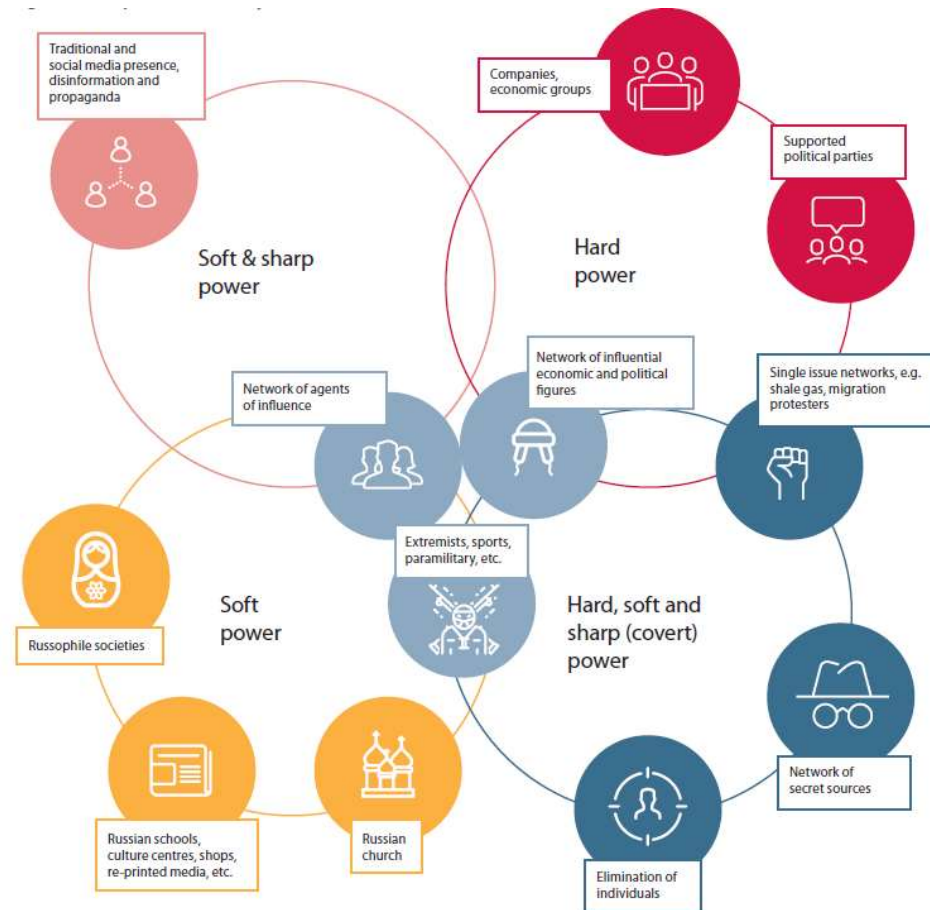


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## The Kremlin's Power Mix



The Kremlin's **state capture power** blurs the boundary between state and private sectors in Russia through the abuse of law enforcement and media for achieving foreign policy goals



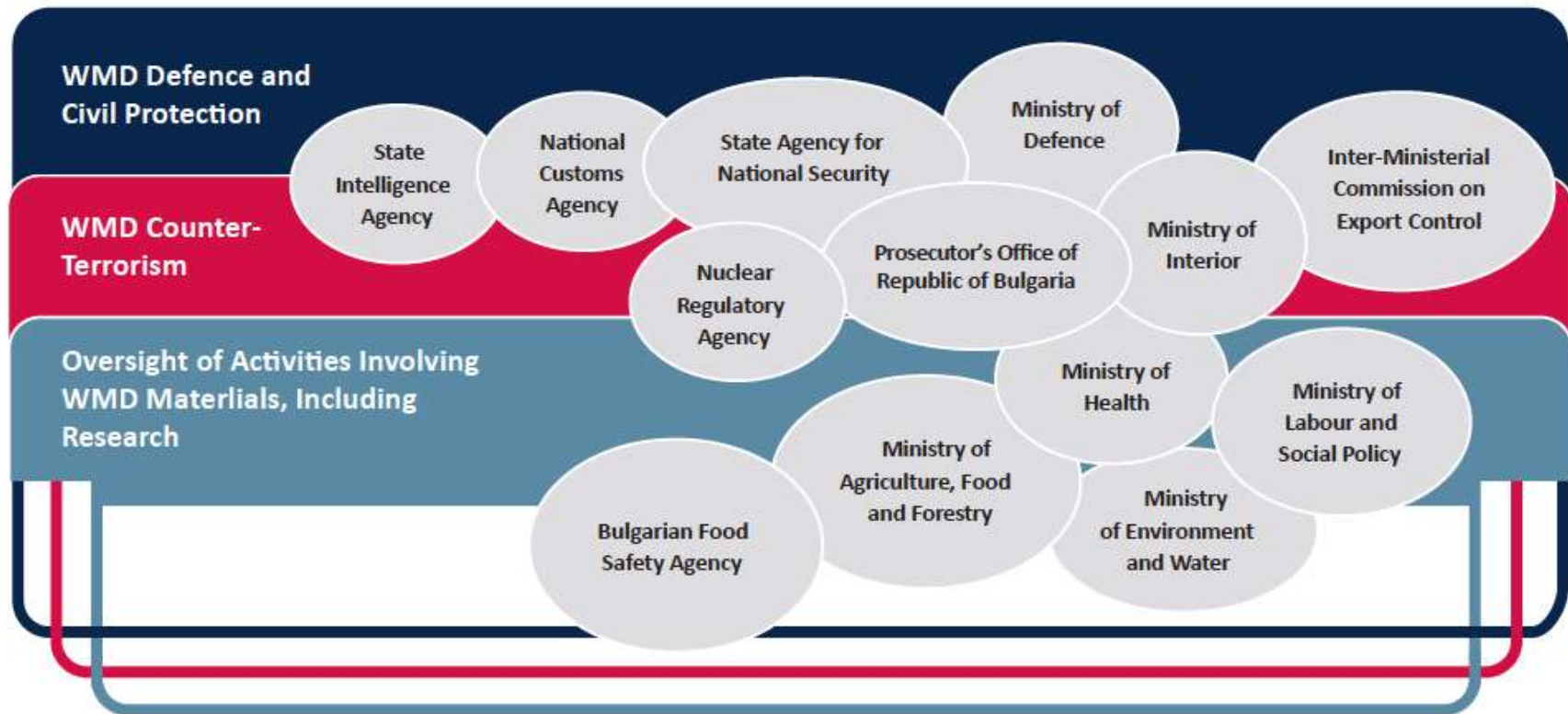
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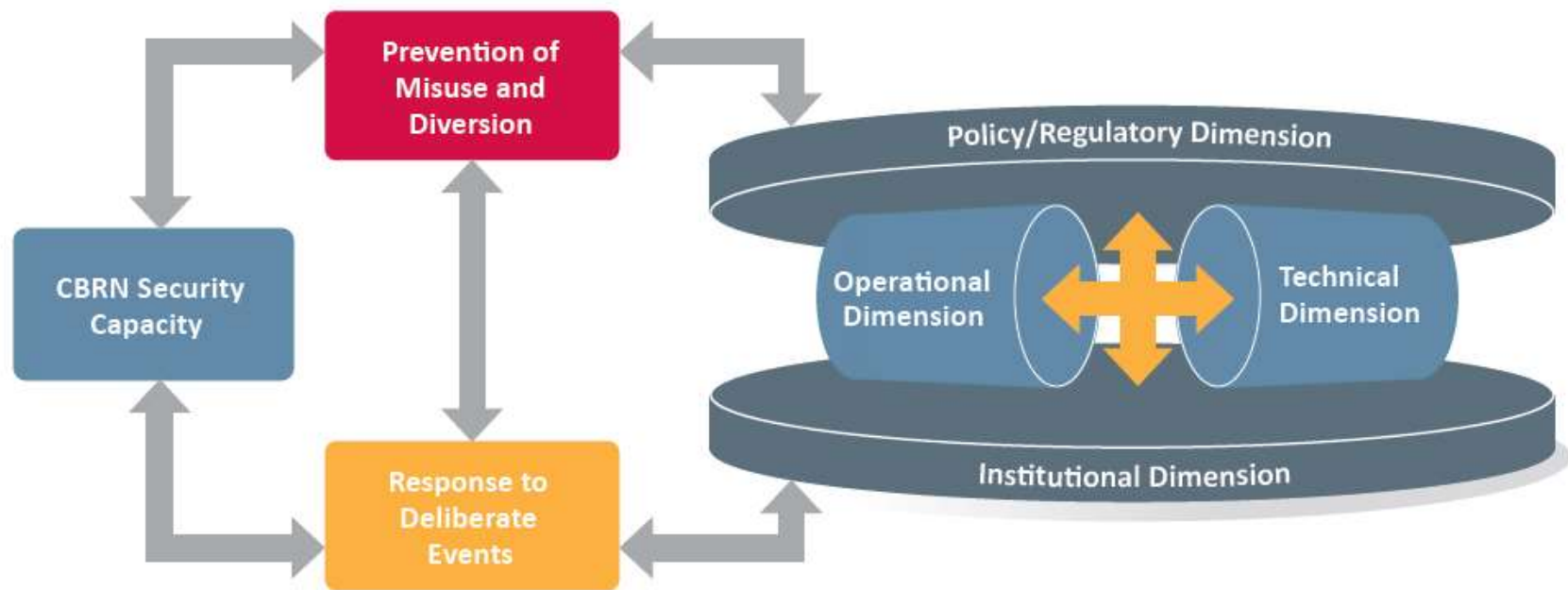


## Bulgaria's Institutional Framework for Countering WMD-related Threats



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## Capacity Assessment Methodology for Countering WMD Use



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**Thank you!**

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