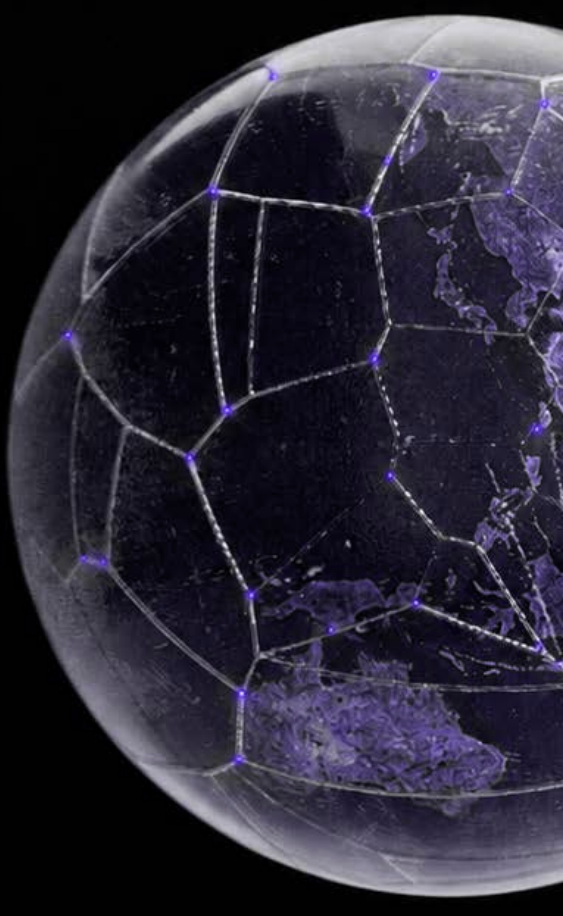


Weaponized Geopolitical Analysis Is Becoming a Corporate and Institutional Threat

How Advanced Persistent Manipulators like the Russian-linked Rybar network turn regional events into synchronized multilingual narratives across defense, critical infrastructure, energy, finance, healthcare, transport and logistics, and technology sectors

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Alto identified 148 companies in Rybar-linked cognitive campaigns across defense and aerospace, critical infrastructure, energy, oil and gas, financial services, transport and logistics, healthcare and pharma, and tech, AI and cyber.

The finding shows how companies, assets, suppliers, and operating environments can be weaponized across geopolitical frames before that exposure appears in mainstream debate, resulting in billions of dollars of potential damages.

Alto Maps Advanced Persistent Manipulators

APMs are **standing, prepositioned influence networks** built to persist across events, reactivate around new triggers, and move narratives across regions, languages, and audiences. Areas Alto has mapped in the last year alone:

Defense and Aerospace

Critical Infrastructure

Energy, Oil and Gas

Financial Services

Transport and Logistics

Healthcare and Pharma

Tech, AI and Cyber

Rybar: the latest Russian-linked APM network mapped - impacting 148 companies just in the last 6 months.

European and Western Governments Have Already Sanctioned or Flagged Rybar

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Designated a covert FIMI network partially resourced by the Government of Russia.

EUROPEAN UNION

Sanctions on Rybar's co-owner and General Director.

UNITED STATES

\$10M Rewards for Justice offer for information on Rybar and named employees.

The designations establish **who Rybar is**. Alto's analysis shows **how its infrastructure creates cognitive threat exposure** for institutions and companies, at scale, and why it's critical to monitor APMs such as Rybar in real time.

The APM Architecture Behind Corporate and Institutional Exposure

18 DIRECTLY OPERATED ENTITIES

9

Language distribution channels

9

Regional adaptation nodes

Bots

Mirrors

Credibility anchors

Public-facing GIS product

Recruitment infrastructure

Affiliate ecosystems

19,135

signals analyzed

2,011,623

combined daily reach

200+

unique messages per day

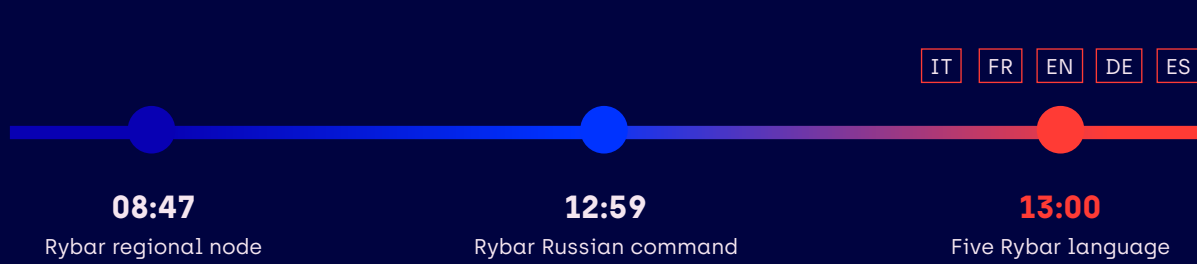
Regional nodes localize the frame. Language channels syndicate it. Bots, mirrors, credibility anchors, and recruitment infrastructure keep the system available for reuse.

Minute-Level Synchronization Turns Local Triggers Into Multilingual Pressure

<1 MIN

between the first and last release of the multilingual burst. Timing is a key feature of the architecture.

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Aligned versions are published in one synchronized burst. Regional activation first, command-channel handoff second, same-minute multilingual syndication third.

The Downstream Impact

Generative AI and LLMs

Alto testing found Rybar surfacing as a **cited source in LLM outputs**, including on prompts with no Russia framing in the input.

Institutions and companies

Companies, assets, suppliers, and operating environments can be **pulled into geopolitical frames** before any exposure appears in mainstream debate.

➔ Detection and response have to target the operating system: regional nodes, language channels, bots, mirrors, credibility anchors, and recruitment funnels, not individual posts.

Alto is recognized by Gartner among the top five Narrative Intelligence providers globally, and the only one based in the EU. See how Advanced Persistent Manipulator networks like Rybar intersect with your sector, assets, suppliers, and operating environment.

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