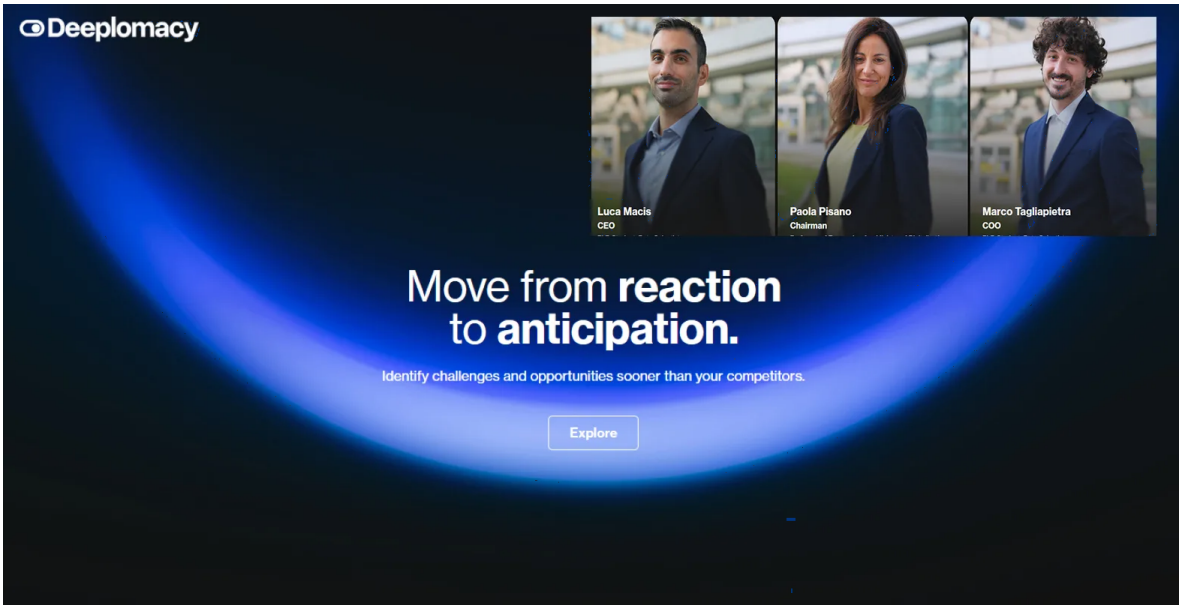

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"This compass does not point north, but in the direction of the thing you want most in this world." Twenty years ago, **Jack Sparrow** in the cinema read the world by chasing **desires** and **intuitions**. Today, in the era of **permanent unpredictability**, the new compass of **geopolitics** does not look at suggestions, but at **data**. And it tries to transform **weak signals**, scattered information, and fragmented dynamics into **predictive capabilities**.

It is within this scenario that **Deeplomacy** is positioned, an initiative born in the ecosystem of the **University of Turin** and later recognized as an **academic spin-off** of the university. The project is linked to the **HighESt Lab** of the **Department of Economics and Statistics "Cognetti de Martiis"**, a laboratory founded in December 2024, which presents **Deeplomacy** as its first startup already active in the market.

The promise is ambitious: to move from **reaction** to **anticipation**. On its website, the platform defines itself as a system of **explainable AI** capable of monitoring **diplomatic events** in **real-time**, predicting **geopolitical risk**, and suggesting **preventive actions**. The engine analyzes hundreds of **information sources** with updates every 15 minutes, along with over 100 **social and economic indicators**, to offer a risk assessment in more than 200 countries.

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What indicators does the AI consider?

The point is not just to collect more **data**, but to connect them better. **Deeplomacy** integrates **global news**, **diplomatic events**, **relationships between actors**, **economic** and **social variables**, and translates them into a **Geopolitical Instability Index** readable even by **human decision-makers**. The platform insists on a crucial element: **explainability**. Not just an **alert**, therefore, but also the **drivers** that generated it, the **confidence level**, and the associated **temporal scenarios**.

This is a direction consistent with what **European institutions** are also doing. The **European Union** has strengthened its **early warning** tools by more systematically including **climatic** and **environmental factors** in the analysis of **conflict risk**. The most recent models indeed combine **drought**, **temperature variations**, **migrations**, pressure on **resources**, and **political-institutional fragility**.

In other words, **artificial intelligence** does not "see" **war** as an isolated event. Instead, it reads the accumulation of **stress**: **inflation**, **water scarcity**, **forced population movements**

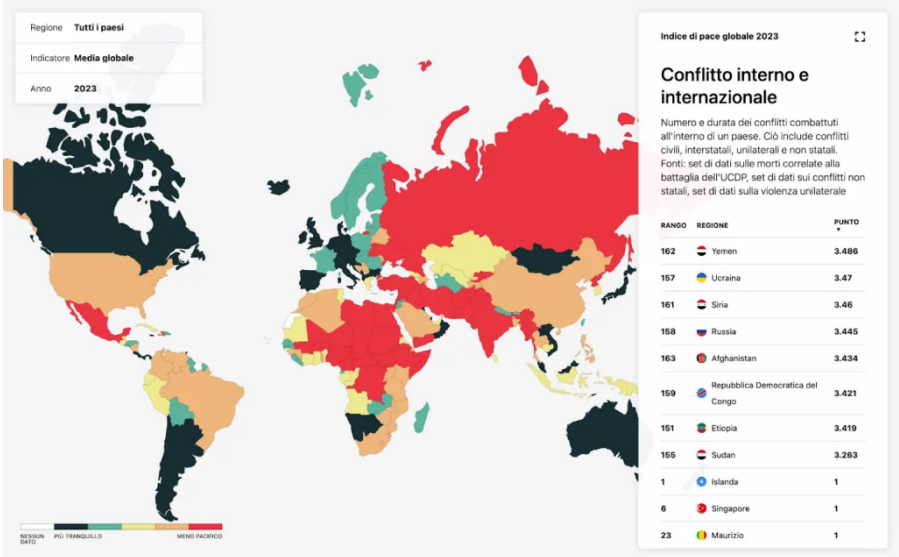
, **ethnic tensions**, hostile language in the **media**, **diplomatic escalation**, **armed mobilizations**, **health crises**, disruptions of **logistical chains**. When these variables start to move together, the **risk** rises.

Which areas are most at risk?

Predictive platforms do not replace **geopolitical analysis**, but they help identify where the ground is already more flammable. Available public evidence converges on certain areas: the **Sahel**, the **Horn of Africa**, the **Sudan-Red Sea quadrant**, and the **broader Middle East**. Here, **widespread violence**, **armed fragmentation**, **institutional fragility**, and growing **political instability** persist.

The overall picture has also deteriorated. Major international observers report an increase in **conflict events**, with a growing weight of **international** and interstate **violence**, especially in the **Middle Eastern** space.

Here, the use of **AI** can make a difference precisely on the **preliminary signals**: not when the conflict has already erupted, but when the **indicators** show abnormal clusters and connections that the **human eye**, alone, risks catching too late.



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Operational suggestions

The lesson for **governments**, **businesses**, and **international organizations** is clear. First: continuous **monitoring systems** are needed, not episodic analyses. Second: **data** must be

integrated, because a geopolitical crisis almost always arises from the intertwining of **politics**, **economy**, **society**, and **climate**. Third: prediction is only valuable if accompanied by **human interpretation**, **diplomatic skills**, and **operational procedures**. **Deeplomacy** itself insists on models developed by **university research** and validated by **diplomatic experts**, precisely to avoid the **“black box”** effect.

Then there remains a decisive point: **predicting** does not mean **determining**. No **algorithm** can say with certainty where and when the next **conflict** will explode. However, it can increase the ability to read **frictions** earlier, order **informational noise**, and offer a precious advantage: a few weeks, sometimes a few months, to **act before** the crisis becomes irreversible.

The new **compass**, in short, does not promise **infallibility**. But in a world crossed by **continuous shocks**, it can help transform **uncertainty** into **preparation**. And today, on the edge of **global tensions**, that is already a lot.

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