



CONIAS Newsletter June 2019

Dear Reader,
The worst scenarios have not occurred - yet Europe is still challenged after the recent parliamentary elections: Answers to urgent political questions must be found. In our newsletter we would like to address briefly two of these questions: the still threatening Brexit has impacted the security situation in Northern Ireland, as our latest data show. And: China's efforts to become the world's leading economic nation are reflected in its "Silk Road" project. Certainly an initiative of particular interest to the automotive industry, what security risks are concealed here? We cover this topic in our latest blog post. And if you want to find out more about China and its political risks, you can download our China Risk Report free of charge.

Political risks are dynamic and can change rapidly. Follow us on Twitter, LinkedIn or Xing or - request a test evaluation of one of your locations today! We look forward to hearing from you.

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CONIAS Blog: What made us think last month

New Cars on Old Streets - China's Silk Road Project



China wants to revive the Silk Road. What opportunities and risks does this revival present to the international automotive industry?

In a speech he gave in Davos in 2017, Xi Jinping, the president of the Peoples Republic of China, focused on an open and transparent trade system and on expanding the trade infrastructure in Eurasia with China's "One Belt, One Road" initiative. Expected to invest more than €500 million in the region, what might China's investments mean for German automobile producers and their supply chains? CONIAS research reveals that the Belt is estimated to cover more than half of the automotive production sites in Asia that could be connected directly to the Belt's land route, as well as almost 90% of these sites in Europe that are in the Belt area. Based on CONIAS SURE data, this month's blog goes into more details on these issues and provides an assessment of the opportunities and risks automotive companies face in five cities across the Central Asian Silk Road land and sea routes.

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CONIAS Risk Indices: Spotlight of the month - North Ireland

Every month CONIAS updates the risk-data for more than 3,800 subnational units globally. Here we select one of hundreds of interesting patterns reflected in the update. If you would like to learn more about our Indices click here: SURE | SUSAFE



CONIAS' data for the first part of 2019 indicates an upswing in violent incidences in the region of Derry and Strabane (Northern Ireland). Since January, this region has experienced attacks by the New IRA as well the killing of Lyra McKee - considered a rising star in investigative journalism - during violence following police searches in the area. Authorities are treating her killing as a terrorist incident. Though the area as a whole remains categorized as stable, the now monthly reports of violence are something to track, especially as the UK faces tough negotiations over Brexit on the back of the appointment of a new prime minister following Theresa May's recent resignation announcement.

CONIAS Insight: What you might have missed

CONIAS at EY and Hypo Vereinsbank





On May 22nd CONIAS CEO Dr. Nicolas Schwank spoke [at the kick-off event for the new series Interfacing New Realities – Die Start-up Initiative](#) organized by EY and HypoVereinsbank. Presenting on the broader topic of Digitization and Industry 4.0, Dr Schwank spoke about the beginning of CONIAS as a company and discussed the challenges businesses face in supply chain management and the benefits of performing risk analysis offered by CONIAS.

### About CONIAS

In our [daily business](#), we combine hands-on [consulting](#) on political landscapes with the steady and research-based improvement of our [methods](#). We think that learning from [partners](#) and customers alike and growing with challenges is essential for start-ups like us, seeking to stay agile and customer-oriented. Curiosity and open-mindedness also drive the way we develop our products - the digital solutions from CONIAS help clients to evaluate and monitor suppliers in real-time. Our [maps and charts](#) support our partners in presentations for target audiences, customers and co-workers alike. Last but certainly not least, we provide deeper insights and understandings through background [reports](#), webinars and [workshops](#).

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