



# Cyber security measures in the Energy Community

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# Challenges and threats of digitalisation in the energy sector



- **Profiliation of poorly secured ICT**
- **Blurring lines between state and non-state actors**
- **Evolving cybercrime business models**
- **Dependence on foreign security technologies**
- **Persisting critical infrastructure vulnerabilities**
- **Cascading effects**
- **Real time requirements**
- **Cross-border impact**

# The NIS Directive – the cornerstone of EU response to cyber threats



## ❑ **Build sufficient capabilities at national level**

- Adopt a national NIS strategy
- Designate national competent authorities, single contact points and Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs)

## ❑ **Identification of operators of essential services and digital service providers** to whom security and incident notifications requirements are imposed

## ❑ **Build structures for cross-boarder cooperation and exchange of information**

- At strategic level - creating a Cooperation Group of national authorities
- At operational level - creating a network of national CSIRTs





## ❑ Three cumulative conditions for identification of Operators of Essential Services (OES)

- provision of a service which is **essential** for the maintenance of critical societal and/or economic activities
- the provision of that service depends **on network and information systems**
- an incident would have **significant disruptive effects** on the provision of that service

## ❑ Security and Notification Requirements imposed on OES

- take appropriate technical and organizational measures (to secure networks and systems, prevent and manage risks, handle incidents, minimize their effects)
- notify incidents (users affected, duration, geographical spread)

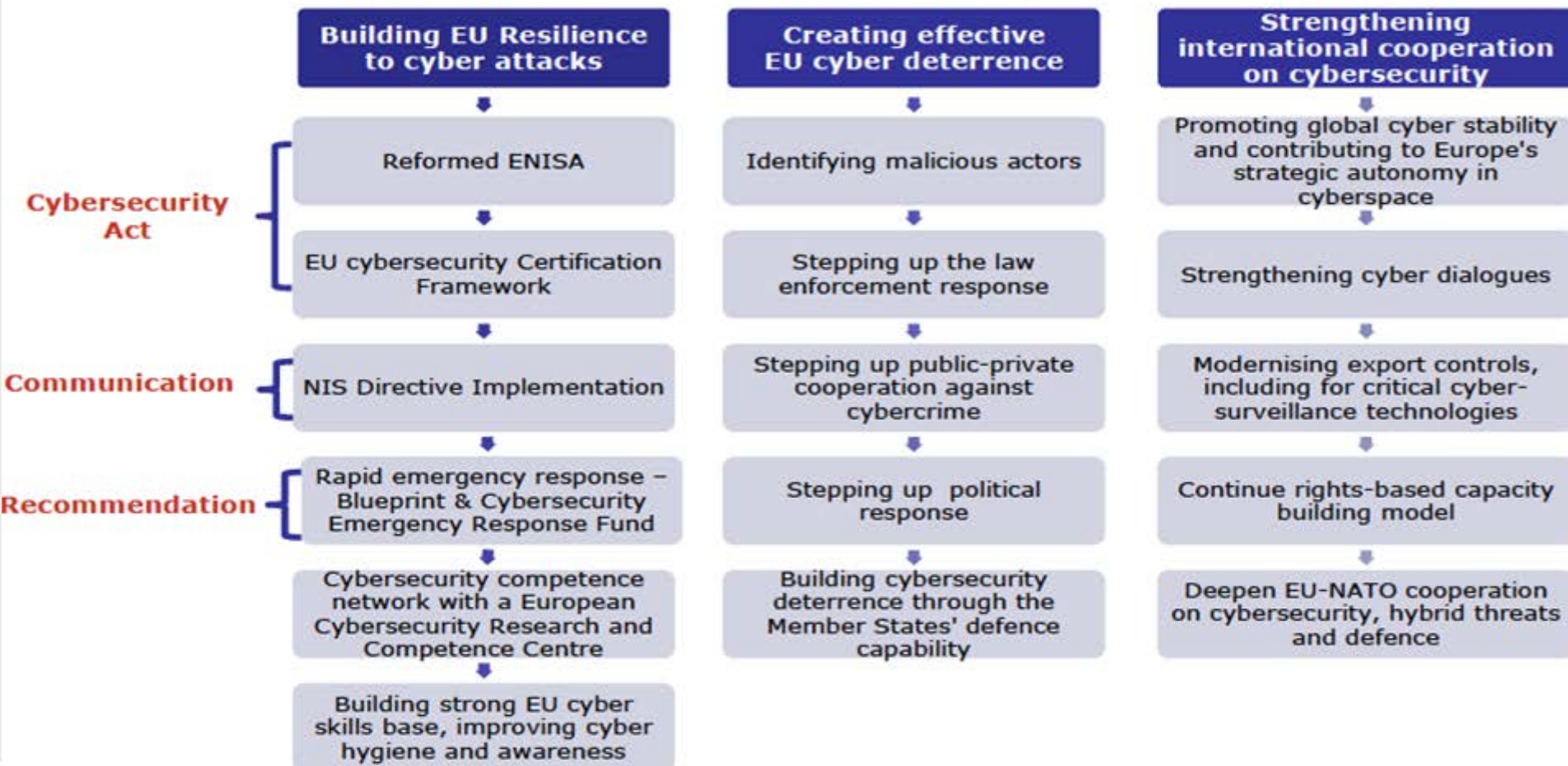
## ❑ Monitoring and enforcement powers

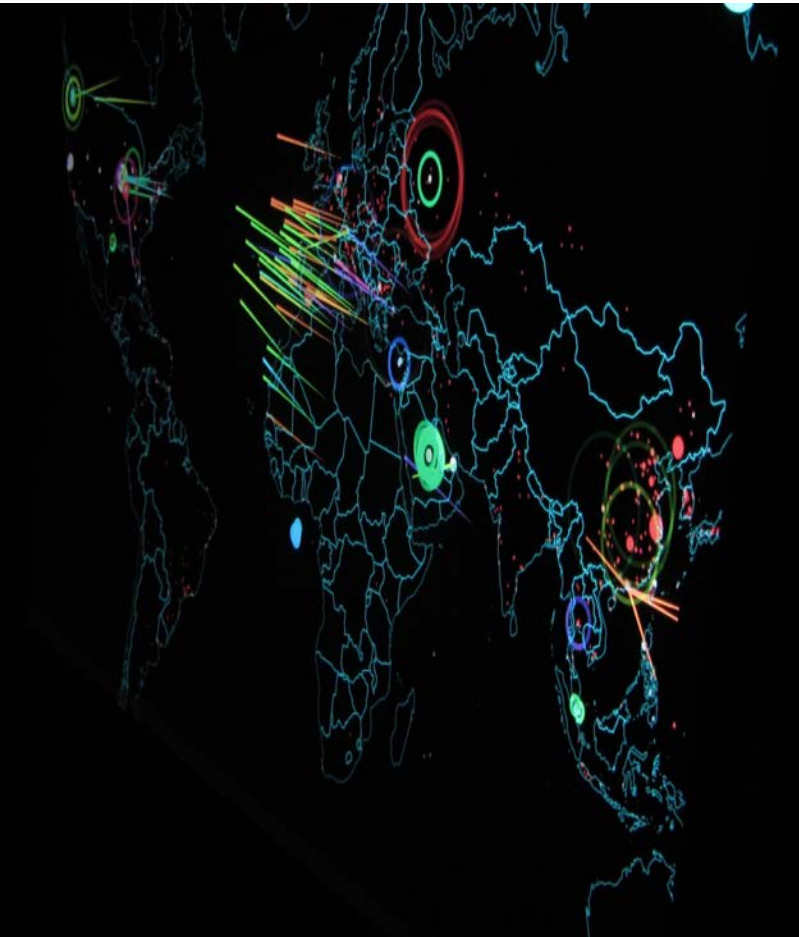
- competent authorities vested with powers and means to assess compliance of OES with the requirements and impose sanctions

- ❖ **The energy sector falls within the scope of the NIS Directives**
- ❖ **Annex II enumerates potential OES of the energy sector**
  - **electricity subsector** - (i) suppliers of electricity; (ii) distribution system operators; (iii) the transmission system operators.
  - **gas subsector** - (i) supply undertakings, (ii) distribution system operators; (iii) transmission system operators iv) storage system operators; (v) LNG system operators; (vi) natural gas undertakings and operators of natural gas refining and treatment facilities.
  - **oil subsector** - (i) operators of oil transmission pipelines; (ii) operators of oil production, refining and treatment facilities, (iii) storage and (iv) transmission
- ❖ **Interdependencies with other sectors – new actors involved**
- ❖ **A governance framework for the Energy Community context**
  - Two alternatives
    - a) a centralized model with one central authority being competent across all sectors and services
    - b) a **decentralized model** with multiple sector-based authorities being competent for specific sectors and services
- ❖ **Security of Supply Coordination Group - intergrade a cyber security dimension**

# Necessity for additional measures


## EU September 2017 package on Cyber Security





- Create a Cooperation Group between CPs and MSs
- Security of Supply Coordination Group
- Put in place a common certification framework across the single market
- Eliminate regulatory gaps across the single market
- Join efforts on research and education programmes
- Develop a common crisis management and rapid emergence response, *inter alia* through Title III or Title IV measures
- Further challenges specific to the energy sector
- Etc..



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