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# Cybersecurity in the energy sector

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# The European Energy Sector

THE ENERGY SYSTEM OF TOMORROW WILL LOOK DIFFERENT

**2015**

Paris Climate Agreement



**2030**

50 % of electricity to come from renewables



**2050**

Carbon free electricity & transport further decarbonised



- ***Undergoing radical change***
- ***Transition to low carbon economy***
- ***Decentralisation & renewable energy sources***
- ***Digitalisation***
- ***Smart Grids***
- ***Increased risk of cyber-attacks!***

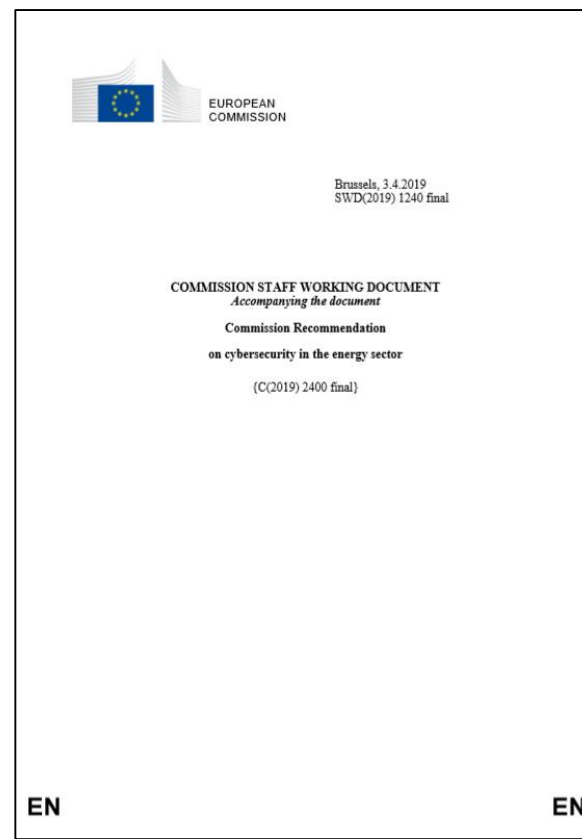


# **Commission Recommendation C(2019)2400 final**

..on 3 April 2019 the Commission adopted the..



..and the accompanying ...



## Commission Recommendation C(2019) 2400 final on cybersecurity in the energy sector

Identifies actions required to address the particularities of  
the energy sector

### **Real-time requirements**

*...simply cannot be  
addressed by  
standard cyber  
security solutions  
like authentication or  
encryption.*

### **Cascading effects**

*...An outage in one  
country might trigger  
black-outs in other  
sectors and  
countries.*

### **Technology mix**

*...creates risks from  
**legacy** components  
designed when cyber  
security was not an  
issue, and from new  
**Internet-of-Things**  
devices not made  
with cyber security  
in mind.*

Calls Member States to ensure that the relevant stakeholders  
take the necessary measures and encourage them to build  
up knowledge and skills related to cybersecurity in energy

# Commission Recommendation C(2019)2400 final

- Addresses: *relevant stakeholders, energy network operators and technology suppliers, and in particular operators of essential services via Member States*
- Monitoring: *within 2 years after adoption, and every two years thereafter through the NIS Cooperation Group.*
- Review: *Assessment of EC in consultation with Member States and relevant stakeholders.*

## Recommendations alongside..

### ***Real-time requirements***

- *Use international standards*
- *Apply physical measures*
- *Classify/manage your assets*
- *Consider privately owned communication networks, or consider specific measures*
- *Split system into logical zones*
- *Choose secure communication and authentication*

### ***Cascading effects***

- *Evaluate interdependencies*
- *Ensure communication framework for early warnings and to cooperate in crisis*
- *Ensure level of security for new devices*
- *Consider cyber-physical spill overs*
- *Establish design criteria for a resilient grid*

### ***Technology mix***

- *Follow a cybersecurity-oriented approach when connecting devices*
- *Use international standards*
- *Establish monitoring and analysis capabilities*
- *Conduct specific cybersecurity risk analysis for legacy installations*
- *Collaborate with technology providers*
- *Update hard- and software*



# **Commission Staff working document SWD(2019) 2400 final**

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- *Policy context on energy, cybersecurity and critical infrastructure*
- *Technical details of the Recommendation*
- *Inventory of relevant Commission activities*
- *Relevant international standards*

# Next steps

- *Apply the Recommendation!*
- *Prepare a "Network Code" for electricity*
- *Work on certification of energy technologies*

# Apply the Recommendation !

*Through Regulation (EU) 2017/1938 on Gas Security of Supply and the Regulation on Electricity Risk Preparedness (published May/June)*

- **Cybersecurity as part of 1) regional/national Risk Assessments and 2) preventive action and emergency plans**

*Through the NIS Cooperation Group*

- **Work stream 8 on energy**

*Through other outreach activities*

- **Dedicated events and networks such as EE-ISAC**

# Prepare a “Network Code” for electricity

- *New Electricity Regulation (published in May/June), Art. 59(2)*

*Delegated act on “Sector-specific rules for cyber security aspects of cross-border electricity flows, including rules on common minimum requirements, planning, monitoring, reporting and crisis management”*

- *Preparatory work on-going*

Expert Group 2 – Smart Grids Task Force

- *Cooperation with*

ENTSOE

Future EU-DSO

ACER

# Certification

- *Implement the Cybersecurity Act in energy*  
Identify needs for European Cybersecurity Certificates for energy products, processes and services that will be valid throughout the EU
- *Workshop autumn 2019*
- *Possible input to future Network Code*



Thank you for your attention!!

More information:

**<https://ec.europa.eu/energy/en/topics/energy-security/critical-infrastructure-and-cybersecurity>**

# Back-up slides



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# Measures related to real-time requirements

**Securing communication channels where there are no time constraints is already manageable by current systems, but a special focus is required in those systems where a real-time reaction is necessary (processing and transmission time).**

- *Apply most **recent security standards & physical measures***
- *Implement **international standards***
- ***Classify your assets** and consider real-time requirements*
- *Consider **privately owned communication networks**; consider specific measures when using public networks*
- *Split the system into **logical zones** and define time and process constraints for each zone*
- *Choose **secure communication protocols** and test prior its implementation*
- *Introduce **appropriate authentication mechanisms** or at least strict network access control mechanisms.*

# Measures related to cascading effects

- Evaluate the **interdependencies** and **criticality of power generation and flexible-demand systems, transmission and distribution** substations and lines, and the **associated impacted stakeholders**
- Ensure **communication framework** to share **early warning signs** and cooperate on crisis management, incl. structured communication channels and agreed formats for sensitive information
- Appropriate **level of security** for new devices, e.g Internet of Thing Devices
- Adequately consider **cyber-physical effects**
- Establishing **design criteria and architecture** for a resilient grid (in-depth defense measures, identifying critical nodes, collaborating with others, design to limit failures)

# Measures related to technology mix

- Follow a **cybersecurity-oriented approach** when connecting devices to the grid
- Follow relevant **international standards**
- **Provide tested solutions** when security issues become known
- Follow relevant **international standards**
- **Analyse the risks** and take **suitable measures**
- Establish **automated monitoring** and **analysis** capabilities
- Conduct **cybersecurity risk analysis of legacy installations**
- Collaborate with **technology suppliers** to replace legacy systems
- **Update** software and hardware, and consider complementary measures
- Formulate **tenders** with cybersecurity in mind