

THE ENERGY COMMUNITY

Cybersecurity becomes essential,
as teleworking and remote operations increase

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MAIN AREAS OF WORK

Statistics



Electricity



Renewable energy



Value added tax



Competition/
state aid



Environment



Cyber security



Regulator



Gas



Climate



Energy efficiency



Oil

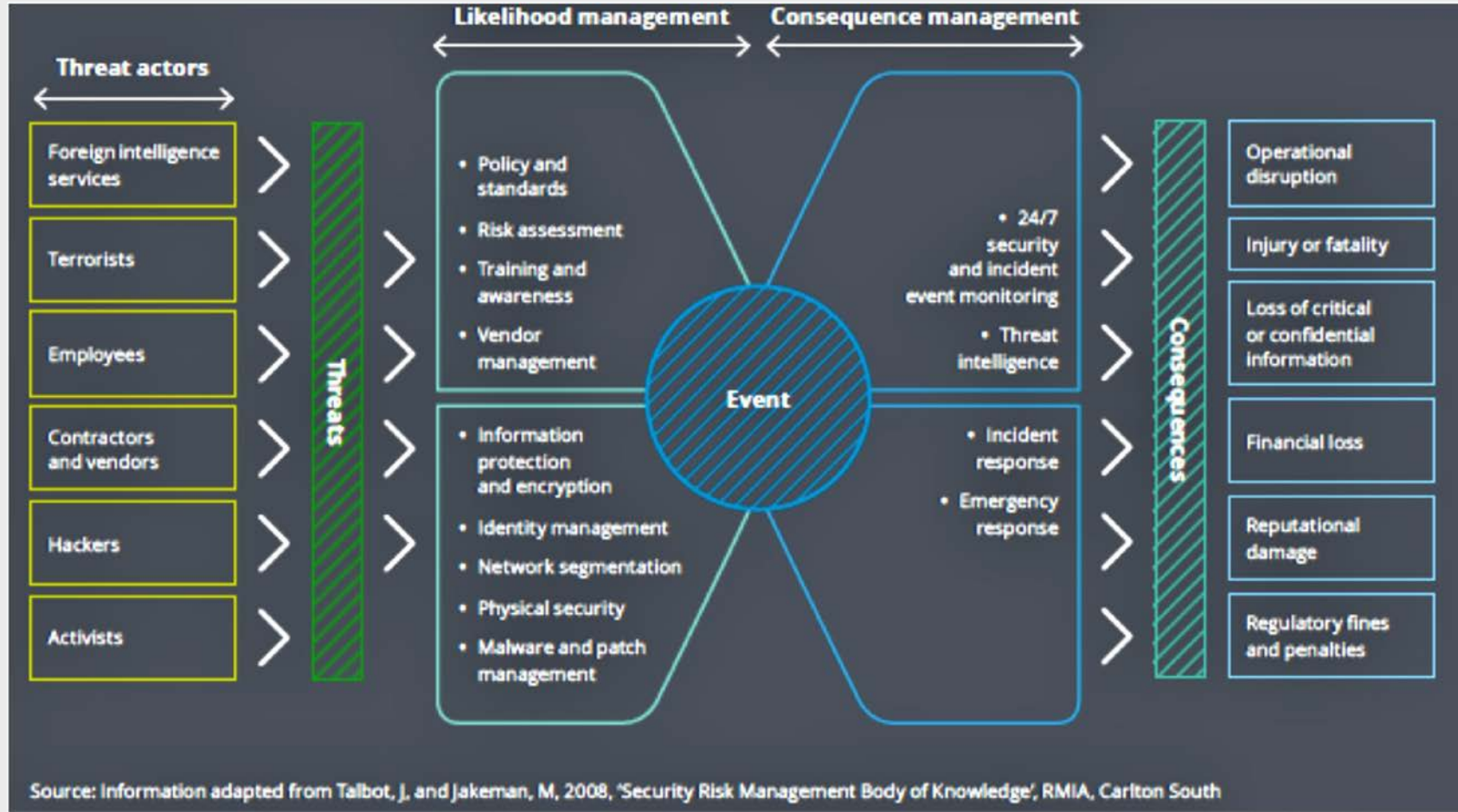


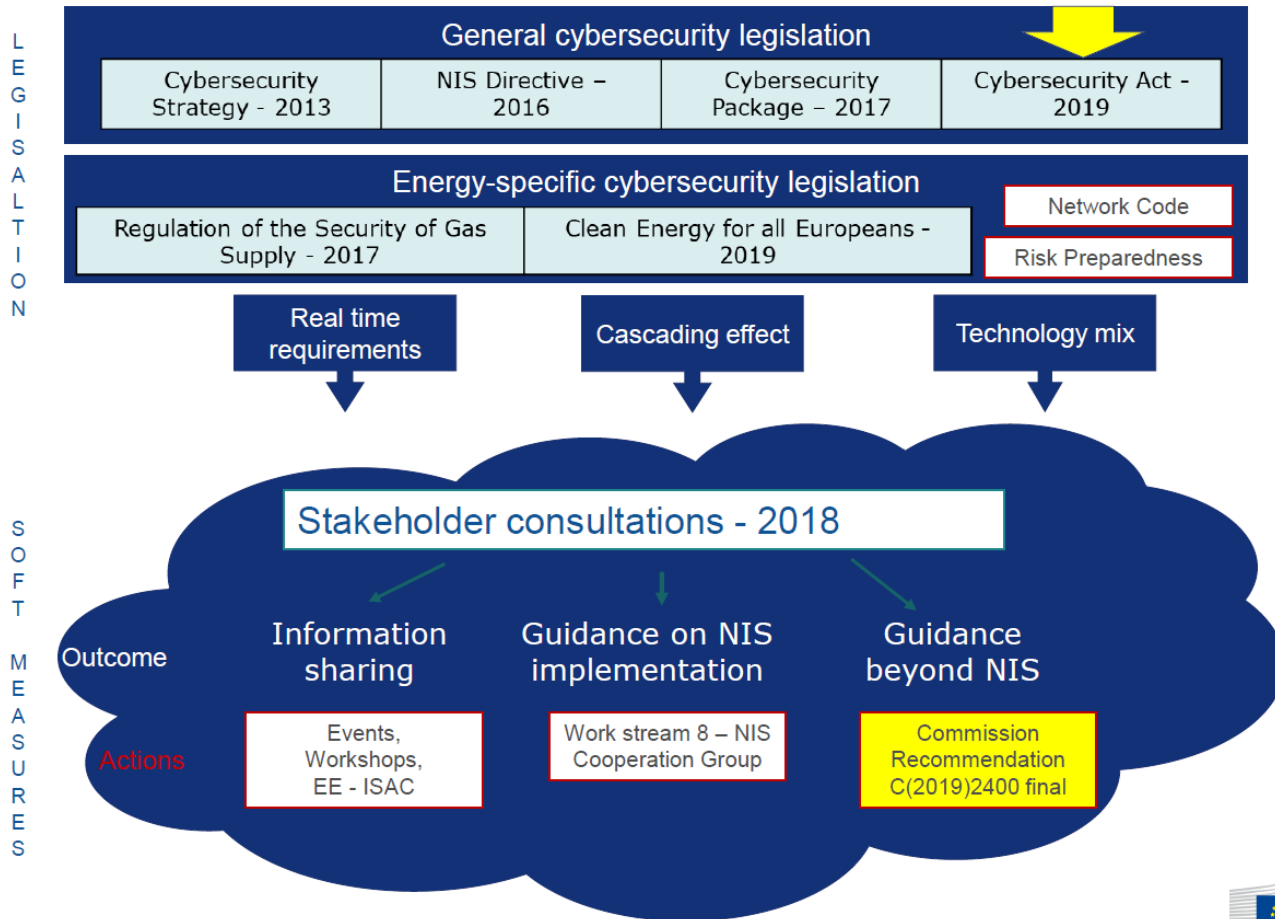
Security of energy supply



General services







Energy Community

- **PA 2018/02/MC-EnC** (November 2018) on the establishment of Energy Community Coordination Group for Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure (**CyberCG**)

Existing EU Legislation

- **ECI Directive** (2008 / 114) on European critical infrastructures
- **NIS Directive** (2016 / 1148) on security of network and information systems
- **EC Recommendation** (2019 / 2400 – April 2019) on cybersecurity in energy
- **EU Regulation** (2019 / 881) on ENISA technology certification (Cybersecurity act)
- **Risk Preparedness Regulation** (2019 / 943)

Next generation of cybersecurity acts

- Network Code on Cybersecurity

ISO/IEC 27000

- Information technology security Techniques - 49 items

Other security standards:

- ITU - International Telecommunications Union

- ANSI - American National Standards Institute (USA)

- NIST – National Institute of Standards and Technology (USA)

- Information Security Management Systems (ISMS)

- ISO/IEC 27000:2018 - Overview and vocabulary
- ISO/IEC 27001:2013 - Requirements
- ISO/IEC 27002:2013 - Code of practice for information security controls
- ISO/IEC 27005:2018 - Information security risk management
- ISO/IEC 27019:2017 - Information security controls for the energy industry

- Other relevant ISO/IEC standards

- ISO/IEC 15408-1:2009 - Evaluation criteria for IT security
- ISO/IEC 15408-2:2009 - Security functional components
- ISO/IEC 15408-3:2009 - Security assurance components
- ISO/IEC 18045:2008 - Methodology for IT security evaluation
- ISO/IEC TR 19791:2010 - Security assessment of operational systems
- ISO/IEC 30111:2019 - Vulnerability handling processes

Energy Community Cybersecurity Study – gap analysis

	Albania	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Georgia	Kosovo*	Moldova	Montenegro	North Macedonia	Republic of Serbia	Ukraine
CI identification criteria status	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Electricity and Gas	○	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●

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CI designation	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Electricity and Gas	○	○	○	●	●	○	○	●	●

CI identification criteria status:

- ECI/EnCCI criteria established
- ECI/EnCCI criteria not established, CI criteria established
- Not established, process started
- Not established, process not started

Electricity and Gas:

- Electricity and Gas subsector included
- No information available

CI designation:

- Designated, energy sector included
- Not designated, process started
- Not designated, process not started

Electricity and Gas:

- Electricity and Gas subsector included
- Not applicable, criteria not established

Critical Energy Infrastructures

	National NIS strategy	Contact points	Security plans and requirements	Standardization
Albania	●	●	●	●
Bosnia and Herzegovina	●	●	●	●
Georgia	●	●	●	●
Kosovo*	●	●	●	●
Moldova	●	●	●	●
Montenegro	●	●	●	●
North Macedonia	●	●	●	●
Republic of Serbia	●	●	●	●
Ukraine	●	●	●	●

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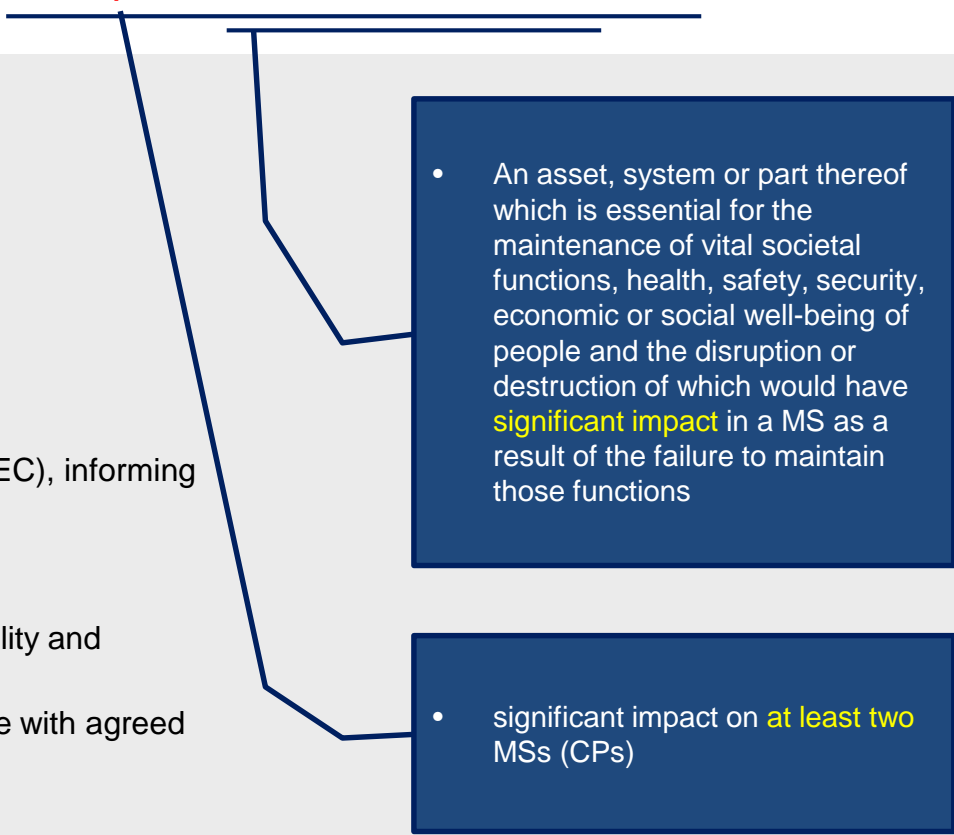
- National NIS strategy is adopted, energy sector included
- National NIS strategy is adopted, energy sector not included or specifically covered
- National NIS does not exist, process for preparation started
- Contact points for energy sector defined
- Contact points defined, no energy sector specific contact points
- Process for the definition of contact has started
- Requirements related to security plans in energy sector aligned
- Requirements related to security plans aligned, not applicable to energy sector
- Requirements related to security plans partially aligned, process for the alignment started, energy sector will be included
- Requirements related to security plans not defined, process started, will not be applicable for energy sector
- EU-wide cybersecurity standards are adopted in local legislation
- EU-wide cybersecurity standards are either PARTIALLY adopted in local legislation, in the process of adoption, or planned for adoption

Legal and Institutional framework

Figure 1: Critical Infrastructure Sectors and Related Sector-Specific Agencies



- ECI sectors: **energy** (Electricity, Gas, Oil), and **transport**
- Identification of ECI – **coordinated criteria**
 - Criteria - sectoral, cross-cutting, trans-boundary
 - Thresholds - severity of impact
- Designation of ECI (**bilateral** / **regional**)
 - Potential / suspected ECI, level of impact, discussions, reporting (EC), informing the operator, discretion principles
- Operator Security Plan
 - Identification of assets / threat scenarios – **risk analysis** / vulnerability and potential impact / security measures
 - Periodic review, supervision, community measures and compliance with agreed criteria
- Security Liaison Officers – **communication** mechanisms
- Threat assessment – reporting, common **methodologies**, classified information



- An asset, system or part thereof which is essential for the maintenance of vital societal functions, health, safety, security, economic or social well-being of people and the disruption or destruction of which would have **significant impact** in a MS as a result of the failure to maintain those functions

- significant impact on **at least two** MSs (CPs)

- Build sufficient **resilience capacity** at national level
 - Adopt a national NIS strategy
 - Designate national cybersecurity authorities, single contact points and Computer Security Incident Response Teams (CSIRTs)
- Identify critical infrastructure, **operators of essential services (OES)**, and relevant **digital service providers**
- Build structures for **cross-border cooperation** and exchange of information
 - At strategic level - creating a Cooperation Group of national authorities
 - At operational level - creating a network of national CSIRTs
- **Cumulative conditions** for identification of OES
 - Service essential for societal / economic activities, depends on network and information systems, an incident would have significant disruptive effects
- **Security** and **notification** requirements imposed on OES
- **Monitoring** and **enforcement** powers

- a) an entity provides a service which is essential for the maintenance of critical societal and/or economic activities;
- b) the provision of that service depends on network and information systems; and
- c) an incident would have significant disruptive effects on the provision of that service.



- EC Recommendation [C\(2019\)2400](#),
- Staff Working Paper [SWD\(2019\)1240](#) :

- **Real-time requirements (IT and OT)** - some energy systems need to react so fast that standard security measures such as authentication of a command or verification of a digital signature can simply not be introduced due to the delay these measures impose.
- **Cascading effects** - electricity grids and gas pipelines are strongly interconnected across Europe and well beyond the EU. An outage in one country might trigger blackouts or shortages of supply in other areas and countries.
- **Combined legacy systems with new technologies** - many elements of the energy system were designed and built well before cybersecurity considerations came into play. This legacy now needs to interact with the most recent state-of-the-art equipment for automation and control, such as smart meters or connected appliances, and devices from the Internet of Things without being exposed to cyber-threats.



Real-time Requirements

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



Cascading effects

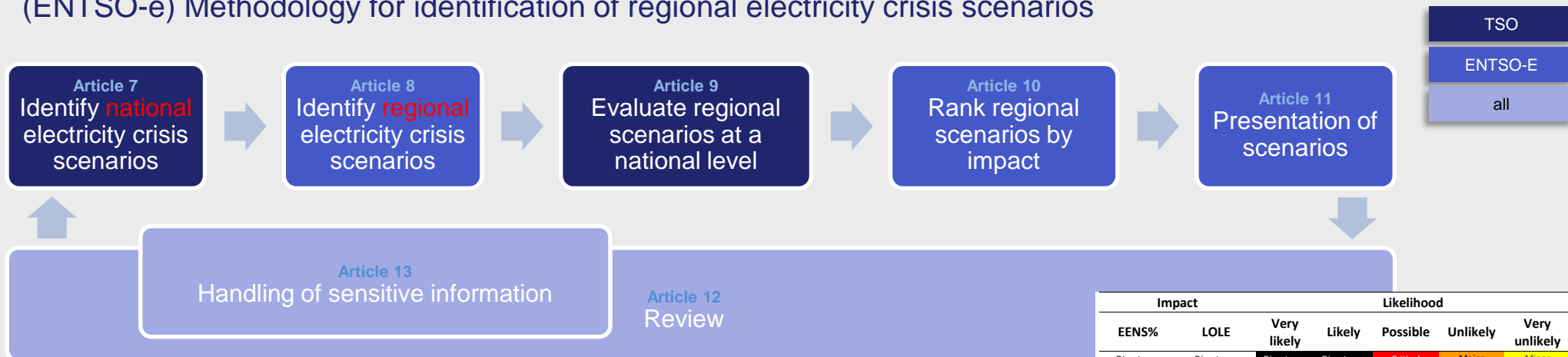
- Evaluate interdependencies
- Ensure communication framework for early warnings and to cooperate in crisis
- Ensure level of security for new devices
- Consider cyber - physical spill overs
- Establish design criteria for a resilient grid



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 hardware and software

(ENTSO-e) Methodology for identification of regional electricity crisis scenarios



Classification	Events per year	1 x in ... years	Description/example of initiating event
Very likely	≥ 0.5	2 or less	event expected practically every year, e.g. extreme winds/storms causing multiple failures of overhead lines may be expected nearly every year in some areas
Likely	0.2-0.5	2-5	event expected once in a couple of years, e.g. extreme heat wave causing limits on output of open-loop water-cooled power plants, low water levels at hydro plants, higher load, etc.
Possible	0.1-0.2	5-10	event expected or taken into consideration as a potential threat, e.g. cyber or malicious attack
Unlikely	0.01-0.1	10-100	very rare event with potentially huge impact, e.g. simultaneous floods causing unavailability of generation, distribution and transmission infrastructure
Very unlikely	≤ 0.01	100 or more	event not observed but potentially disastrous, e.g. earthquake causing a huge destruction of transmission, distribution and generation infrastructure

Classification	EENS%* (of annual demand)	LOLE* [hours]
Disastrous	≥0,25%	≥168
Critical	≥0,05% and <0,025%	≥48 and <168
Major	≥0,01% and <0,05%	≥12 and <48
Minor	≥0,002% and <0,01%	≥3 and <12
Insignificant	<0,002%	<3

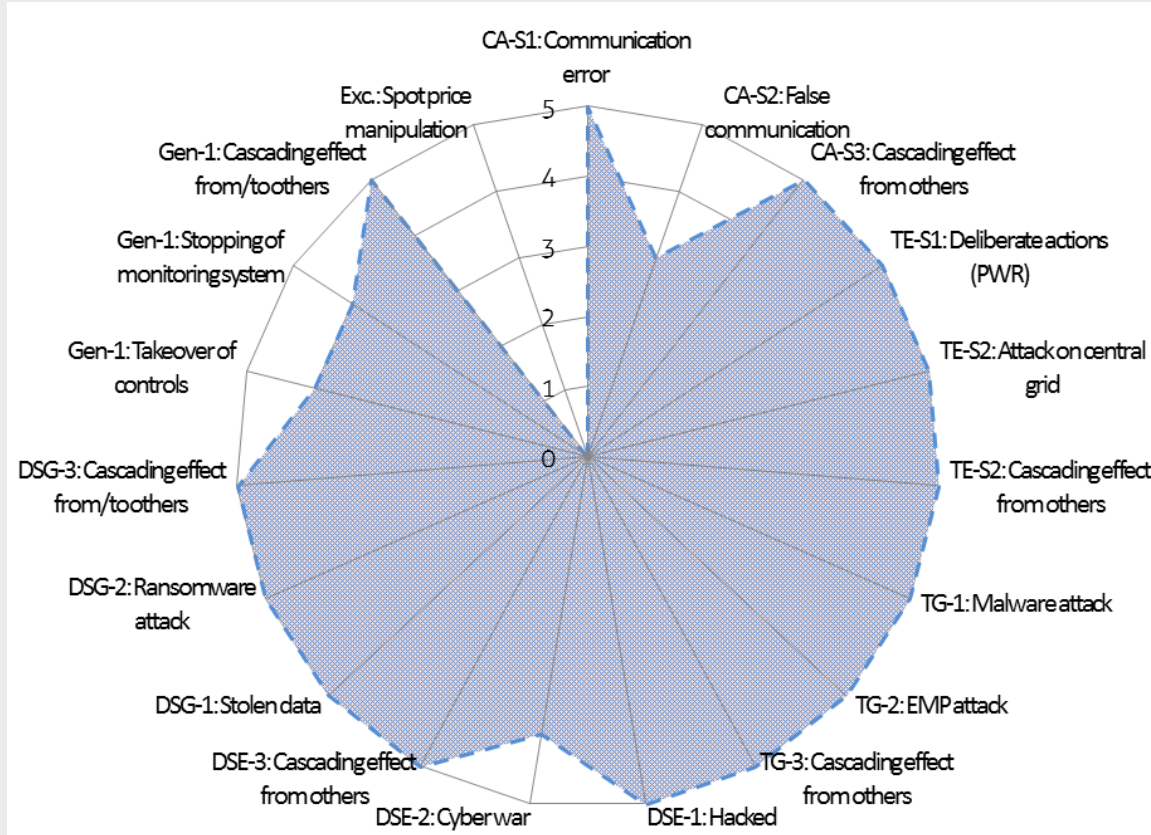
	Impact		Likelihood				
	EENS%	LOLE	Very likely	Likely	Possible	Unlikely	Very unlikely
Disastrous	Disastrous	Disastrous	Disastrous	Disastrous	Critical	Major	Minor
Disastrous	Critical	Disastrous	Disastrous	Critical	Critical	Major	Minor
Disastrous	Disastrous	Disastrous	Critical	Critical	Critical	Major	Minor
Disastrous	Major	Disastrous	Disastrous	Critical	Major	Major	Minor
Disastrous	Disastrous	Minor	Disastrous	Critical	Major	Major	Minor
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Disastrous	Minor	Disastrous	Disastrous	Critical	Major	Major	Minor
Disastrous	Insignificant	Disastrous	Disastrous	Critical	Major	Major	Minor
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Overall risk assessment (electricity / gas)

- Priority in terms of likelihood and impact
- Range according to type of threat
- Distribution according to type of stakeholder

		Cyber Threat						
		Malware	Web Based Attacks/Web application attacks	Social engineering/Phishing/Spam	Denial of Service (DoS)	Insider Threat	Cyber Espionage Cyberwarfare	Ransomware
NRA	MEDIUM RISK for CA/NRA	NOT APPLICABLE for CA/NRA	HIGH RISK for CA/NRA	HIGH RISK for CA/NRA	HIGH RISK for CA/NRA	CRITICAL RISK for CA/NRA	MEDIUM RISK for CA/NRA	MEDIUM RISK for CA/NRA
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Energy Community Cybersecurity Study – inherent risk pattern



General recommendations for Ministries

- Start as soon as possible with the **implementation of the legal framework** and provide sufficient **budgetary resources** during implementing laws, legal documents and strategies.
- Organize a **sector specific CSIRT** (or allocate sufficient resources in existing CSIRT infrastructure to address energy- specific incidents in real time)
- Establish an **online communication channel** to enable reporting and feedback line with all members of the energy sector.
- Establish a **system for early warning** and exchange of information on cyber threats / provision of assistance in energy.
- Conduct a standardized, overall **sector specific risk assessment for the country** based on the collected relevant information about assets, vulnerabilities and threats (including cascading, cross sectorial and cross-border risks).
- Ensure that newly discovered risks **are managed through enforcing TSOs and DSOs** in implementing action plans and controlling the management process.
- If appropriate, for the smaller DSOs, generators or new type of market participants the **organize a national ISAC** as a source of information, analysis and remediation solutions.

General recommendations for NRA / Liaison officers

- The **cybersecurity Liaison officer** must have a complete understanding of local energy stakeholders, market, critical infrastructure protection and their capability to handle the most complex issues in information and cybersecurity. They would serve as a **focal point** between EnC CyberCG / NRA Working stream and local operational entities
- NRAs should serve as a **central monitoring hub** in controlling the exchange of critical infrastructure protection and cybersecurity related information.
- The capability to be supported by **NRA own employees** which must have **international certifications** in the field of information and/or cyber security (CISA, CISM, CISSP, ISO27LA).
- The local NRAs must have the capability to master the EU Critical Infrastructure Protection and NIS directive related issues and also **have power to enforce changes** in local energy sector regulation regarding the same.
- The local NRAs must **have power to supervise** by controls and/or audit the NRA licensed companies for cyber security issues in order to enforce the managing of risks on required level.

Main areas (working groups)

Critical Energy Infrastructures / Essential Services

- Update on the State of affairs / recommendations / benchmark on the applied criteria (EnC) – **follow-up on the Study**
- Common guidelines on the regional criteria for designation (ECS)
- Risk Preparedness Regulation (methodology) – (EC, ENTSO-e / ECS)

Legal framework (governance) – ECI Directive, NIS Directive

- Guidelines / roadmap for (early) implementation (ECS / TA)
- Cybersecurity Network Code (draft - EC)
- ECRB – application of technical standards for Cybersecurity (ToR – ECS / TA)

Energy Community ISAC (CSIRT network)

- White Paper, ToR, roadmap (ECS)
- Initial group of stakeholders (establishment) – (EnC)

Cybersecurity Academy

- Training seminars / workshops (ECS / TA)

Establishment

Administrative & legal format

- An international association under the Austrian law – ToR, roadmap (ECS)
- Legal acts (AA), local legislation, enforcement, penalties
- Financing

Membership

- Members – criteria for participation, scope, restrictions
- Partners

Meetings and events

- Representatives
- Chairperson, Board
- Working groups, projects
- Role of the ECS
- Common projects (Working groups) on mutual domains of interest

Operation

Information sharing

- Classification and restricted access (WHITE / GREEN / AMBER / RED)
- Confidentiality memorandum (statement) – obligation for non-disclosure
- Publication (transparency) – regulated and coordinated

Mutual assistance and activities

- Exchange / analysis of sensitive information – direct added value, trusted environment
- Sharing human capacity / cooperation within the CSERT community
- Coordinated standards / best practices
- Partnership relations - ISACs in other regions / sectors, EU associations / authorities, public sector
- Common projects (Working groups) - mutual domains of interest
- Publications, external events

Training

- Forensic training sessions, education on risk assessment and remedies
- Specific case analysis, security plans and training exercises

Activities & Sharing Topics

Physical Info Sharing Community

- Plenary meetings
- Community meetings
- Theme based meetings
- Open house meetings

Digital Info Sharing Community

- Information requests / push
- Webinars
- Whitepaper

Topics of Information Sharing


- Vulnerabilities in OT systems and critical assets
- Threat/Risk analysis information
- Incidents
- Lessons learned / best practices
- Alerts and (patch)notifications
- Use of standards (ISO, IEC, NIST, NERC etc.)
- Research (H2020) topics





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