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# European Union Cloud Services Scheme (EUCS)

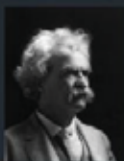


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# Agenda




"The secret to getting ahead is getting started."

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- 1 | Cloud Security Introduction
- 2 | Introduction to EUCS Scheme
- 3 | Deep-dive into EUCS



A dark, stormy sky with heavy, dark grey clouds and several bright, jagged lightning bolts striking downwards. The overall tone is dramatic and somewhat ominous, with a mix of deep blues, greys, and bright white highlights from the lightning.

SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION TO CLOUD SECURITY

# Cloud Security introduction

- Cloud Services Definition
- Typical Infrastructure
- Cloud Services examples



Sub-Section 1

# Definition

# Cloud Services Definition



ISO/IEC 22123-1:2023

Information Technology of **Cloud computing** - PART 1 : **Vocabulary**



ISO/IEC 17789:2014

Define the **reference functional architecture**, i.e. how to build a cloud computing services platform, for the sake of **interoperability**



ISO/IEC 27018:2014

Sets the **security rules** to be applied for public cloud providers in order to **ensure the protection of personal data**, guarantee **transparency** and comply with their **regulatory obligations**.

# Cloud Services Definition

- **Cloud Computing**

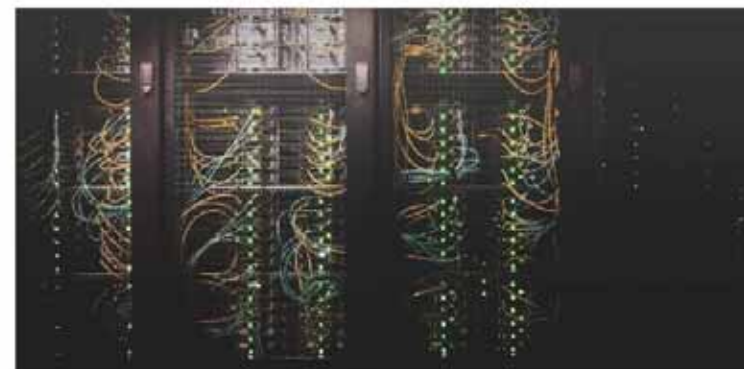
Paradigm for enabling network access to a scalable and elastic pool of shareable physical or virtual resources with self-service provisioning and administration on-demand.

- **Cloud Services**

One or more capabilities offered via cloud computing invoked using a defined interface.

- **Cloud capabilities**

Type in which classification of the functionality provided by a cloud service to the cloud customer can use the cloud services provider's solution



# Cloud Services Definition

3 Categories of service models / Cloud capabilities

- **Infrastructure as a Service**

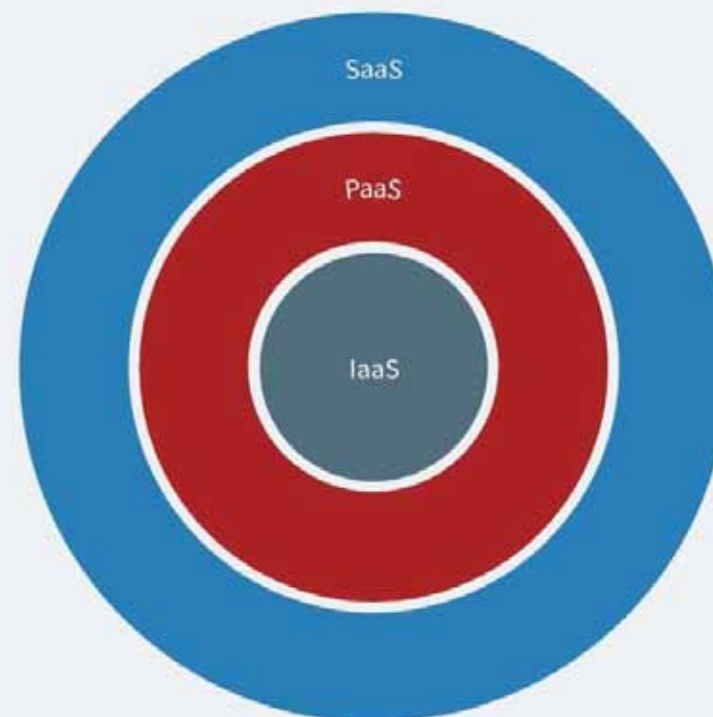
provides virtual machines and other abstracted hardware and operating systems which may be controlled through a service API.

- **Platform as a Service**

Allows customers to develop new applications using APIs deployed and configurable remotely. The platforms offered include development tools, configuration management, and deployment platforms.

- **Software as a Service**

Software offered by a third party provider, available on demand, usually via the Internet configurable remotely.





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# Cloud Services Definition

Deployment models

## Public

Available publicly.  
Any organisation may  
subscribe

## Private

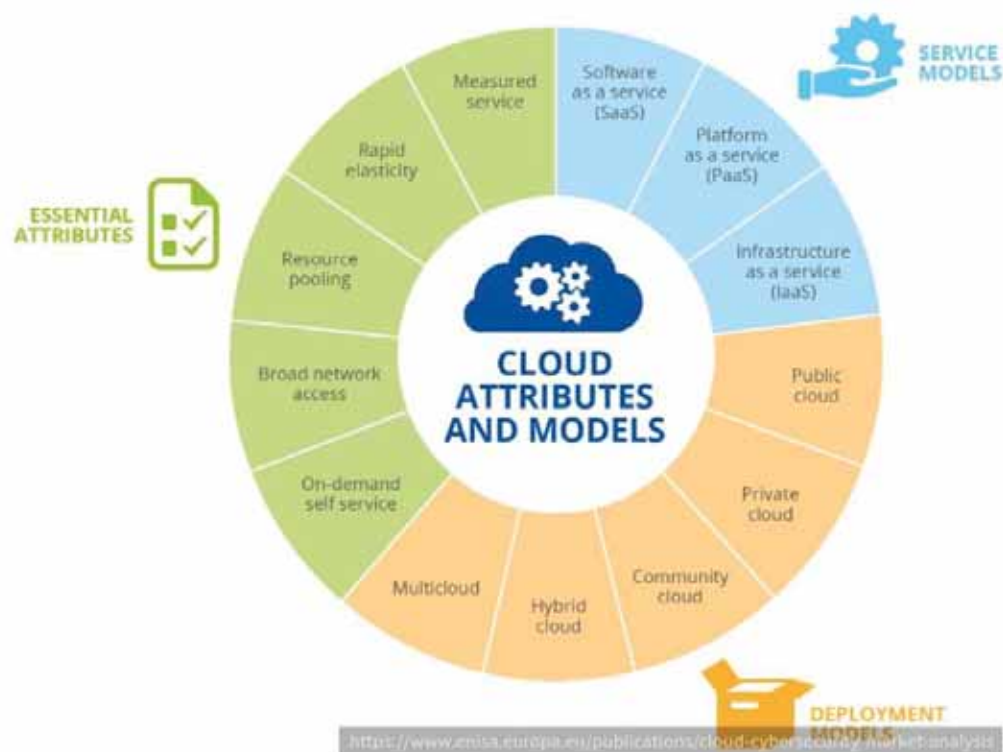
Services built according to  
cloud computing principle  
but accessible only within a  
private network

## Partner or Community

Cloud services offered by a  
provider to a limited and  
well define number of  
parties

# Cloud Services Definition

## Summary





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# Cloud Services Definition

EUCS - ICT Services coverage criteria - What is a "cloud services"?



## Criteria #1

The ICT service implements one or more capabilities offered via cloud computing invoked using a defined interface [ISO22123].



## Criteria #2

The ICT service aims at reaching the assurance level corresponding to one of the three levels 'basic', 'substantial' and 'high' of the EUCSA as defined in the EUCS scheme



Sub-Section 2

# Infrastructure

# Typical Cloud infrastructure

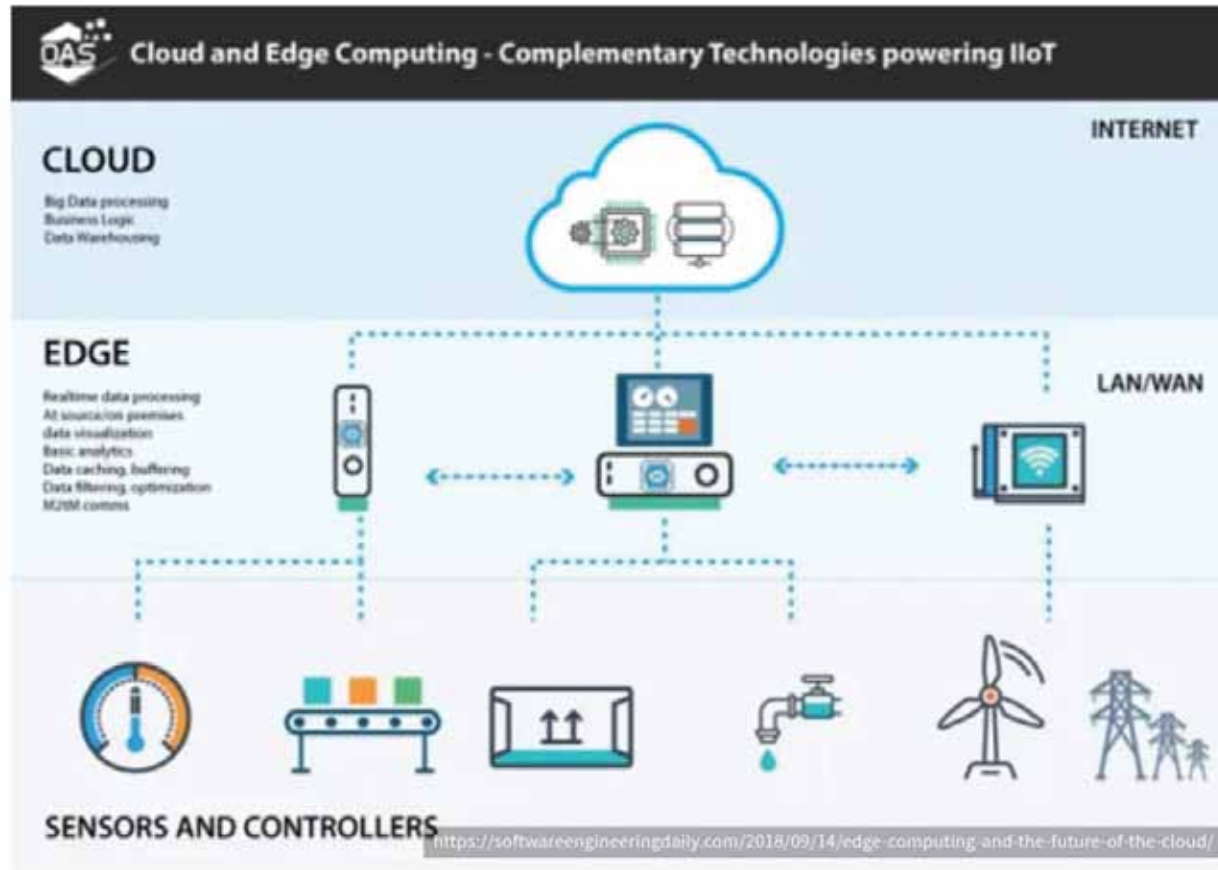
Different abstraction layers



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# Typical Cloud infrastructure

Edge computing parenthesis



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THE VALUE OF THE  
CLOUD COMPUTING  
MARKET WILL REACH  
\$1 TRILLION IN 2028

**635%**

JUMP BETWEEN 2010 AND 2020



**200 ZB**

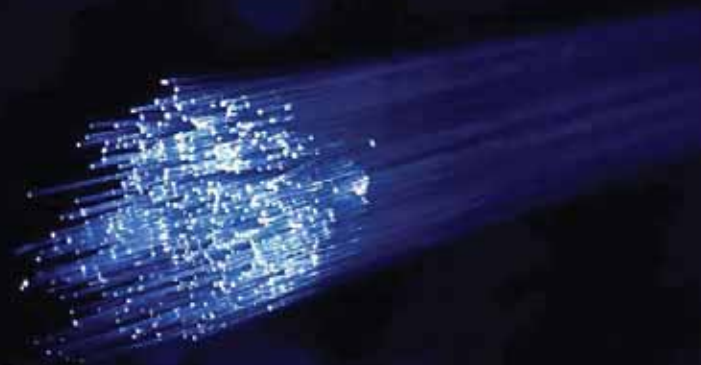
BY 2025, TOTAL CLOUD STORAGE  
EXPECTED TO REACH 200  
ZETTABYTES.

(1 ZB =  $10^{21}$  B  $\approx$  1,000,000,000 TB).

CLOUD USAGE



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# Cloud Services Examples

IaaS



The IaaS section features five logos: AWS (top left), Oracle Cloud (top right), Microsoft Azure (middle left), IBM Cloud (middle right), and Alibaba Cloud (bottom left).

PaaS



The PaaS section features three logos: SAP Cloud Platform (top), AWS Lambda (middle), and Heroku (bottom right).

SaaS



The SaaS section features four logos: Dropbox (top left), Zendesk (top right), Salesforce (middle left), and Slack (middle right).

# Cloud

Market Share



31%



AWS



24%



Microsoft Azure



11%

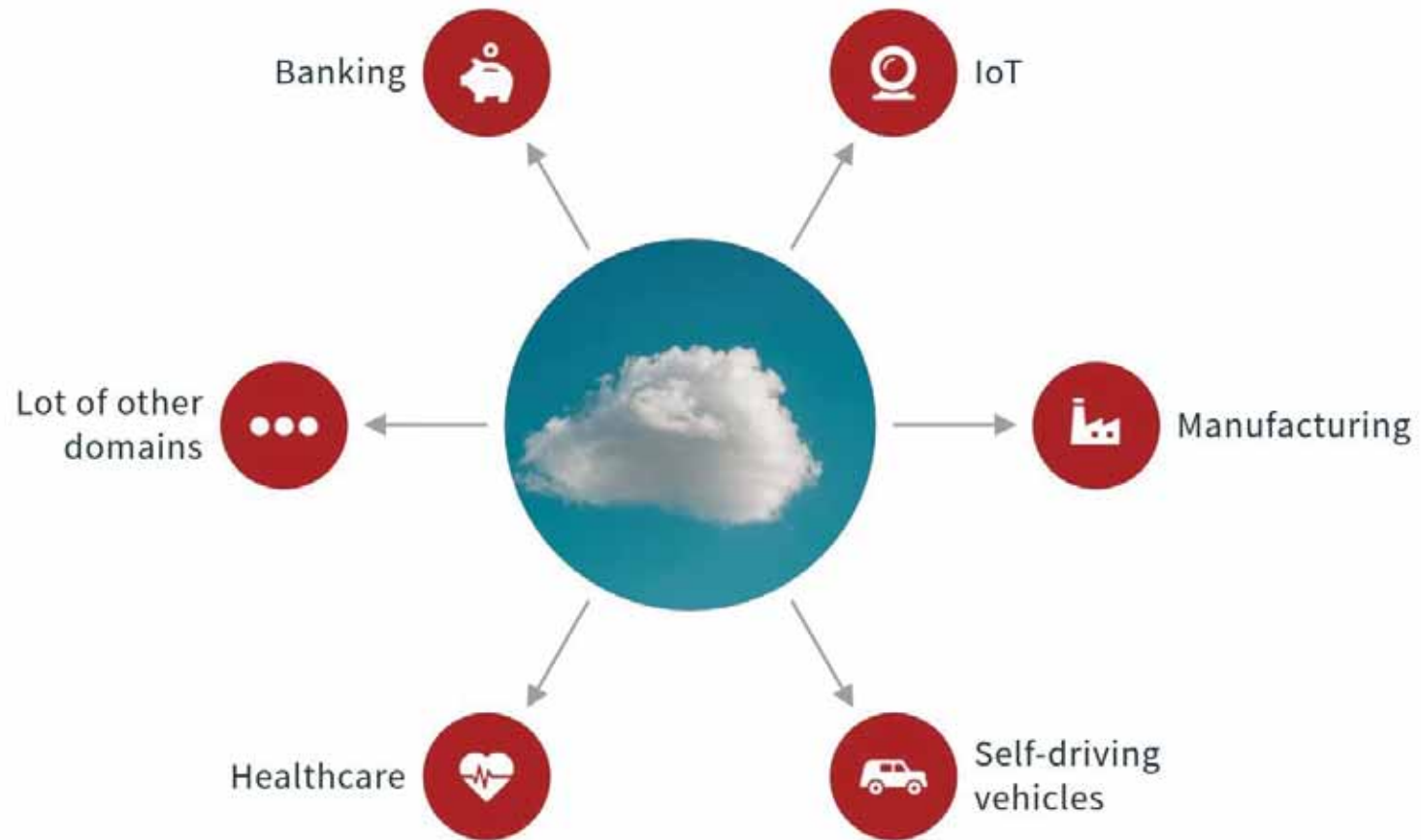


Google Cloud

## Cloud

# Domains

In this **highly digitalized era**, cloud computing offers **immense benefits** to a wide range of industries. It **reduces storage costs** while at the same time **increasing storage capacity**, and it is **flexible** enough to **adapt to any business environment**.



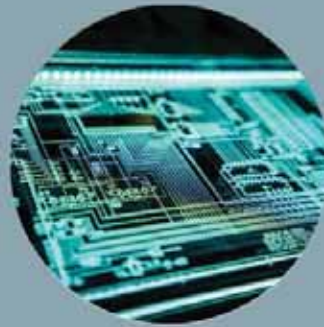
# Question time

- ✓ **Question #1**  
Could you name the 3 Cloud services models / Cloud capabilities ?
- ✓ **Question #2**  
What makes these cloud service models different?
- ✓ **Question #3**  
What are the advantages to use a private cloud ?
- ✓ **Question #4**  
What are the criterias to be in the scope of the EUCS ?



## Answer

- ✓ **Could you name the 3 Cloud services models / Cloud capabilities ?**
  - IaaS, PaaS, SaaS,
- ✓ **What makes these cloud service models different?**
  - the level of abstraction and management they offer to users,
  - the sharing responsibilities between CSP and cloud services users
- ✓ **What are the advantages to use a private cloud ?**
  - offer greater control and customization over security policies and configurations
  - can be customized to meet the specific needs and requirements of an organization
- ✓ **What are the criterias to be in the scope of the EUCS ?**
  - The service implements one or more capabilities offered via cloud computing using a defined interface
  - The service aims at reaching the assurance level corresponding to one of the three levels 'basic', 'substantial' and 'high' of the EUCSA as defined in the EUCS scheme



Sub-Section 3

# What about security

## Risk Analysis

# The cloud Attack Surface



### External Threats

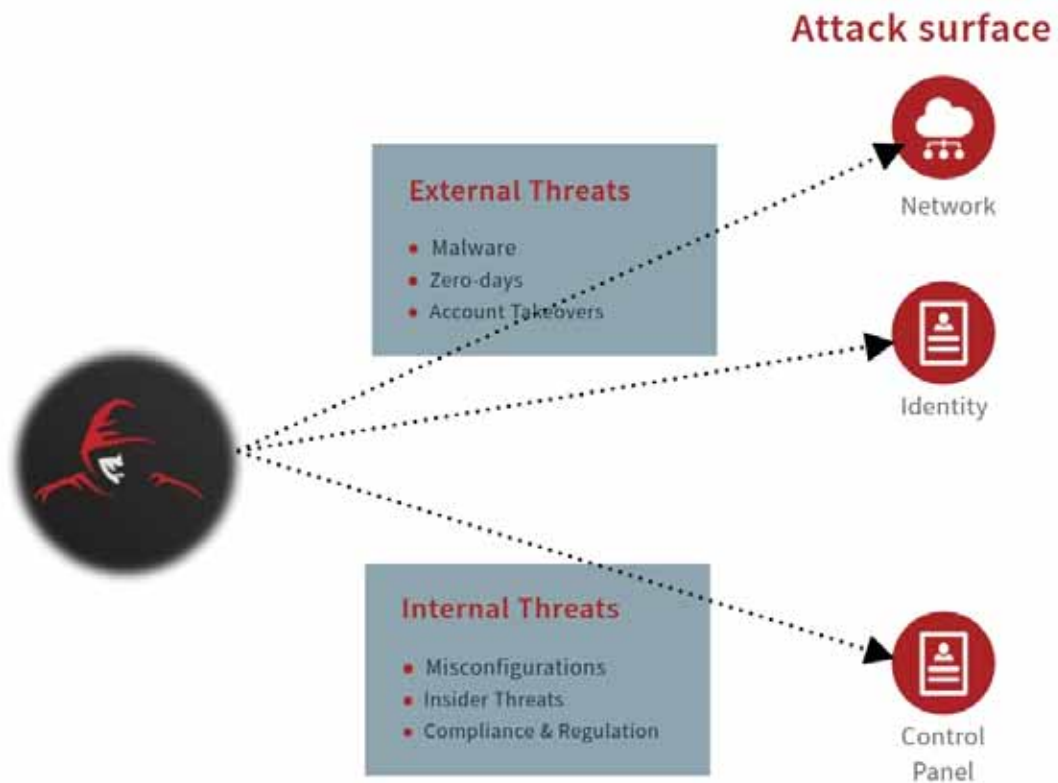
- Malware
- Zero-days
- Account Takeovers

### Internal Threats

- Misconfigurations
- Insider Threats
- Compliance & Regulation

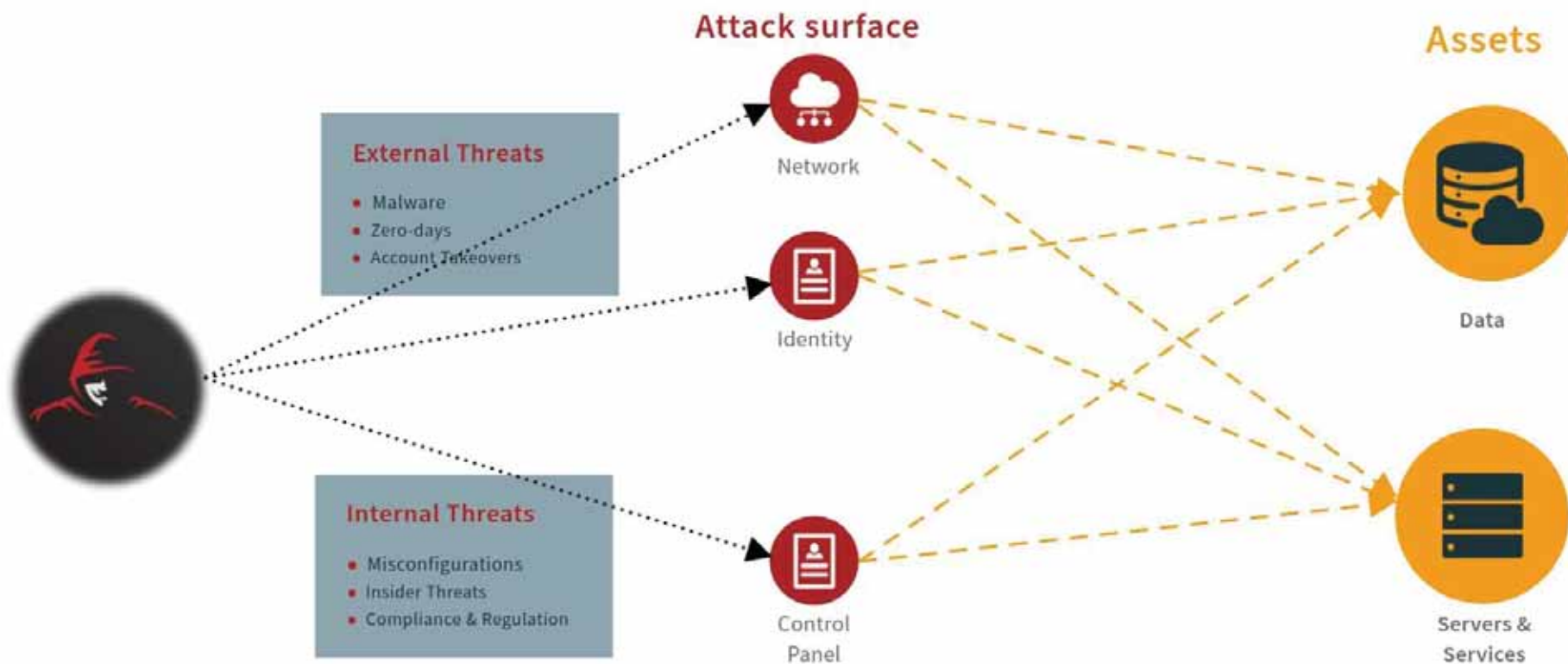
## Risk Analysis

# The cloud Attack Surface



## Risk Analysis

# The cloud Attack Surface



## Example of assets

From ENISA



Company Reputation



Personal Data



Network Connexion



Customer Trust



Services Delivery



Physical Hardware



Intellectual Property



Access Control

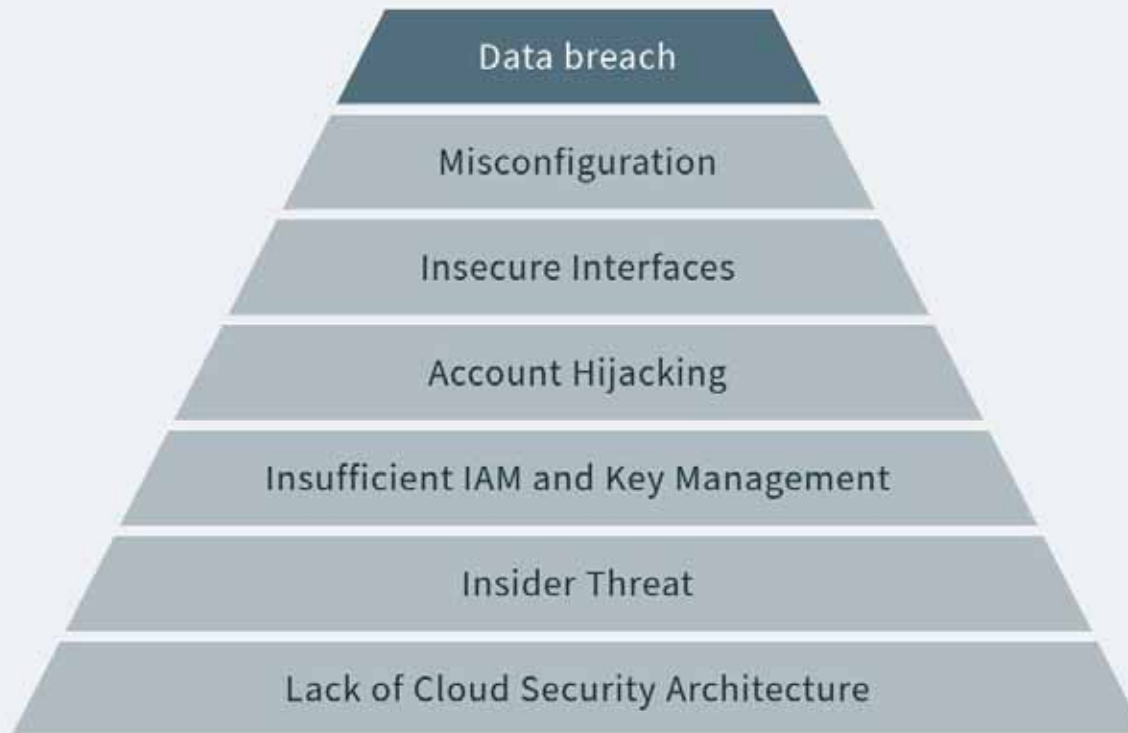


Backup or Archived Data

Risk analysis

# Major threat

From Cloud security Alliance / ENISA



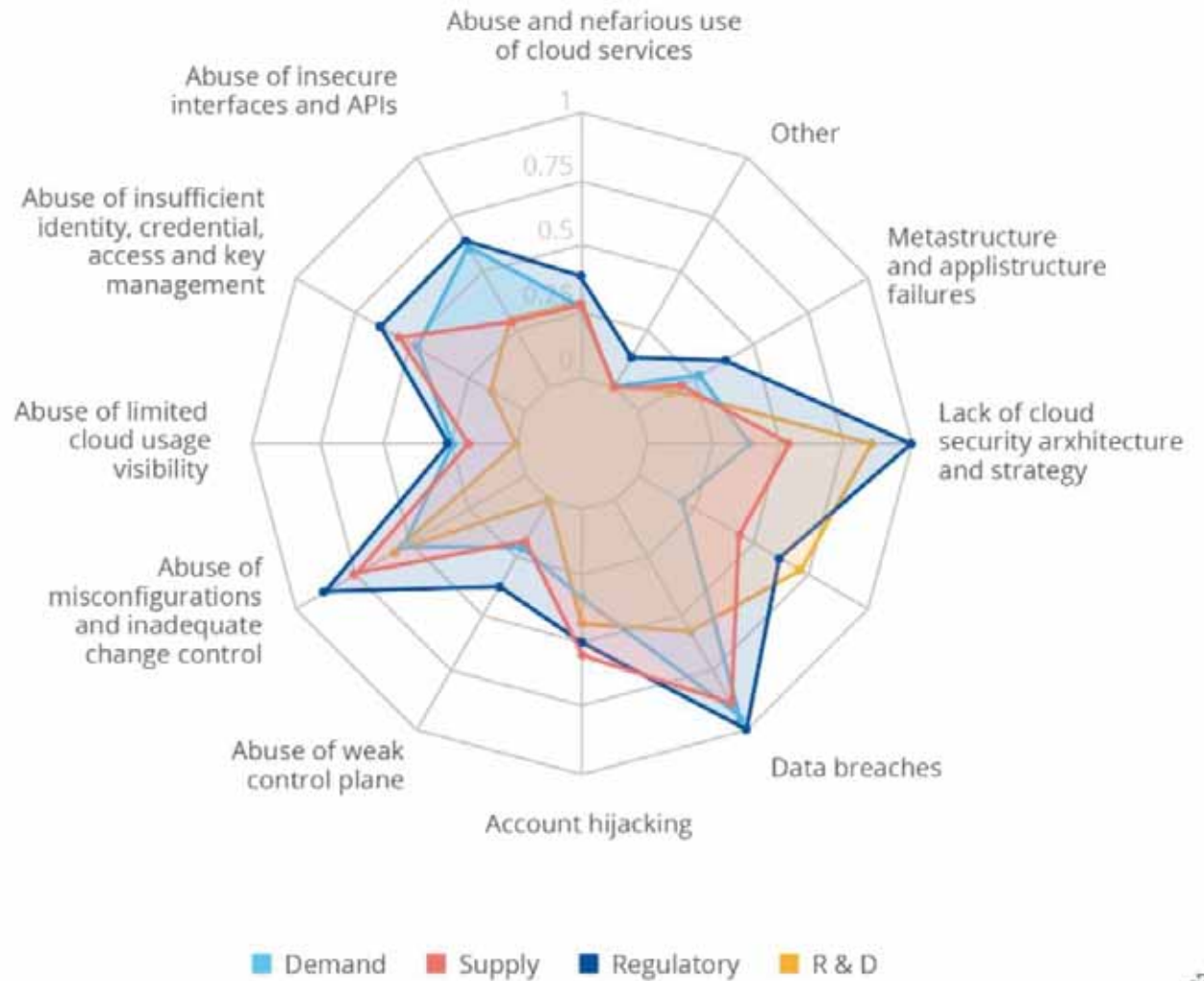
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Risk analysis

# Major threat

From Cloud security Alliance / ENISA



Risk analysis

# Major Challenges for Cloud Security

From ENISA



Access Control /  
Authorisation



Chain of Trust



Storage / Network Security



Identification and  
Authentication



Compliance



Confidentiality, Availability,  
Integrity



Audit



Cybersecurity Incident  
Management

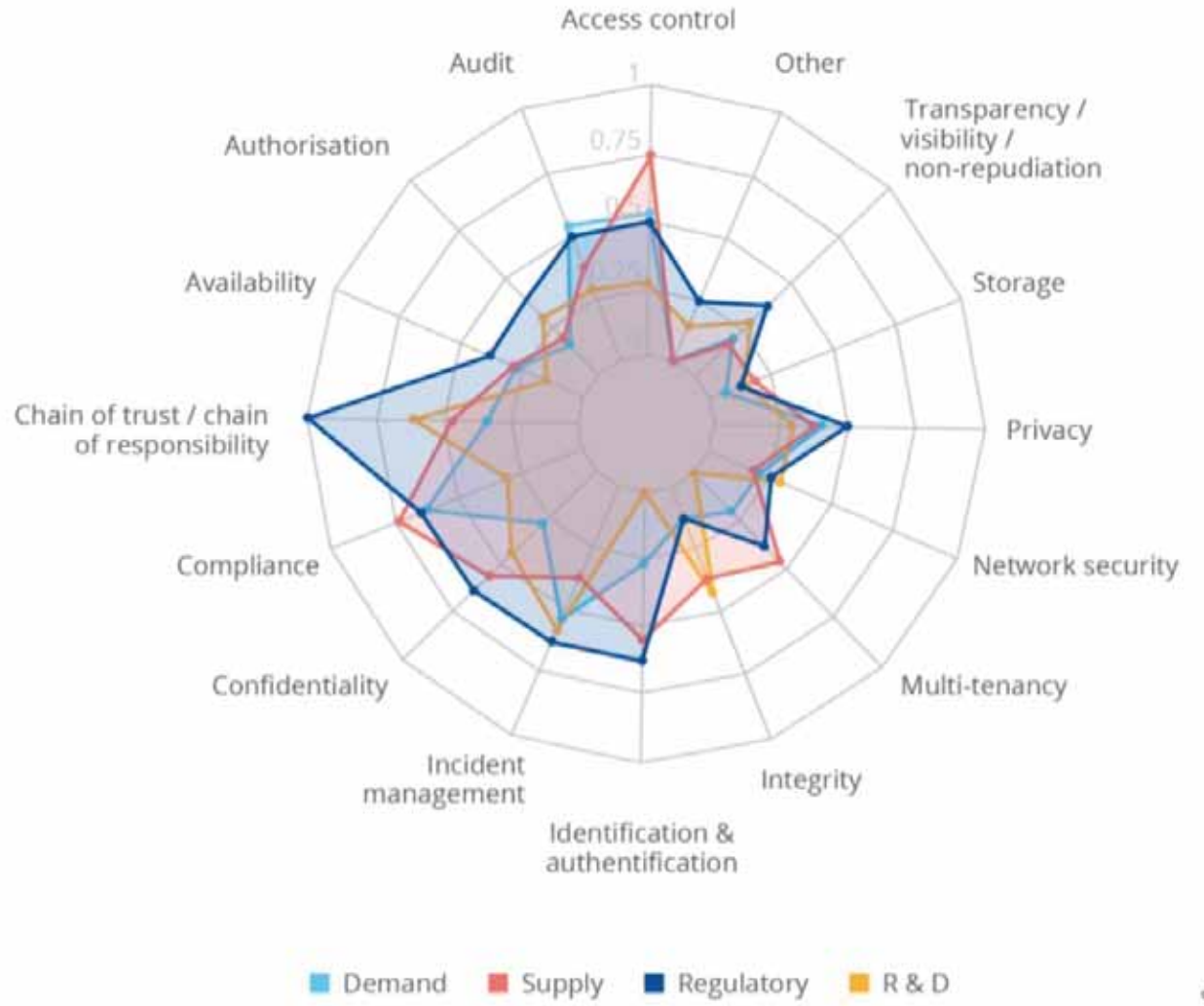


Privacy

Risk analysis

# Major threat

From Cloud security Alliance / ENISA



# Question time

- ✓ **Question #1**  
Could you name 2 sensitive assets of the Cloud Infrastructure?
- ✓ **Question #2**  
Could you name 1 major threat that is targeting cloud ?
- ✓ **Question #3**  
Could you name 2 challenges for Cloud security?



## Answer

- ✓ Could you name 2 sensitive assets of the Cloud Infrastructure?  
- Could you name 2 sensitive assets of the Cloud Infrastructure?
- ✓ Could you name 1 major threat that targeting cloud ?  
Data breach, misconfiguration, ...
- ✓ Could you name 2 challenges for Cloud security?  
- Access controls, audit, chain of trust, network security

SECTION 2:

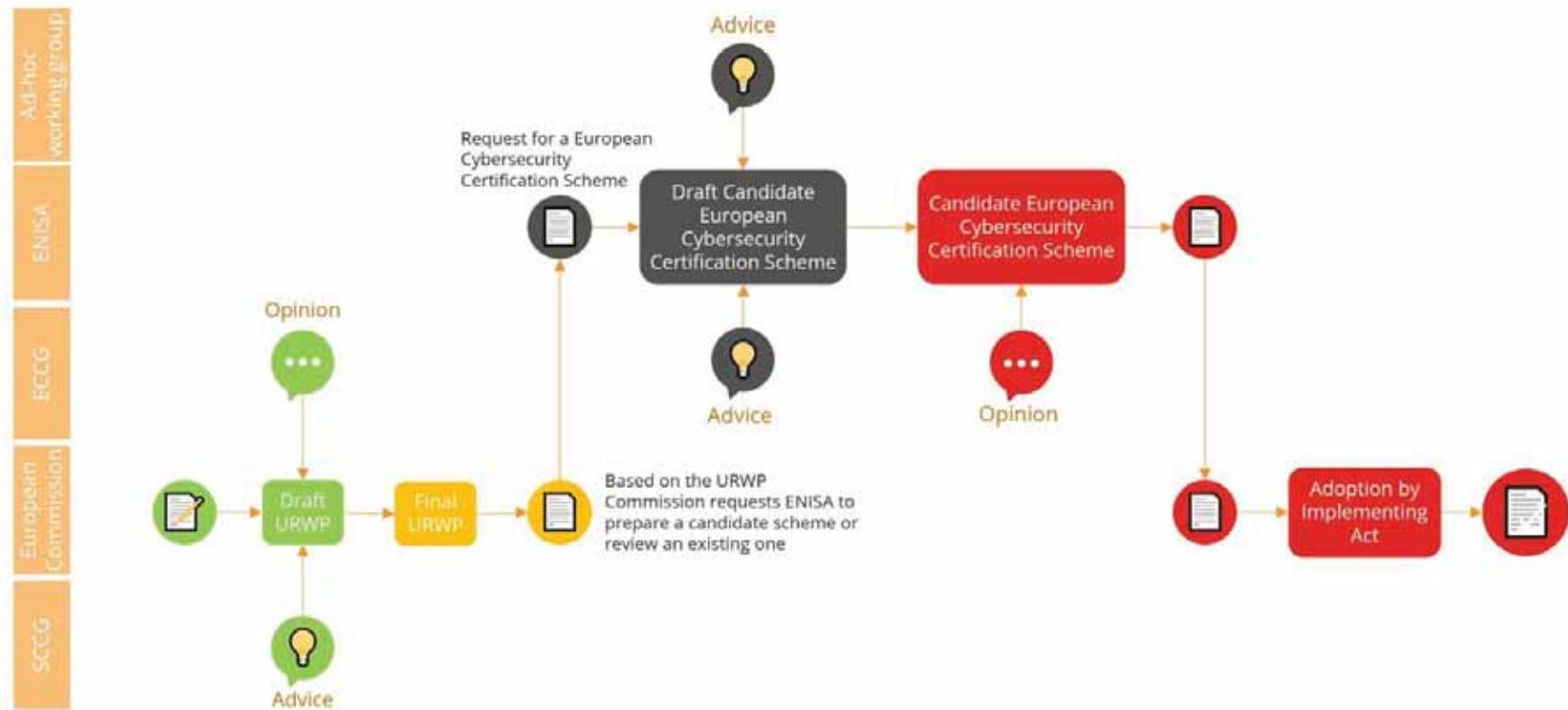
# EUCS introduction



## EUCS introduction

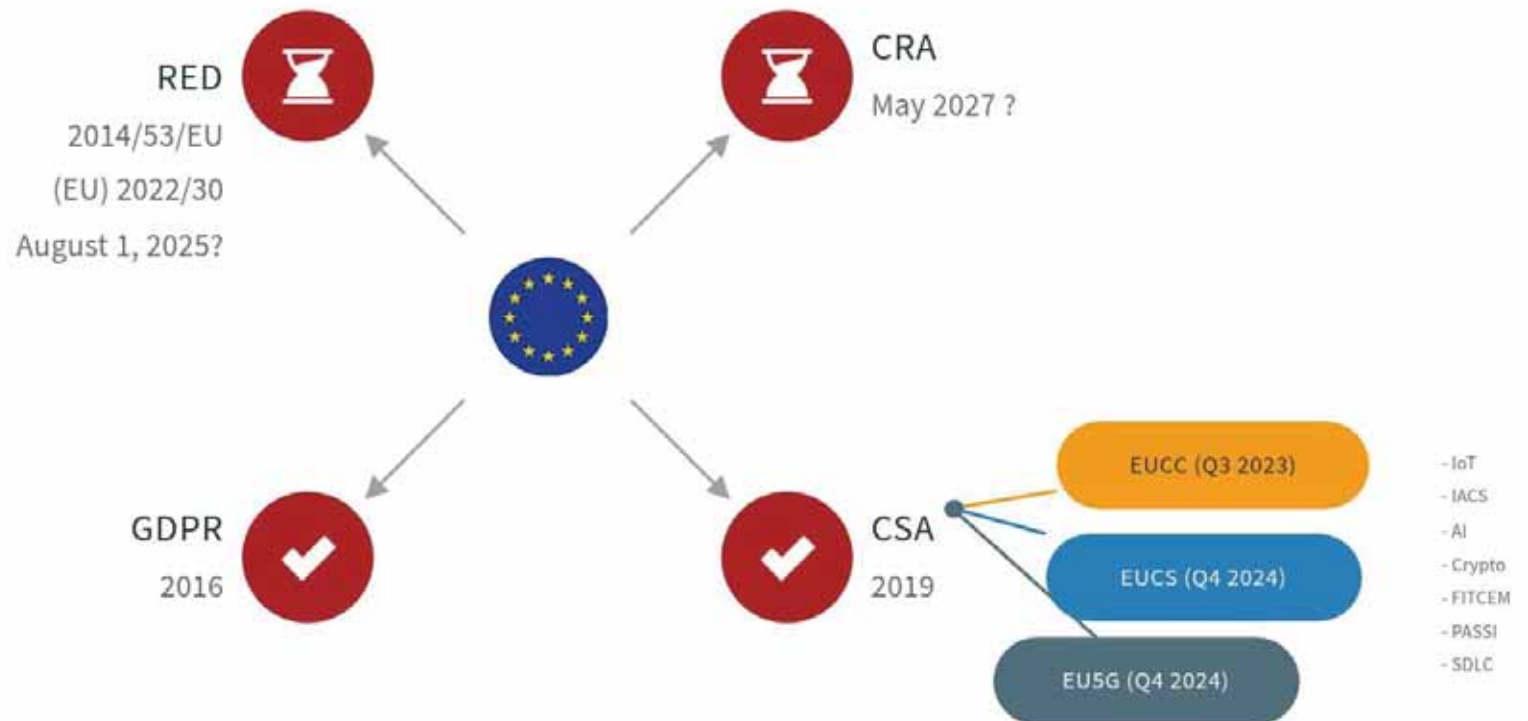
# Stakeholders

## Adoption process



# Regulation

Europe



# Schemes related to Cybersecurity Act



**EUCC**

COMMON CRITERIA BASED EUROPEAN CANDIDATE CYBERSECURITY CERTIFICATION SCHEME

**Objective :** certification of cybersecurity of ICT products, based on the Common Criteria, the Common Methodology for the evaluation of information technology security (CEM) and the corresponding standards, respectively ISO/IEC 15408 and ISO/IEC 18045.



**EUCS**

EUROPEAN CYBERSECURITY CERTIFICATION SCHEME FOR CLOUD SERVICES

**Objective :** cloud services cybersecurity certification



**5G**

Under development



**EUDIW**

To come



**IoT**

To come or not!



# The EU Certification Scheme for Cloud Services

## An overview

- **Aims**

- Establishing the conformity of cloud services to a set of requirements corresponding to one of the evaluation levels defined in the EUCS;
- Providing sufficient information to prospects and customers with adequate cybersecurity knowledge for making informed security decisions on cloud services, allowing them to fully understand and implement the documentation that defines their responsibility.

- **Universal**

Does not distinguish between different categories of cloud services, unless explicitly stated in a specific rule or requirement.

Covering the 3 main cloud service models (IaaS / PaaS / SaaS)

- **Focus on Cybersecurity**

The EUCS focuses on cybersecurity aspects, and does not include requirements that would correspond to compliance requirements to other regulations, such as requirements on data protection.

- **Assurance levels**

The three assurance levels of the CSA are taken into account in EU Certification Scheme for Cloud Services.

Basic (mandatory certification) / Substantial / High

- **Responsibility sharing**

EUCS acknowledges that the responsibility for the security of a cloud service is split between the Cloud Service Provider (CSP) and the Cloud Service Customer (CSC), and aims at verifying that this split of responsibility is explicitly and publicly documented by the CSP;

- **Challenges:**

Ensure that EUCS High takes over the requirements of SecNumCloud, while keeping compliance with the C5 German scheme

# Some definitions

Reuse from ISO/IEC 22123-1



+ 250  
DEFINITIONS

## 1 | Cloud Service Customer

### CSC

Party which is in a business relationship for the purpose of using cloud services

## 2 | Cloud Service user

### CSU

Natural person, or entity acting on their behalf, associated with a cloud service customer that uses cloud services

## 3 | Cloud Service Provider

### CSP

Party which makes cloud services available

## 4 | Primary CSP

In inter-cloud computing, a cloud service provider which is making use of cloud services of secondary cloud service providers as part of its own cloud services

## 5 | Secondary CSP

Cloud service provider who provides one or more cloud services for use by one or more other cloud service providers as part of their cloud services

## 6 | Cloud Capabilities type

Classification of the functionality provided by a cloud service to the cloud service customer, based on resources used

## 7 | CSC data

Class of data objects under the control, by legal or other reasons, of the cloud service customer that were input to the cloud service, or resulted from exercising the capabilities of the cloud service by or on behalf of the cloud service customer via the published interface of the cloud service

## 8 | CSP data

Class of data objects, specific to the operation of the cloud service, under the control of the cloud service provider

## 9 | Cloud Service Extension profile

### CSEP

A document defining extended requirements to complement the EUCS in a specific context

## EUCS Introduction

# Generic information about the scheme

### CABs

Based on the ISO/IEC 17065 standard in terms of applicable requirements to CABs performing certification

### Not Standalone

The EUCS scheme is not a standalone scheme; it is part of the European cybersecurity certification framework.

### Draws significantly

From the German C5 Scheme

### Inspiration from

- the French SecNumCloud
- the proposals in the SCP-CERT report
- the principles in other schemes used in Europe

### 'Basic' simplified Methodology

- simplified assessment methodology for the EUCSA assurance level 'basic'.
- based on a self-assessment performed by the CSP
- Result reviewed by the CAB



# EUCS road to EC Adoption: A **Tentative** Timeline



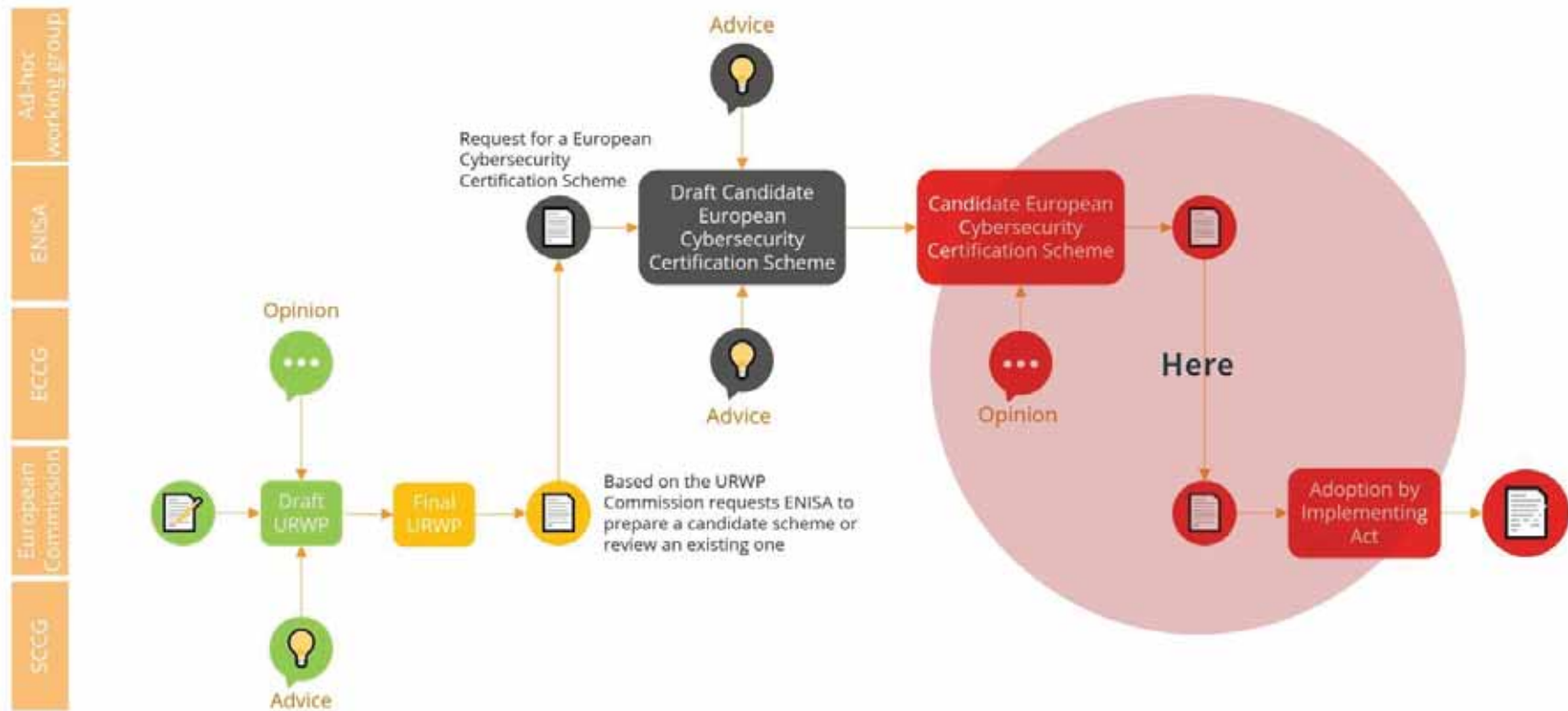
# EUCS road to EC Adoption: A **Tentative** Timeline



## EUCS introduction

# Stakeholders

Adoption process



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## EUCS - introduction

# Relation with other schemes

### **This scheme will be a regulation, similar to National schemes**

- If national schemes in Europe are deemed equivalent, then they shall stop emitting certificates and be replaced by the European scheme
- In that case, a transition will be organized between the scheme, in particular regarding the recognition of certificates and of objective evidence obtained previously
- There may be official mutual recognition with third countries, but none is foreseen at this stage

### **There is no formal relationship with private schemes**

- There will be neither transition nor recognition
- We are aware that these schemes will co-exist
- A key objective is to enable optimized certification strategies, with significant reuse of objective evidence

## EUCS introduction

# Where can I find the latest version ?

## EUCS – Cloud Services Scheme

This publication is a draft version of the EUCS candidate scheme (European Cybersecurity Certification Scheme for Cloud Services), which looks into the certification of the cybersecurity of cloud services. In accordance with Article 48.2 of the Cybersecurity Act1 (EU CSA), ENISA has set up an Ad Hoc Working Group (AHWG) to work on the preparation of the candidate scheme on cloud services, as part of the European Cybersecurity Certification Framework. This is a draft version to be used as basis for an external review. The objective of the review is to validate the principles and general organization of the proposed scheme, and to gather feedback on the proposed wording of the sections and annexes.

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**Language** English



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PDF document, 3.31 MB

<https://www.enisa.europa.eu/publications/eucs-cloud-service-scheme>

## Upcoming publications

- TS 18026 - "Management systems and controls sets"  
Requirements for cybersecurity of cloud services.
- TS 18072 "Security evaluation and assessment"  
Requirements for conformity assessment bodies certifying cloud services
- New Version of the EUCS
- Implementing Act
- Other guidance (e.g. guidance on requirements)



## EUCS introduction

# Structure of the Scheme

## EUCSA Art 54.1

Chapter 2 to 23 follow the same structure. Each one of them provides content related to one of the points raised in Article 54(1). There are 22 such points, number (a) to (v). So there are 22 chapters, from chapter 2 to 23.

### Every chapter contains the following sections:

- An extract from Article 54(1) defining the topic addressed in the chapter
- Content defining scheme rules and requirements. Use of "shall" to express a requirement and "may" for an option
- A rationale providing additional information, reasons for making the choices in the proposed text

### Additional chapters

- 1 - A scheme for Cloud Services (introduction)
- 24 - Additional topics
- 25 - Further recommendations
- 26 - References

# Structure of the Scheme

## Annexes



### Annex A

Security Objectives and requirements for Cloud Service



### Annex D

Scheme document content requirements



### Annex G

Extension profiles



### Annex B

Approach for the assessment of Cloud Service



### Annex E

Certification life cycle and continued assurance



### Annex H

Peer assessment



### Annex C

Competence requirements for CABS



### Annex F

Composition



### Annex I

Terminology

# Structure of the Scheme

EUCSA Art 54.1 - EUCS Chapters 2 to 23

- a. Subject matter and scope**
- b. Clear description of the purpose of the scheme and of how the selected standards, evaluation methods and assurance levels correspond to the needs of the intended users of the scheme
- c. References to the international, European or national standards applied in the evaluation, and if not available to technical specifications
- d. One or more assurance levels**
- e. An indication whether conformity self-assessment is authorized
- f. Specific requirements for the CABs**
- g. Specific evaluation criteria and methods to be used**
- h. The information necessary for the evaluation or otherwise to be made available by the applicant
- i. If applicable, conditions of use of marks and labels
- j. Rules for monitoring compliance of certified and self-assessed products**
- k. Conditions for issuing, maintaining, continuing certificates, and for extending/reducing scope**
- l. Rules concerning the consequences for products that have been certified or self-assessed and do not comply
- m. Rules concerning how previously undetected vulnerabilities should be reported and handled
- n. Rules concerning the retention of records by CABs
- o. Identification of national and international schemes with the same scope
- p. Content and format of the certificates and EU statements of conformity
- q. The period of the availability of EU statements of conformity and related documentation
- r. Maximum period of validity of certificates**
- s. Disclosure policy for certificate issuance, withdrawal, amendment
- t. Conditions for mutual recognition with third countries**
- u. Where applicable, rules for peer assessment
- v. Formats and procedures to be followed by suppliers to provide supplementary cybersecurity information

SECTION 3:

# EUCS





Chapter 3

# Purpose of the scheme

## Chapter 3 - Purpose of the scheme

# Why a certification scheme is important?

Certification → Trust



“**TRUST** should be further **strengthened** by offering information in a **transparent** manner on the **level of security** of ICT products, ICT services and ICT processes ...”

Cybersecurity Act – Section (7)

“An **increase in trust** can be facilitated by **Union-wide CERTIFICATION** providing for **common cybersecurity requirements** and **evaluation criteria** across national markets and sectors.”

Cybersecurity Act – Section (7)

## Chapter 3 - Purpose of the scheme

# Why a certification scheme is important?

Fragmentation of the cloud computing industry



### Same solution → several certification

Currently, cloud computing products and services in France and Germany have to obtain two specific certifications to be accepted across the entirety of the EU:

The [secnumcloud](#) and the [compliance controls catalogue](#) (C5).

**This is a problem because these two certification processes seem to be at odds with each other.**



### Unify

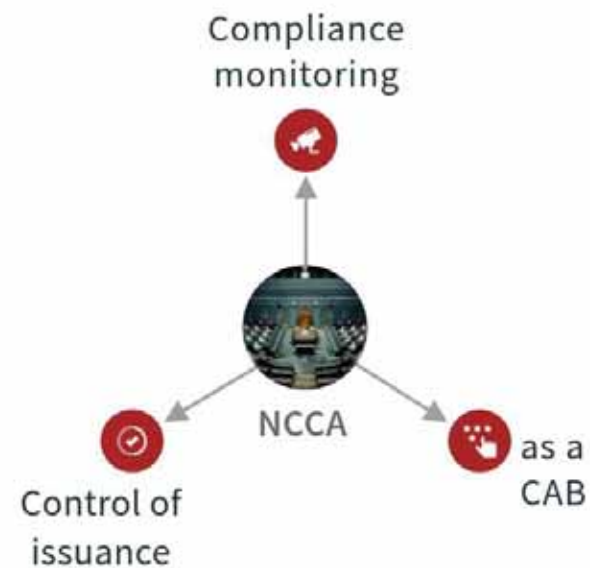
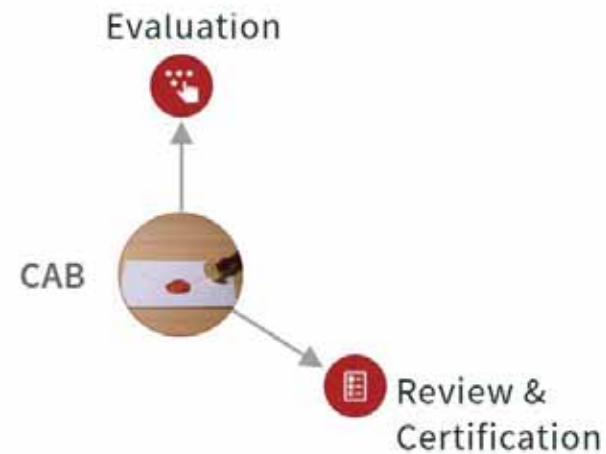
This will reduce the fragmentation of the cloud computing industry and unify certification.

All EU Member States would accept this single certification and would greatly aid the cloud computing market as it stands today.

## Chapter 3 - Purpose of the scheme

# Stakeholder

Involves in the production of certificate



## Chapter 3 - Purpose of the scheme

# Stakeholder

Consuming certificate



# The perfect solution ?



Despite these benefits, the **EUCS cannot replace all other mechanisms to get assurance** about the security of a cloud service, at least for the following reasons:

- the responsibility of the security of a cloud service is shared between the CSP, who implement and operate the service, and the CSC, who configure and use the cloud service, and the EUCS only covers the CSP;
- the requirements are defined in three horizontal baselines, mapped to the EUCSA's assurance levels, which represent a consensus between stakeholders about the proper design of controls for cloud services, but they cannot capture the specific requirements of every CSC use case, so it is expected that CSCs and other scheme users define additional cybersecurity requirements to complement those defined in the EUCS as required to cover the risks specific to their use case;
- for some topics where different requirements have been identified for different use cases, the EUCS requires transparency about their controls from CSPs, and the information provided is validated and verified in the evaluation, allowing CSCs to use it in making decisions on security, but in many cases, a CSC's risk assessment will identify some risks that are not covered by transparency requirements;
- the EUCS offers the possibility to define extension profiles when additional requirements are commonly needed in a given context, for instance to satisfy the needs of a category of CSCs or to demonstrate compliance to the cybersecurity requirements of a specific regulation, but there will always be many use cases with specific requirements that are not covered by such extension profiles.



Chapter 4

# Use of standards

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## Terminology

- ISO/IEC 22123-1
- ISO/IEC 17000
- ISO/IEC 9000
- ISO/IEC 27000

## Use of standards

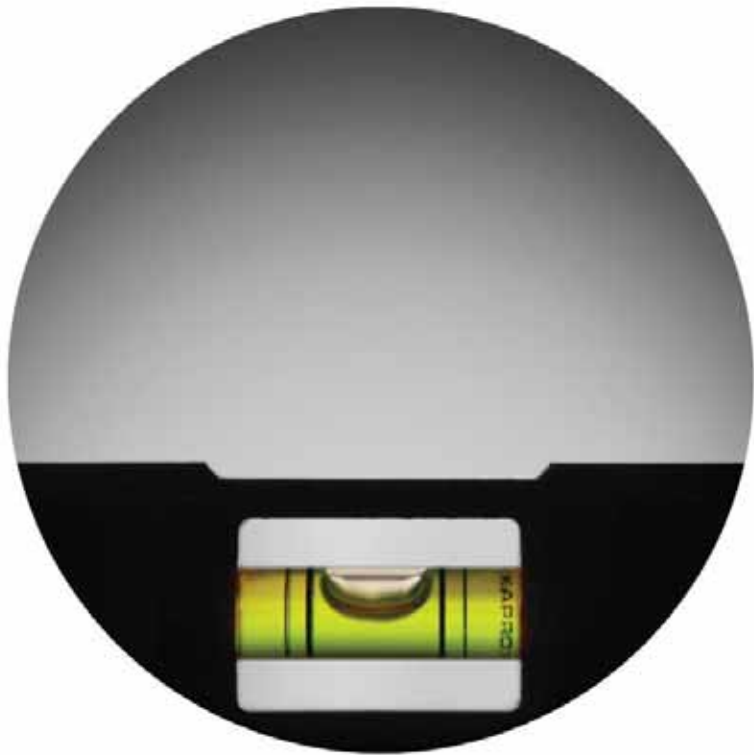


EUCS service requirements are defined in an Annex A

- ISO/IEC 27001
- ISO/IEC 27002
- ISO/IEC 27017
- documents previously issued by Member States to define the security controls and associated requirements in their respective National Schemes [C5, SecNumCloud, ZekerOnline]

## Chapter 4 - Use of Standards

# Use of standards



## Definition of Evaluation levels

ISO/IEC 15408-3 (Common Criteria)

# Use of standards



## Conformity assessment methodology

- Based on the ISO/IEC 17065 harmonized standard,
- Will be complemented by additional requirements for the accreditation of CABs that are under development in collaboration with CEN-CENELEC.

## Use of standards



### Requirements for CABs performing vulnerability identification and penetration testing

- Based on ISO/IEC 17025 harmonized standard. Also ISO/IEC 17065
- Complemented by additional requirements for the accreditation of CABs performing these activities, to be developed later as guidance by ENISA in collaboration with the ECG.

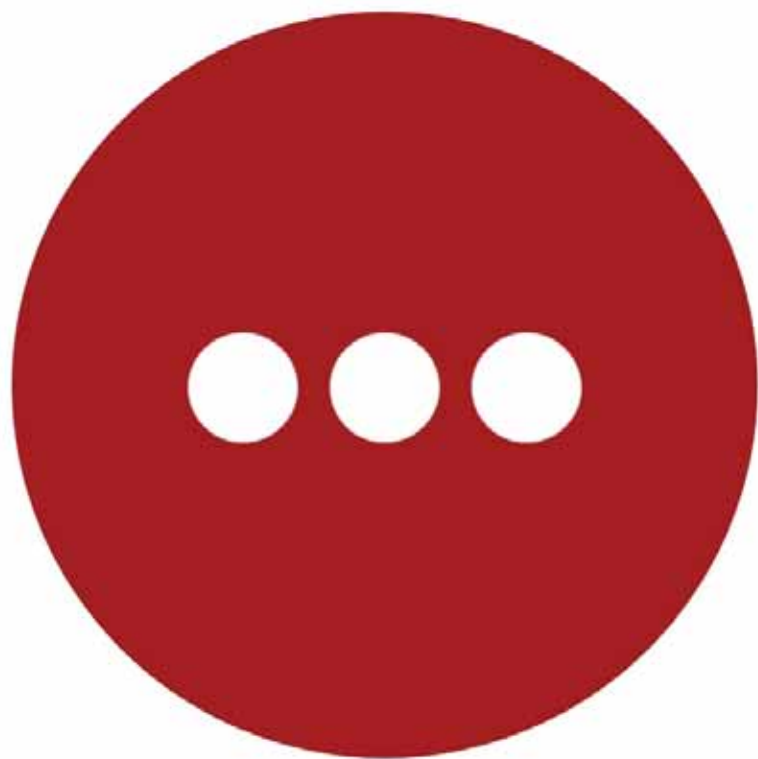
# Use of standards



## Conformity assessment methods

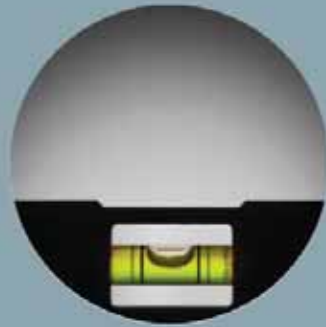
- ISO/IEC 17021-1
- ISO/IEC 27006.
- ISAE 3402
- ISAE 3000

# Use of standards



## Others references

- Vulnerability handling (ISO/IEC 29147 and ISO/IEC 30111)
- Risk Management (ISO/IEC 27005)



Chapter 5

# Assurance level

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Reminder

## EU CSA's Article 52



Assurance level 'basic' provides assurance that the ICT products, services and processes meet the corresponding security requirements, including security functionalities, and that they have been evaluated at a level **intended to minimise the known basic risks of cyber incidents and cyberattacks.**






Assurance level 'substantial' provides assurance that the ICT products, services and processes meet the corresponding security requirements, including security functionalities, and that they have been evaluated at a level **intended to minimise cybersecurity risks, cyber incidents and cyberattacks carried out by actors with limited skills and resources.**



A European cybersecurity certificate referring to assurance level 'high' provides assurance that the ICT products, services and processes meet the corresponding security requirements, including security functionalities, and that they have been evaluated at a level **intended to minimise the risk of state-of-the-art cyberattacks carried out by actors with significant skills and resources.**

# Assurance levels

The EUCS support the three assurance levels defined in the EUCSA

EUCSA		EUCS
Basic		CS-Basic
Substantial		CS-Substantial
High		CS-High

# Question time

✔ Question #1

Could you name 2 stakeholders involved in the production of EUCS certificate?

✔ Question #2

Could you name 1 stakeholder involved in the consumption of EUCS certificate?

✔ Question #3

True or False. The ongoing version of the EUCS scheme contain 3 assurance levels directly mapped to the EUCSA.



## Answer

- ✓ Could you name 2 stakeholders involved in the production of EUCS certificate?  
- CSP, CAB, NAB, NCCA, ENISA
- ✓ Could you name 1 stakeholder involved in the consumption of EUCS certificate?  
- CSC, CSU, Regulatory authorities
- ✓ True or False. The ongoing version of the EUCS scheme contain 3 assurance levels directly mapped to the EUCSA.  
- True. The actual version contain 3 evaluation levels CS- Basic, CS-Substantial and CS-High

# Assurance level

## Parameters

<b>Intention</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•The intention provides a <b>general description of the Assurance Level</b>, most likely matching quite <b>closely the definition from the EU CSA</b>.</li></ul>
<b>Suitability</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•Suitability is about <b>potential restrictions</b> of the types and categories that may be covered.</li></ul>
<b>Attacker profile</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•The <b>attacker profile</b> cannot be very specific, because of the great <b>variety of attackers</b>, and it always defines a wide category of attackers.</li></ul>
<b>Scope of the Evaluation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•The scope of the evaluation should comprise the <b>service provided by the CSP</b> and <b>clearly identify all underlying and supporting services and processes</b>.</li></ul>
<b>Depth</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•The general principle is to follow an <b>incremental approach</b>, <i>i.e.</i>, that <b>all requirements of a lower level are similarly included in the depth of the higher level</b>.</li></ul>
<b>Rigour</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•This is about <b>requiring more structure in the service</b> (for instance, a security model based on a specific formalism/method) or adding <b>more structure to the assessment</b> (for instance, requiring a specific method to collect evidence or provide results).</li></ul>

# Evaluation level

	CS-Basic	CS-Substantial	CS-High
Intention	limited assurance through a review by an independent third party that the cloud service is built and operated with procedures and mechanisms to meet the corresponding service requirements at a level intended to minimize the known basic risks of incidents and cyberattacks.	Same than CS-Basic but for minimize the known basic risks of incidents and cyberattacks by actors with limited skills and resources. + implement control to minimise	Same than CS-Substantial but for minimize the risks of state-of-art cyberattacks by actors with significant skills and resources. + implement control to minimise and monitor those continuously
Suitability	Suitable for cloud service that are designed to meet typical security requirements on services for non-critical data and systems.	Suitable for cloud service that are designed to meet typical security requirements on services for business-critical data and systems.	Suitable for cloud service that are designed to meet specific (exceeding evaluation level CS-Substantial) security requirements on services for mission critical data and systems.
Attacker Profile	Single person with limited skills repeating a known attack with limited resources, not including the ability to perform social engineering attacks.	Small team of persons with hacking abilities and access to a wide range of known hacking techniques, including social engineering, but with limited resources, in particular to launch wide attacks or to discover previously unknown vulnerabilities.	Team of highly skilled persons with access to significant resources, possibly including the resources of a third country, to design and perform attacks, get insider attacks, discover or buy access to previously unknown vulnerabilities.

## EUCS

# Evaluation level

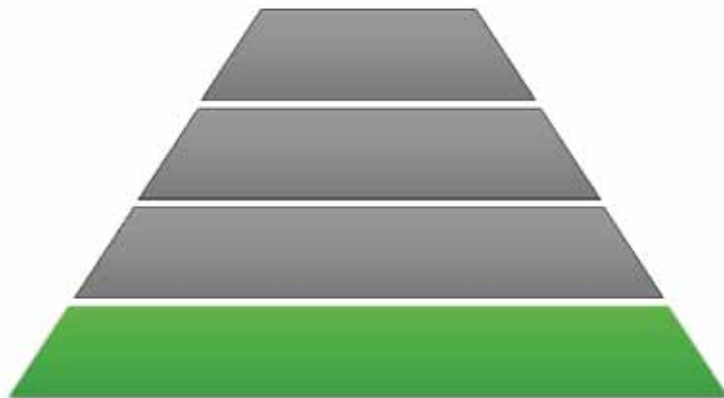
	CS-Basic	CS-Substantial	CS-High
Scope	Processes and the software underlying the service and meeting "basic" controls	Demonstration of operating effectiveness of the "substantial" controls	Demonstration of operating effectiveness of the "High" controls
Penetration testing	✘	✔	✔
Depth	Document review solely, based on a check for completeness and coherence of the provided internal audit results and of the associated documentation	CS-Basic + On site audit (interview + samples inspection)	CS-Substantial + More verification, more specifics
Rigour	An internal audit is performed by the CSP and driven by a predefined checklist. + An accredited third-party then audits the internal audit report and its supporting documentation.	The evaluation is performed by an accredited third-party, and it is driven by a risk analysis performed by the CSP, which is in the audit scope.	CS-Substantial + CAB is authorised by a NCCA + More rigour is expected

# Operating Effectiveness over a period of time

Frequency of the control	Assumed population of control occurrences	Sample Size (per specified Period)
More than daily	Over 250	25-60
Daily	250	20-40
Weekly	52	5-15
Monthly	12	2-5
Quarterly	4	2
Annually	1	1

# Evaluation level

All evaluation levels defined in the EUCS satisfy all requirements that are applicable to the corresponding EUCSA assurance level:



## CS-Basic

- Every evaluation level is commensurate with the level of **risk associated to the intended use of the cloud service**, as demonstrated in the definition of **suitable services** and **typical attacker profiles** (Article 52(1)).
- Every evaluation level defines assurance components as **service requirements**, as well as the **rigour and depth required in the evaluation** (Article 52(3)).
- Every evaluation level requires that evaluation activities include a **review of technical documentation** (Article 52(5), Recital 67).
- Every evaluation level requires a review of **the cloud service's main processes, including the development process used for the development of the cloud service** (Recital 88)

# Evaluation level

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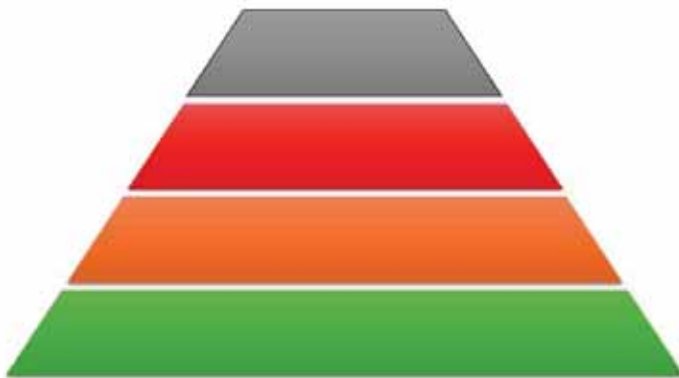


## CS-Substantial

- The requirements on security controls for assurance level ‘substantial’ include a **vulnerability assessment activity that performs a review of publicly known vulnerabilities** (Article 52(6)).
- The requirements on security controls for assurance level ‘substantial’ include a **review of the functional tests of the cloud service’s security functionalities as well as some independent testing requirements** (Article 52(6)),
- The assessment methodology for assurance level ‘substantial’ mandates the **review of a mapping between the documentation of security functionalities and their implementation to ensure compliance** (Recital 89).

# Evaluation level

All evaluation levels defined in the EUCS satisfy all requirements that are applicable to the corresponding EUCSA assurance level:



## CS-High

- The requirements on security controls for assurance level 'high' include a **vulnerability assessment activity that performs a review of publicly known vulnerabilities** (Article 52(7)).
- The requirements on security controls for assurance level 'high' include a **review of the functional tests of the cloud service's security functionalities, as well as automated monitoring requirements**, (Article 52(7)).
- The requirements on security controls for assurance level 'high' include the **correct implementation of the necessary security functionalities at state-of-the-art** (Article 52(7)).
- The assessment methodology for assurance level 'high' mandates the **review of a full mapping between the documentation of security functionalities and their implementation to ensure compliance** (Recital 89).
- The assessment methodology for assurance level 'high' mandates **design effectiveness and operating effectiveness to be assessed during the evaluation** (Recital 90). This assessment includes **penetration testing to assess the resistance of security functionalities of the cloud services; in addition, some of the penetration testing shall be performed by an accredited and authorised entity** (Article 52(7), Recital 90).



Chapter 6

# EU Statement of conformity

## EUCS

# EU Statement of conformity

- Could only have been allowed for CS-Basic(low risk CSP)

The Ad Hoc Working Group consistently expressed that self-assessment was not suitable for cloud services, even at level CS-Basic and even on a strictly defined subset of services.

- **NOT ALLOW**

Although divergent opinions have been expressed, in particular in the surveys performed over the summer of 2020, ENISA has decided to follow the recommendation of the AHWG and to not allow the issuance of EU statements of conformity in the initial version of this scheme, as there are enough challenges to be met in that first version.

- **Reconsideration possible**

This decision may be reconsidered in future releases of the EUCS, in particular after evaluating the quality of the work performed by CSPs on the internal audits that are used as a basis for the conformity assessment at CS-Basic.





Chapter 7

# Specific requirements applicable to CAB



**EUCS**

## **CABs**

CAB ? CB ? ITSEF ?

**The EUCS does not distinguish between the roles of Certification Body and Evaluator, like EUCC does.**

Therefore, for the evaluation level CS-high, no specific accreditation (17025) is required to perform evaluation activities related to vulnerability identification and penetration testing.

Nevertheless, personnel performing test activities shall have the necessary expertise to perform specific testing activities.

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No need to be accredited according to ISO/IEC 17025 to perform penetration testing, a CAB accredited according to ISO/IEC 17065 can do it.



## EUCS - EUCS - Chapter 7 - Specific requirements applicable to CAB

# CAB issuing certificate

Needs



Accredited

According to ISO/IEC 17065.



Notification

Meet additional requirements defined for EUCS



Authorisation

Because the evaluation activities will include additional competences like strong technical competences.

## Chapter 7

Additional requirements for CS-high (Chapter 7)

### Specific requirements to which CABs are subject

- specific requirements concern technical competences related to specific conformity assessment activities (**for CS-high certificate**);
- requirements shall apply both to internal personnel of CABs and to the external ones in cases where conformity assessment activities are performed by a subcontractor.

### These CABs and their concerned personnel shall :

- have the necessary expertise and experience in designing and performing pentests
- have the necessary expertise and experience in performing reviews of the design and implementation of security measures in cloud service.

## Requirement for all levels

- ISO 17065 + additional requirements specific to the EUCS, to be defined in a separate document.

## Requirement for CS-high

- ISO 17065 + additional requirements specific to the EUCS, to be defined in a separate document.
- Technical requirements related to
  - Reviews of the architecture and of the configuration of a cloud service's system components;
  - Reviews of the CSP's source code and related documentation;
  - Penetration testing of the controls implemented to satisfy the audit criteria, including the EUCS service requirements.
- Skills inspired from [PASSI- qualification of security audit providers], should be considered for inclusion in the required skills for evaluation team
  - networks and protocols, security equipment and software, OS, cloud computing, application layer, attacks
- Penetration tester should be able to :
  - Develop codes, scripts and programmes
  - Perform social engineering
  - Identify and exploit vulnerabilities
  - Conduct ethical hacking
  - Think creatively and outside the box
  - Identify and solve cybersecurity-related issues
  - Communicate, present and report to relevant stakeholders
  - Use penetration testing tools effectively
  - Conduct technical analysis and reporting
  - Decompose and analyse systems to identify weaknesses and ineffective controls
  - Review codes assess their security



## EUCS - Chapter 7

# CABs

## Authorisation

**i** The development of a Technical Specification is ongoing in WG3 of JTC13 in order to define requirements for the accreditation of CABs who will issue certificates in the context of the EUCS

TS 18072

### NCCA shall

- for the authorisation of a CAB to carry out activities at evaluation levels CS-high under the EUCS scheme, proceed to the assessment of the compliance with the additional requirements, including any of its subcontractors performing evaluation activities

### This assessment shall include :

- conducting structured interviews to determine that the CAB and its personnel have the necessary expertise and experience in the relevant activities;
- reviewing the objective evidence of pilot evaluation performed as part of the accreditation procedure of the CAB and evaluating their performance.

## EUCS - CAB competences

# Preview of the document under construction (TS18072)

## Annex A – Required Knowledge and Skills

	Evaluator	Evaluator leading the evaluation	Evaluation team	Personnel conducting the appraisal review to determine the evaluation team competence required, to determine the evaluation team members	Personnel reviewing evaluation reports and making certification decisions
<b>GENERAL</b>	See A.2.1	See A.2.1	See A.2.1		See A.5.1
knowledge of cybersecurity	X	X			X
technical knowledge of Cloud Services			X		
knowledge of management systems for the provision of information technology services	X	X			
knowledge of the principles of evaluation including auditing	X	X			
knowledge of service monitoring, measurement, analysis and evaluation	X	X			
evaluation processes and procedures		X			X
evaluation principles, practices and techniques		X			X
<b>INFORMATION SECURITY TERMINOLOGY, PRINCIPLES, PRACTICES AND TECHNIQUES</b>	See A.2.2	See A.2.2	See A.2.2		See A.5.2
cybersecurity specific terminology and documentation structures, hierarchy and interrelationships	X	X	X		X

### Categories covered

- General
- Information security terminology, principles, practices and techniques
- Certification scheme-specific standards and normative documents
- Business management practices
- Client's business sector
- Client's products, processes and organization
- Team leadership

# Question time

✓ Question #1

Could you list 3 parameters that are used in the definition of the evaluation levels of the EUCS?

✓ Question #2

True or False. Is EU Statement of conformity allowed in the context of the EUCS?

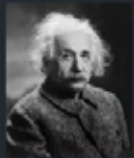


## Answer

- ✓ Could you list 3 parameters that are used in the definition of the evaluation levels of the EUCS?
  - Intention, Depth, Rigour, Attacker profile, Suitability, Scope of Evaluation
  
- ✓ True or False. Is EU Statement of conformity allowed in the context of the EUCS?
  - False. But this could be reconsidered for CS-Basic when it is proven how CSP operates.



# Reminder this morning



"Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow. The important thing is not to stop questioning."

EINSTEIN

- 1 | Cloud Security Introduction
- 2 | Introduction to EUCS Scheme
- 3 | Deep-dive into EUCS
  - PURPOSE OF THE SCHEME
  - USE OF STANDARDS
  - ASSURANCE LEVELS
  - EU STATEMENTS OF CONFORMITY
  - SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO A CAB





Chapter 8

# Evaluation methods & criteria

## How to test ? (+ latest version of TS 18072:2024)

Test according to criteria defined in Annex A - TS 18026

Use the assessment methodology defined in Annex B

Take into account the additional elements of the harmonised interpretation developed by ENISA (to come)

# What should be tested ? (+ latest version of TS 18026)

Annex A - Security controls

Organisation of information security (OIS)	Information security policies (ISP)	Risk Management (RM)	Human Resource (HR)	Asset Management (AM)
Physical Security (PS)	Operational Security (OPS)	Identity, Authentication & Access control management (IAM)	Cryptography and Key Management (CKM)	Communication Security (CS)
Portability and Interoperability (PI)	Change and configuration management (CCM)	Development and information systems (DEV)	Procurement management (PM)	Incident management (IM)
Business continuity (BC)	Compliance (CO)	User Documentation (DOC)	Dealing With Investigation Requests From Government Agencies (INQ)	Product Safety And Security (PSS)

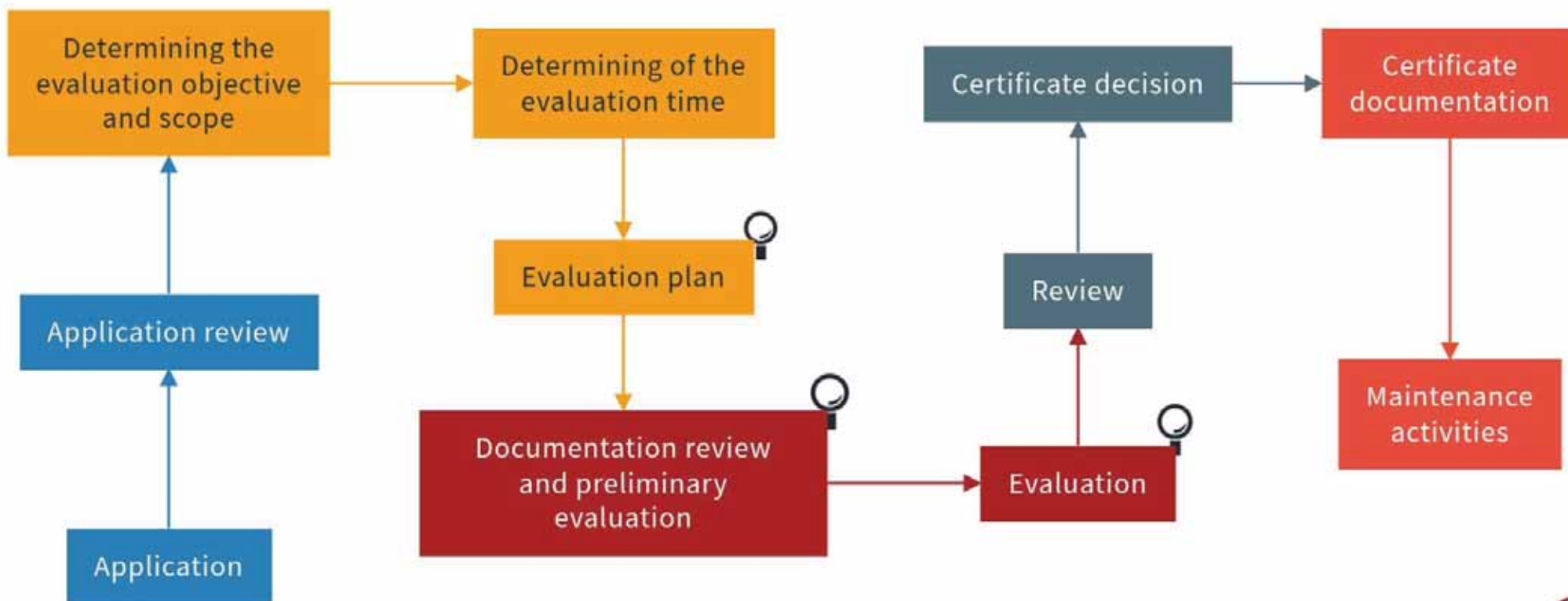
# What should be tested ? (+ latest version of TS 18026)

## Annex A - Security controls - Example

Basic	<p><b>The CSP shall document, communicate and make available to all users under its responsibility rules and recommendations for the management of credentials, including at least:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Non-reuse of credentials;</b></li><li>• <b>Trade-offs between entropy and ability to memorize;</b></li><li>• <b>Recommendations for renewal of passwords;</b></li><li>• <b>Rules on storage of passwords; and</b></li><li>• <b>Confidentially of personal (or shared) authentication and non-sharing of credentials.</b></li></ul>	IAM-08.1B	Substantial	<p>The CSP shall document, communicate and make available to all users under its responsibility rules and recommendations for the management of credentials, including at least:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Non-reuse of credentials;</b></li><li>• <b>Trade-offs between entropy and ability to memorize;</b></li><li>• <b>Recommendations for renewal of passwords;</b></li><li>• <b>Rules on storage of passwords;</b></li><li>• <b>Confidentially of personal (or shared) authentication and non-sharing of credentials;</b></li><li>• <b>Recommendations on password managers; and</b></li><li>• <b>Recommendation to specifically address classical attacks, including phishing, social attacks, and whaling.</b></li></ul>	IAM-08.1S
	<p><b>Passwords shall be only stored using cryptographically strong hash functions (cf. CKM-01), except when passwords are stored for subsequent re-use in the plain text form, for example in a password manager.</b></p>	IAM-08.2B		<p>Passwords shall be only stored using cryptographically strong hash functions (cf. CKM-01), except when passwords are stored for subsequent re-use in the plain text form, for example in a password manager.</p>	IAM-08.2S
	<p><b>In the latter case stored passwords shall be protected, using a cryptographically strong mechanism.</b></p>	IAM-08.3B		<p>In the latter case stored passwords shall be protected, using a cryptographically strong mechanism.</p>	IAM-08.3S
	<p><b>If cryptographic authentication mechanisms are used, they shall follow the policies and procedures from CKM-01.</b></p>	IAM-08.4B		<p>If cryptographic authentication mechanisms are used, they shall follow the policies and procedures from CKM-01.</p> <p><b>When creating credentials, compliance with policies shall be enforced.</b></p>	IAM-08.4S
					IAM-08.5S

# Certification process

Annex B - approach for the assessment + (Document under construction by TG3)



# Zoom on

## "Evaluation plan"

- Describe evaluation activities
- Tailored
- Consider
  - A. the competence of the personnel in charge of implementing the controls;
  - B. the relevance and reliability of the evidence to be obtained;
  - C. the nature of the controls, including their level of automation, and the frequency with which they operate;
  - D. the degree to which the controls rely on the effectiveness of other controls.
- Consider also :
  - A. the relevance and reliability of the evidence to be obtained;
  - B. the nature of the controls, including their level of automation, and the frequency with which they operate;
  - C. the degree to which the controls rely on the effectiveness of other controls;
  - D. the evaluation level targeted for certification.
- For each evaluation activity, determine :
  - A. the target (what is being evaluated);
  - B. the nature (what kind of evaluation activity);
  - C. the timing (at what point in time or over what period);
  - D. the extent (how many or how often to execute the activity).
- Select a sample of test services
- Identify potential vulnerabilities

## Zoom on

### "Documentation review and preliminary evaluation" - Evaluation stage 1

- Review the client's service documented information  
evaluate whether those aspects of the description are fairly presented.
- Determine to what extent and for which processes the client uses subservices and how the client controls and monitor the services provided by these subservice providers.
  - determine which evaluation method is appropriate for each subservice
  - identify which subservice organisations do have an acceptable assurance documentation which can be (re)used in the dependency analysis
- Consider the relative importance and effect of possible omissions or deviations
- Evaluate the client's site-specific conditions
- Undertake discussions with the client's personnel
- Review the client's status and understanding regarding the evaluation criteria
- Evaluate if the internal audits and management reviews required by the certification scheme are being planned and performed
- Obtain necessary information regarding the scope of the service
- Provide a focus for planning stage 2 by gaining a sufficient understanding of the cloud service and site operations
- Review the allocation of resources for stage 2 and agree the details of stage 2
- Determine the roles and responsibilities of the evaluation team members
- Document conclusions

# Zoom on

"Evaluation" - Evaluation stage 2

- **Verify Suitability of the Design of Controls**
  - assessing the completeness and accuracy of the client's identification of risks
  - evaluate the linkage of the controls with those risks
  - evaluate the competence and authority of the persons
  - understand the specific activity to determine especially how the control is triggered, how it is executed, which tools or systems are used to support the execution and which records are kept evidencing the execution;
  - validate the source of information
- **Verify Operating Effectiveness**
  - Verify that the control is consistently applied as designed
  - in case of manual controls, they were applied by individuals who have the appropriate competence and authority
- **Analysis of Results**
  - evaluate whether the described technical and organizational controls refer to or describe the evaluation criteria;
  - consider whether the provided information adequately disclose the significant controls;
  - consider whether the controls are deemed suitable to meet the evaluation criteria ;
  - ensure that the information provided appears relevant, reliable, comprehensive and comparable;
  - assess if it can be concluded that nothing has come to its attention that causes evaluators to believe that the technical and organizational manners implemented by the client are not meeting the requirements of the assurance level
- **Issuing the Evaluation Report**



Chapter 9

# Necessary information for certification

# Necessary information for certification

What the CSP should provide to the CAB ?



## Scope of the target certification

- Targeted assurance level and why.
- Detailed description of the cloud services
- List of Subservices used and
  - controls imposed to them (CSOCs)
- list of Complementary User Entity Controls (CUECs) they provide to their users



## Previous evaluation results

in case of composition or renewal.



## Demonstration to compliance to the EUCS Security controls (TS 18026)

All the information needed to demonstrate that the implementation of their cloud service meets the evaluation criteria for the targeted assurance level

questionary

proof of compliance (procedures, process, form, records, logs, ...)



## Additional information asked by the CAB

Additional information may be required when the conformity assessment is performed





Chapter 10

# Marks and Labels

# Marks and labels

- Make the certification easily recognizable
- Provide direct link to the information
- Contain summary of information
  - Logos (ECCF and EUCS)
  - QR code
  - Assurance level / EUCS evaluation level
  - "Certified in the European Union"
  - Potential additional information (CSEP, etc...)

ECCF LOGO*	EUCS LOGO*
Certified in the European Union 	ECCF ENISA website 
CSA – Assurance Level (basic / substantial / high)	EUCS-specific Assurance Level name





Chapter 11

# Compliance monitoring

# Compliance monitoring

- A NCCA activity

"Without prejudice to NCCA activities defined under Articles 58.7 and 58.8 of the EUCSA, monitoring compliance of cloud services that have been issued European cybersecurity certificates shall demonstrate their continued compliance with the specified cybersecurity requirements."

The implementation of compliance monitoring by NCCAs may be the subject of peer review between NCCAs.

- Cases of non compliance

1. a non-compliance of the CSP in **their application of the rules and obligations related to a certificate issued on their cloud services**, including their obligations defined in the EUCSA;
2. a non-compliance by a CAB in **the conditions under which they implement the processes related to certification** and that are not related to the individual cloud service, or to the obligations defined in the EUCSA for CABs;
3. **a nonconformity of a certified cloud service with the EUCS service requirements**, including and not limited to changes in the cloud services and the threat environments.

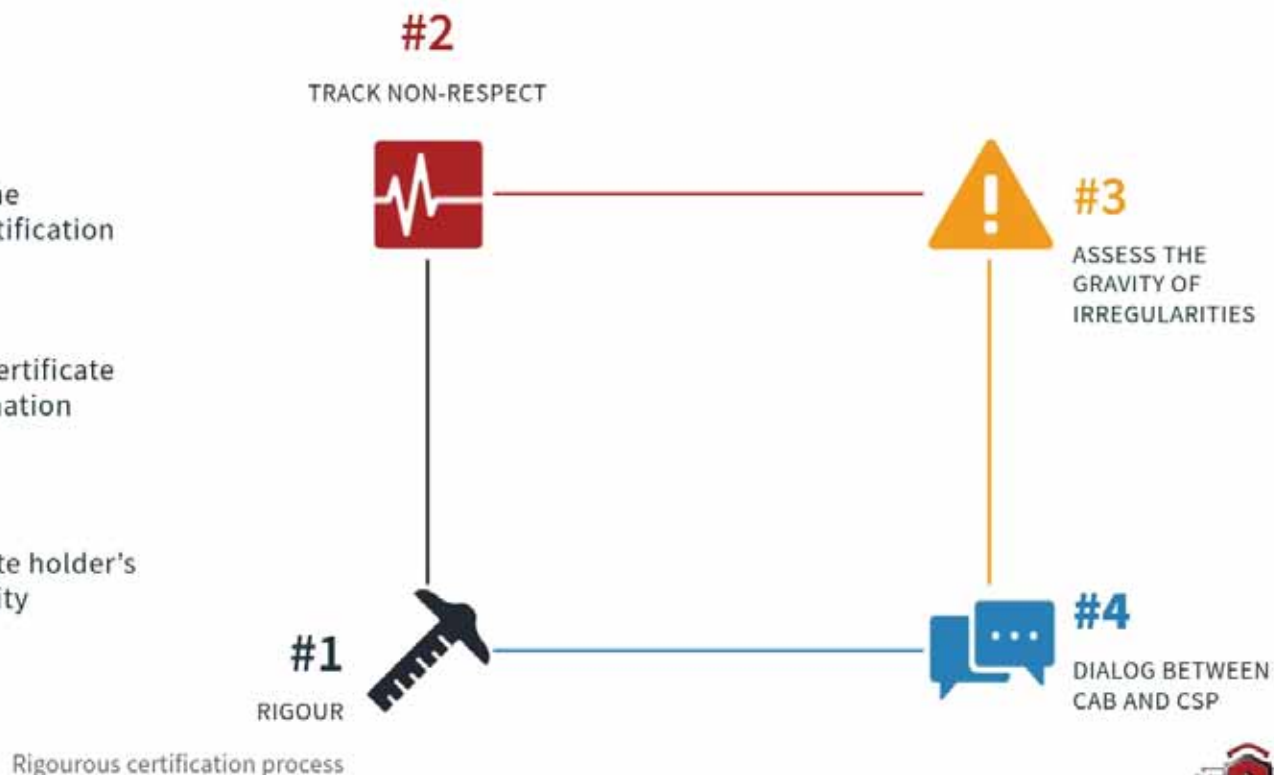


## General information

# Compliance monitoring

Deviations and irregularities consider as potential **non-compliance by CSP** || How to avoid it ?

- any deviation from the requirements applicable to the information supplied to a CAB, discover after the certification
- any deviation from the requirements regarding the certificate content and the supplementary cybersecurity information
- any deviation from the requirements on the certificate holder's obligations towards maintaining the certificate validity



## EUCS - Chapter 11

# Compliance monitoring

Potential non-compliance **by CAB** || How to avoid it ?

### Failure to meet obligation:

- obligations for auditing the scheme compliance
- obligations for supervising
- obligations for complaint handling
- ...

### Test

- the audits ;
- the permanent monitoring of the CAB by their Accreditation bodies
- monitoring of CAB's subcontractors by the CAB and their Accreditation bodies.

### Deviations from evaluation requirements

- Unjustified deviations from the evaluation methodology
- deviations from expected evaluation competence.
- ...

### Detect

through the quality process of the CAB, including the report to the NCCA of the identified issue, and the requirement to handle complaints associated to their accreditation.

## EUCS - Chapter 11

# Compliance monitoring

Potential Nonconformity of a certified cloud service || How to avoid it ?

### Potential Non conformities :

- a change in the certified cloud service itself leading to a change of the cloud service's security posture;
- a significant security incident that has impacted the certified cloud service;
- a change in the threat environment;
- a vulnerability identified.

### CSP

- Inform their CAB of major changes;
- monitor vulnerabilities;
- monitor the known dependencies and vulnerabilities identified by any other source
- Inform the CAB of any significant security incident
- work in cooperation with the CAB and where necessary with **the NCCA** to support their monitoring activities.

### CAB

- monitor vulnerabilities that would be relevant to their clients' scope
- monitor the handling of security incidents reported by CSPs
- report to their NCCA any detected vulnerability affecting the conformity of a certified cloud service

# Compliance monitoring

The sampling

- shall be based on sampling
- using generic parameters
  - Cloud service capabilities,
  - assurance level,
  - CSP,
  - CAB,
  - any information brought to the the knowledge of the NCCA as :
    - complaints,
    - security events,
    - etc...



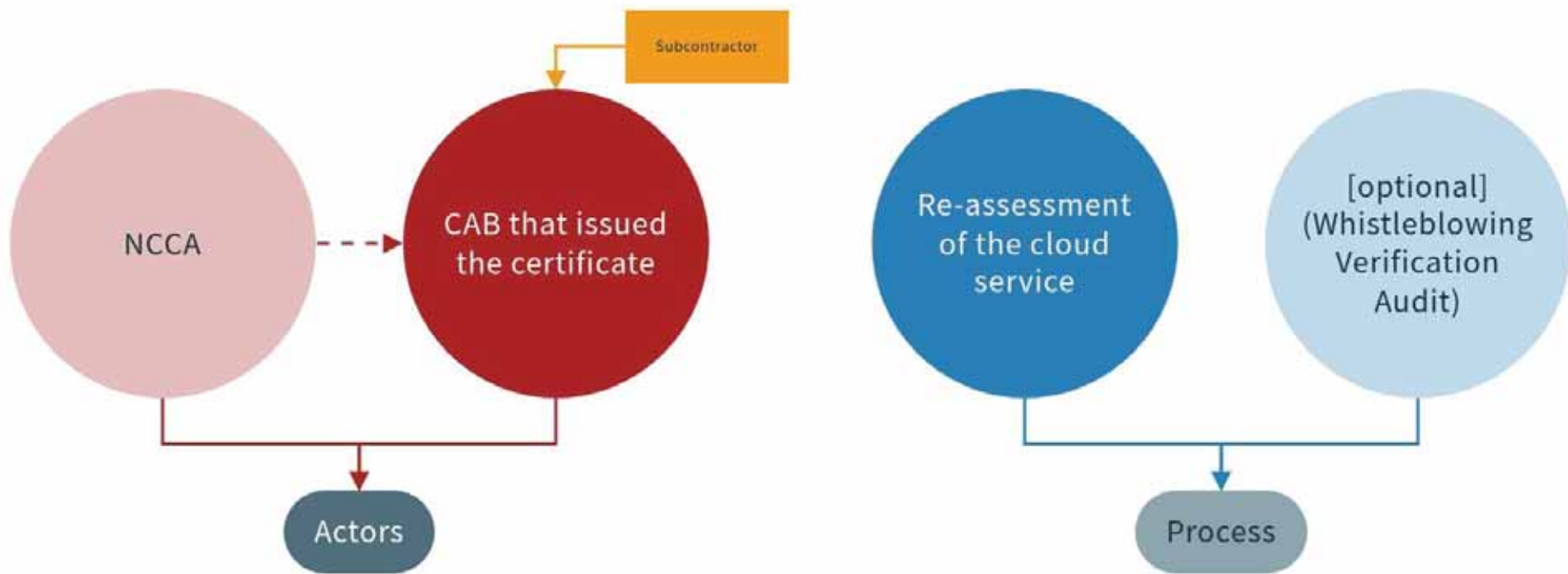
Sample annually a minimum of 5% of the cloud services which have been the subject of a successful conformity assessment in the context of the EUCS scheme in the previous year



and at least one cloud service per annum.

# Compliance monitoring

The Monitoring

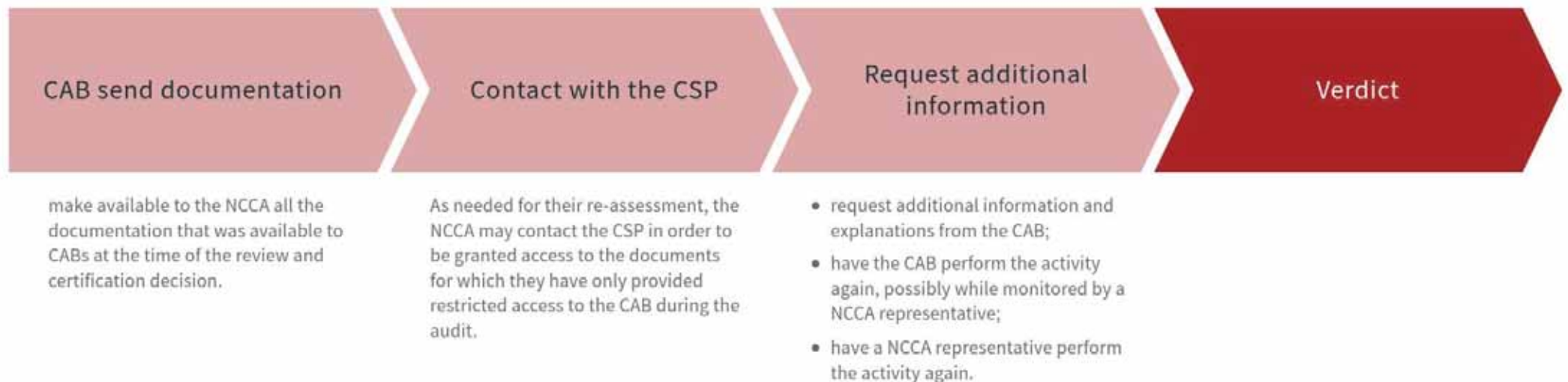


**i** Re-assessments and audits shall be financially supported by the CSP.

# Compliance monitoring

The re-assessment

NCCAs are required in the context of the compliance monitoring process to perform a number of re-assessments every year, depending on the number of certificates issued or maintained during the previous year.



# Compliance monitoring

Compliance audit (Whistleblowing Verification)

NCCA address a compliance audit request to the CAB with suspicions' explanation

The CAB transmits the request to the CSP,

The CSP analyses the request and provides a motivated answer to the CAB, accompanied by supporting documentation if required;

CAB shall then analyse the answer from the CSP, performing evaluation activities if needed, and transmit the CSP's answer together with their analysis to the NCCA.

If the CAB does not confirm the CSP's analysis, then the NCCA shall take the final decision after consulting both parties

# Compliance monitoring

## Vulnerability assessments

- 1** **Potential vulnerability identification**  
When they become aware of a vulnerability that may affect a certified cloud service, the CAB shall request a vulnerability assessment from the CSP. This may happen in particular when the NCCA requests the CAB to investigate a vulnerability.
- 2** **Transmission to the CSP**  
The CAB transmits the request to the CSP
- 3** **CSP Analysis and plan**  
The CSP analyses the request.  
Provides a motivated answer to the CAB, with the status of infection, the severity of the vulnerability, the mitigation plan and supporting documentation ;
- 4** **CAB Analysis**  
The CAB analyses the answer from the CSP, performs evaluation activities if needed, and if applicable, transmits the CSP's answer with their analysis back to the NCCA.
- 5** **NCCA verdict**  
If the CAB does not confirm the CSP's analysis, then the NCCA shall take the final decision after consulting both parties.

# Compliance monitoring

## CAB Audits

- If the NCCA that authorized a CAB or the NAB that accredited a CAB have doubts about the conformity of the CAB to their accreditation or authorisation requirements, the relevant authority shall engage with the CAB to perform all necessary verifications, including any conformity assessment activity that is required.
- The NCCA and NAB should coordinate their actions when such situations occur.



## EUCS - Chapter 11

# Compliance monitoring

Force majeure



What is a case of "force majeure" ?

A major event affect the validity of lot of certificate worldwide in the same time.

(spectre, meltdown, log4j, ...)



Who shall take action ?

Impacted NCCA



What should be done ?

- Ensure continuity of certification
- Inform ECG about the force majeure measures
- Coordinate with other affected NCCAs
- Inform ENISA about extension of certificate if any

# Question time

✓ Question #1

What are the 3 types of non compliance define by the scheme ?

✓ Question #2

Name 3 monitoring activities described in this section ?

✓ Question #3

True or False. Is “force majeure” manage by the CABs ?



## Answer

- ✓ What are the 3 types of non compliance define by the scheme ?
  - CSP, CAB, certificate non-conformity, vulnerability assessment
- ✓ Name 3 monitoring activities described in this section ?
  - Re-assessment, CSP Compliance audit, CAB audit
- ✓ True or False. Is “force majeur” manage by the CABs ?
  - False. This is manage by NCCA



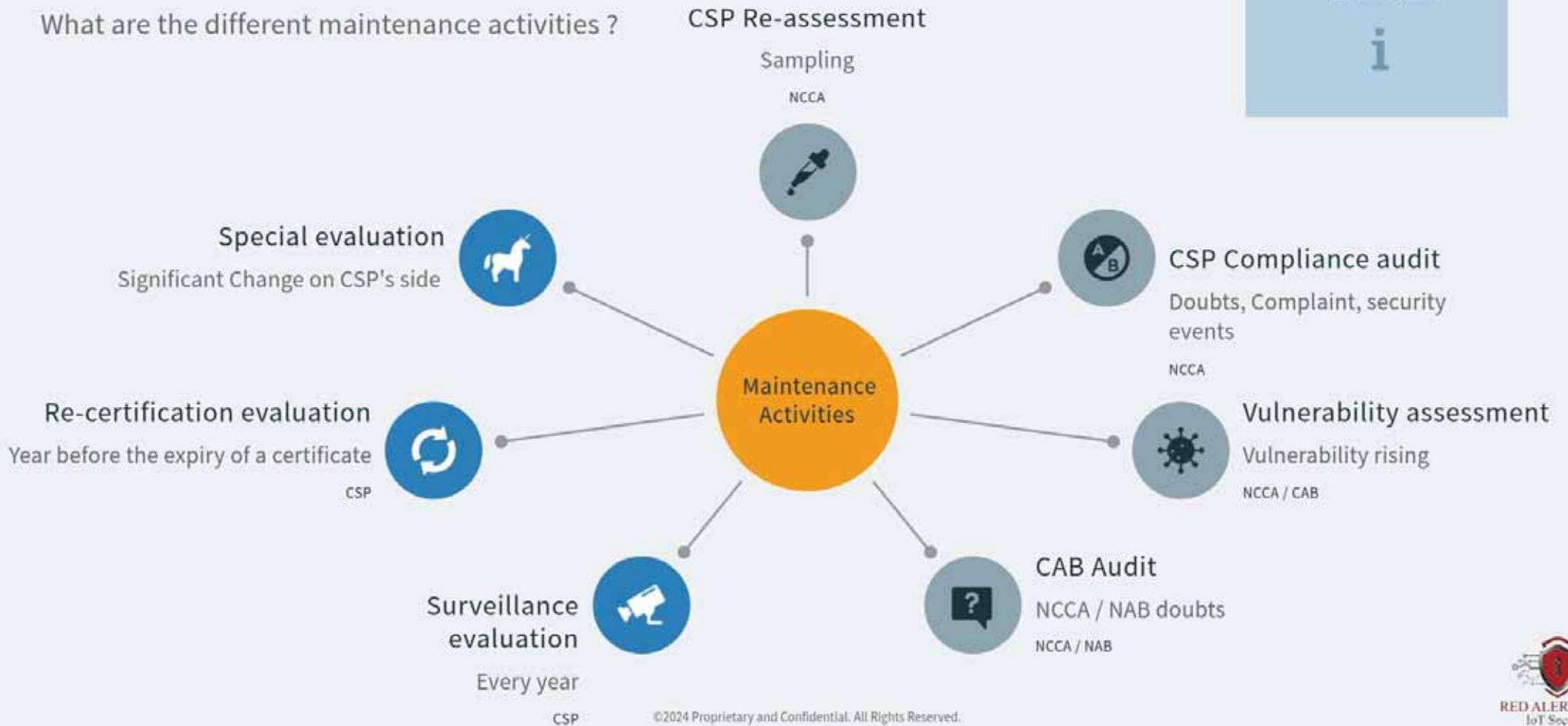
Chapter 12

# Certificate Management

# Certificate maintenance

What are the different maintenance activities ?

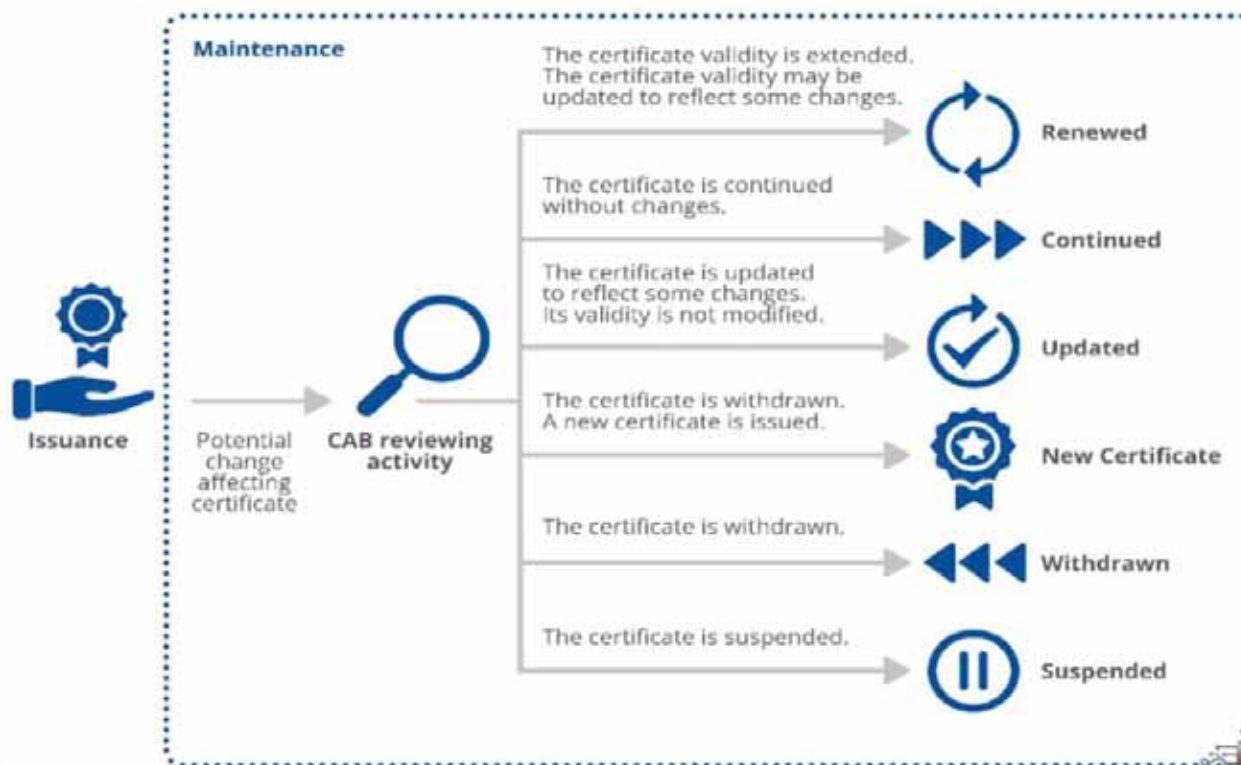
Type of activity  
Triggered by what?  
Triggered by who?  
**i**



# Certificate maintenance

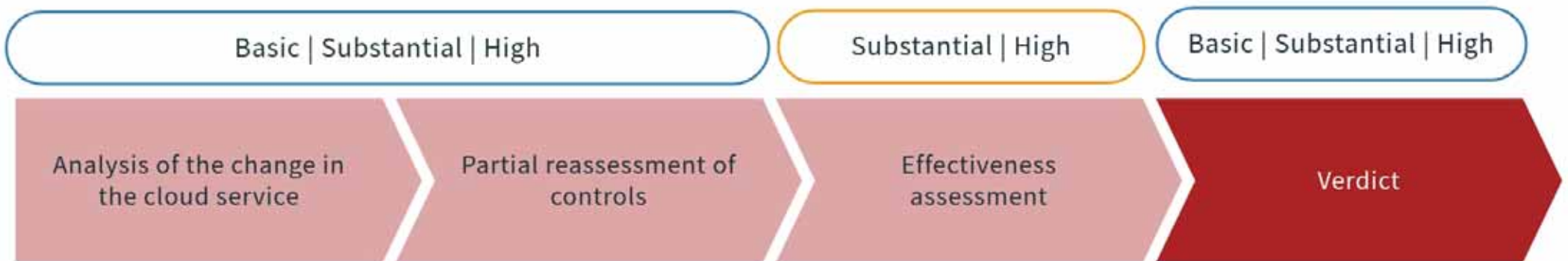
What can happen to a certificate?

- Based on ISO/IEC 17065
- After Maintenance activities
- Upon review and decision of the CAB, the maintenance activities shall result in one of these decisions →



# Surveillance evaluation

Process



- Obtain an understanding of the changes operated.
- Determine a list of affected controls.
- Assess the suitability of the design of the modified controls.
- Assess the existence and implementation of the modified controls.

- Select a subset of controls, including at least the controls for which observations were made in the previous conformity assessment,
- Assess the suitability of the design of the selected controls.

- Assess the operating effectiveness of controls (all for CS-High and half for CS-Substantial) over the period since the previous assessment of operating effectiveness.



## EUCS - Chapter 12

# Special evaluation

A special assessment may also be triggered by a CSP at any time, typically after performing significant changes to their cloud service or to their control framework

### Analysis of the change in the cloud service

- Obtain an understanding of the changes.
- Determine a list of affected controls,
- Assess the suitability of the design of the affected controls;
- Assess the existence and implementation of the affected controls;
- Determine whether the changes on the affected controls are sufficient to fulfil all the EUCS requirements.

### Effectiveness assessment

- Assess the operating effectiveness of affected controls over the period since the previous assessment of operating effectiveness.



## EUCS - Chapter 12

# Re-certification evaluation

Process



**When?**

in the year before the expiry  
of a certificate



**How?**

Alike an initial assessment, a  
re-certification assessment  
of a cloud service shall cover  
all parts of the conformity  
assessment methods.  
  
+ re-use previous result



**Why?**

extend certificate's validity  
for another 3-year period

# Certificate maintenance

Typical certificate life-cycle





Chapter 13

# Non compliance

# Non-compliance

What happens when a CSP non-compliance is suspected ?

CAB who issued the certificate :

- investigates, and if deviation confirmation :
  - Requests the CSP assertions and amendments to restore compliance



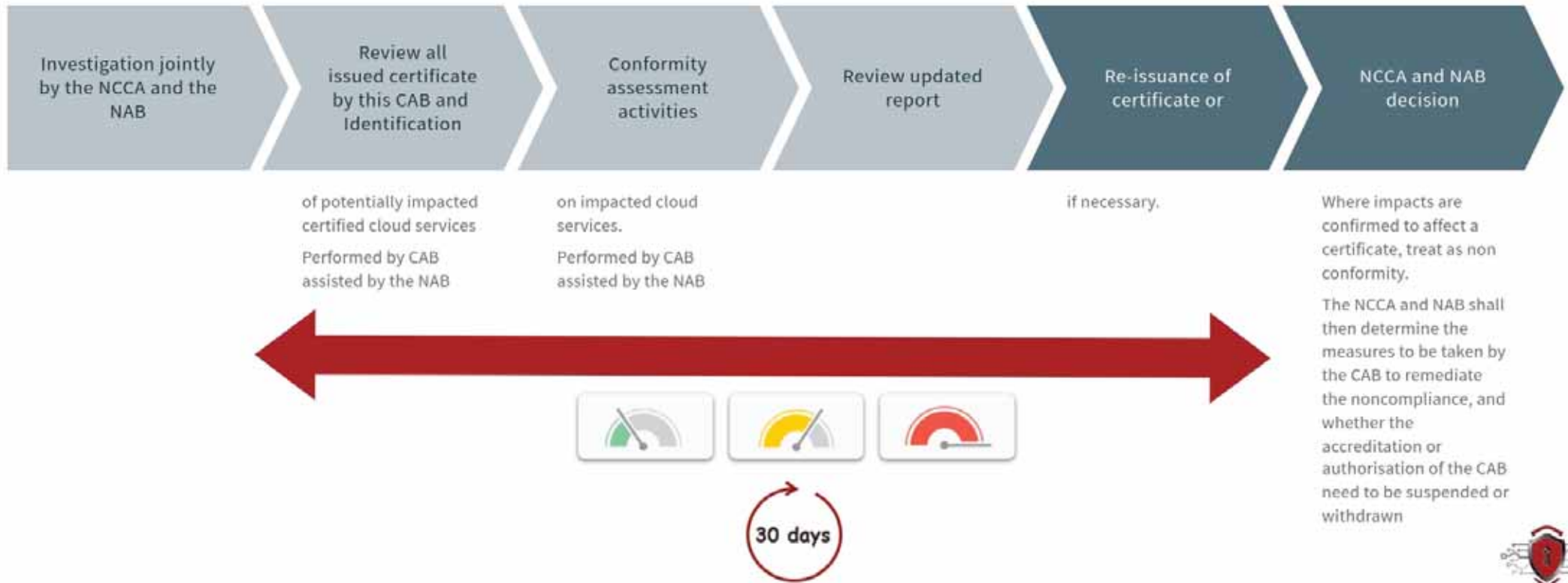
Continued non-compliance past the allowed time frame trigger a suspension of the certificate for the cloud service and suspension of all current certification process of the CSP.

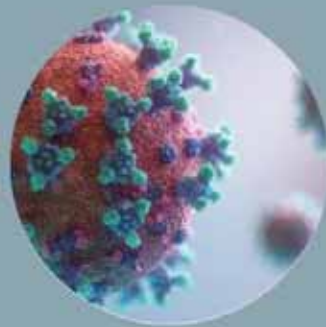
+ Inform NCCA / ENISA of the suspension



# Non-compliance

What happens when a CAB non-compliance is suspected ?





Chapter 14

# New Vulnerabilities

Towards a Guidance Document

# EUCS Vulnerability Management

Chapter 14 of the EUCS Scheme



# Vulnerability Handling

- **CSPs shall use the general steps of ISO/IEC 30111 for vulnerability handling**

Preparation, receipt, verification, remediation development, release, post release, with specific application rules for the EUCS

- **Application rules for the EUCS**

These rules are defined in the chapter 14, as well as in the definition of the security controls related to security incident management, in Annex A: (Security Objectives and requirements for Cloud Services).

# 1- Preparation

- Develop methods for receiving vulnerability information

These methods shall be made public as per Article 55.1.c of the CSA.

## 2- Receipt

### Use Cases



CSP of the certified cloud service receives vulnerability information according to Article 55.1.(c) of the EUCSA



New publicly disclosed vulnerability on the referenced online repositories according to Article 55.1.(d) of the EUCSA;



CSP finds out a related vulnerability to its certified cloud service in any other way

## 2- Receipt

### Handling Vulnerability



According to the CSP's defined policies and procedures.

- ✓ If the vulnerability analysis determines that the risk related to the vulnerability is major

**Then** the CSP shall report without delay to the CAB that issued the certificate a description of the vulnerability, together with a description of its impact



The time between the moment the CSP learns about the vulnerability and the notification of the CAB

- shall not exceed **seven (7) working days**

Failure to notify the CAB of a vulnerability with potential major impact or to do so within the delays defined above shall be considered as a non-compliance to the rules of the scheme, as defined in Chapter 13 (NonCompliance)

## 2- Receipt

### Handling Vulnerability



At the time the CSP notifies the CAB, the analysis of the vulnerability may not be finalized.

CSP shall provide to the CAB a date for the delivery of the full analysis without undue delay.



#### Type of information to share

- ✓ possible exploit(s) of the vulnerability

In that case, it shall carry the appropriate **TLP classification** as to ensure the relevant protection, in accordance with the standard rules defined in <https://www.first.org/tlp/>, or with **alternative classification** and mechanisms previously agreed between the CSP and the CAB.

## 3- Verification / 4-Remediation Development



In its analysis of the vulnerability with major impact, the CSP shall propose

1. whether or not the certificate should be suspended until a remediation is released
2. whether or not a special conformity assessment should be performed on the cloud service after remediation

The CAB shall approve the proposed actions or make alternative proposals within seven (7) working days.

If no decisions ==> inform the NCCA and ask for its advice, and if required for additional delays

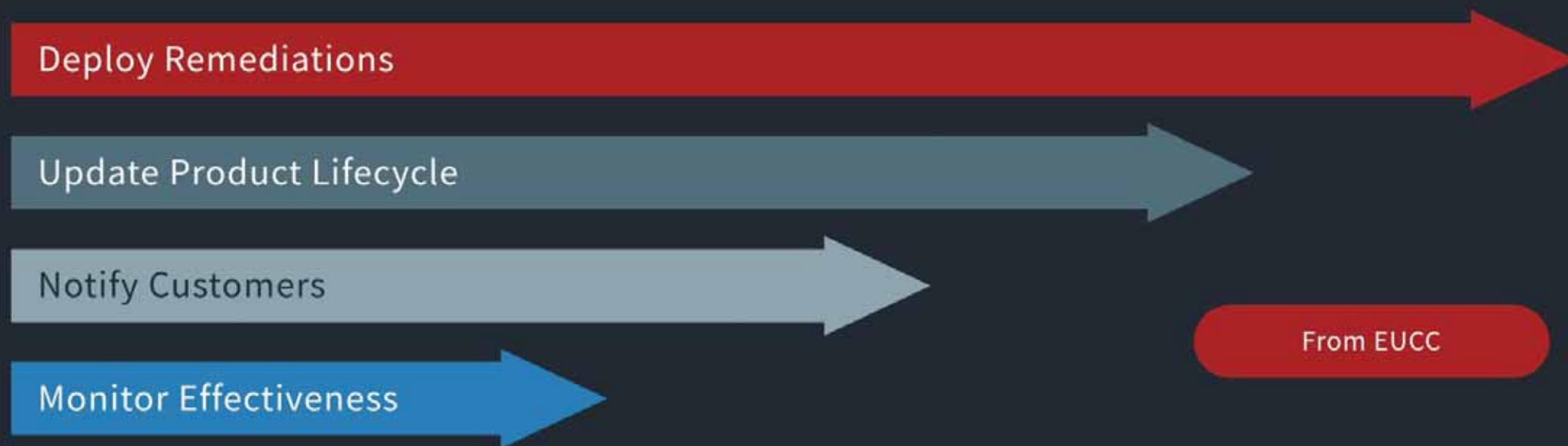


If a special conformity assessment has been deemed necessary

It shall be performed before lifting a potential suspension of the certificate

In addition to the security controls defined in Annex A: (Security Objectives and requirements for Cloud Services), the CSP's processes shall include the following steps

## 5- Release and Post Release



There are no specific rules related to these phases, beyond the requirements defined in Annex A: (Security Objectives and requirements for Cloud Services)

# Vulnerability Disclosure



## Not longer than 90 days embargo on vulnerability disclosure

- Certificate holders can impose three (3) months embargo on vulnerability disclosure, extendable with NCCA approval, to limit disclosure to certain parties.
- CSPs could decide to disclose the vulnerability to some or all of CSCs



## Notify and share vulnerability details

- Certification bodies must notify NCCAs of confirmed vulnerabilities
- Only necessary information to understand the impact of the vulnerability.
- Maintaining confidentiality of exploitation details (e.g no details about exploits)



## NCCA shall share information with other NCCAs

- Could ask for further investigation for CABs
- Information exchange shall be done in confidentiality, including application of encryption and need-to-know principle .

Embargo, notification, and public disclosure guidelines for vulnerabilities found in certified solutions.

# Vulnerability Disclosure



## After Solution Corrected

1. CSP shall establish the necessary CVE with the support of the NCCA and related national CSIRT,
2. Proceed to its publication on the relevant list
3. ENISA shall be informed of all changes of status of the related certificates.



## NCCA as coordinator

- ✓ NCCAs may develop their capacity to act as “coordinators” as defined in ISO/IEC 29147, and alternatively, designate their national CSIRT to play this role.

CSIRT shall have access to the necessary details related to the vulnerabilities and to the certified cloud services.

Embargo, notification, and public disclosure guidelines for vulnerabilities found in certified solutions.



## Vulnerability Management

# EUCC **VS** EUCS

It is important to understand that the vulnerability handling requirements defined here are related to the maintenance of the certificate more than to the handling of vulnerabilities itself. In particular, the timelines indicated are not realistic for the handling of vulnerabilities, but only for the exchanges with the CAB. They are mostly interesting for complex and impactful vulnerabilities (e.g., Log4J), which take a long time to fully analyse and address.



EUCS is strongly inspired from EUCC

Few significant simplifications (e.g. no mention of an attack potential in the analysis of a vulnerability)



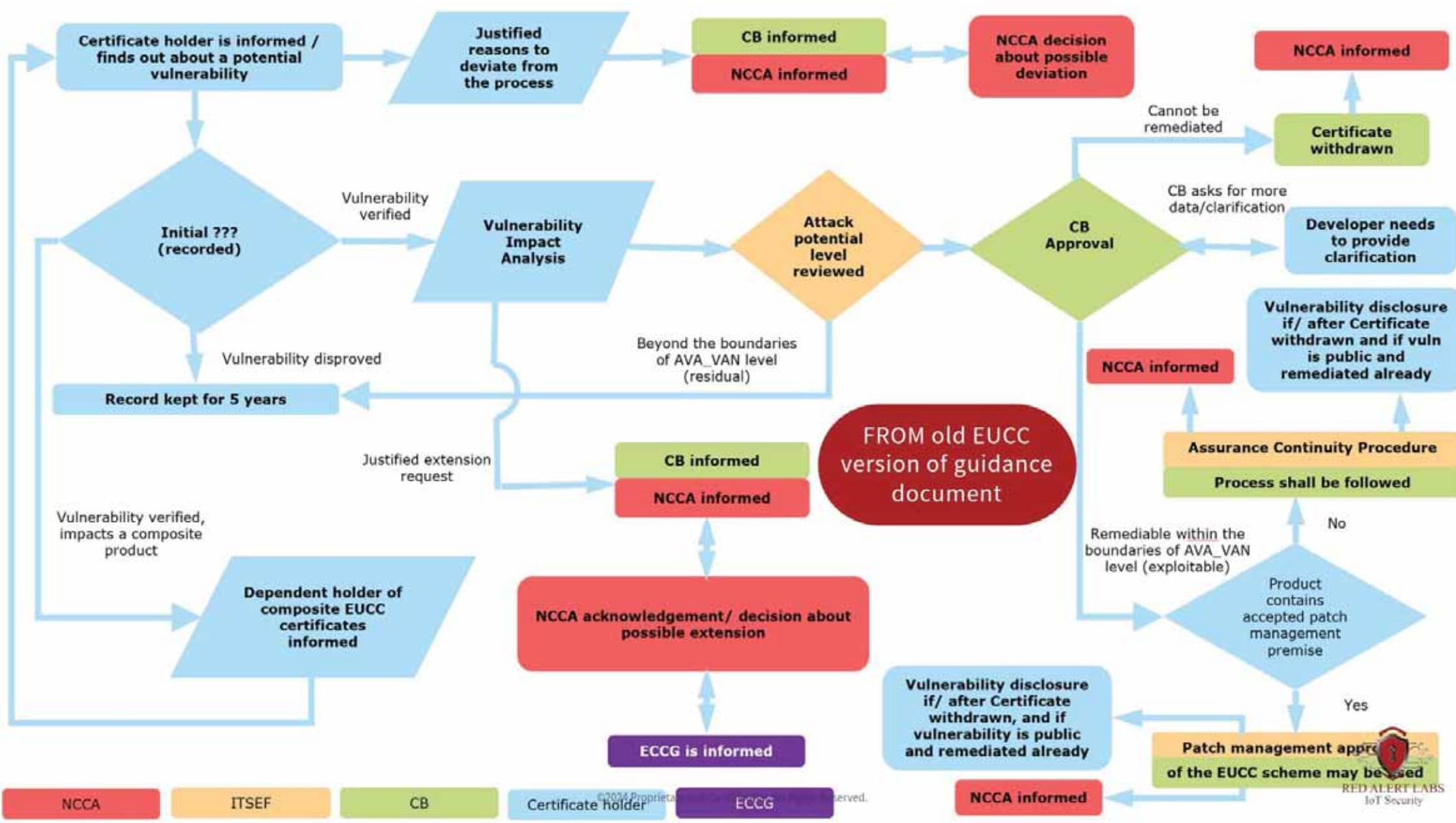
Decision about the suspension and the need to perform another conformity assessment

Is only expected when an incident is linked to a dysfunction in the application of processes



Timelines indicated are limits

- vulnerabilities are expected to be handled timely
- Initial analysis is limited to 90 days
- should normally be under 15 days.



# Question time

- ✓ **Question #1**  
What are the 6 steps of vulnerability management?
- ✓ **Question #2**  
What is the default limit for the embargo period in the case of the EUCS?
- ✓ **Question #3**  
True or False. CSIRT shall act as coordinator during the vulnerability disclosure process.



## Answer

- ✓ 1-What are the 6 steps of vulnerability management?
  - Preparation, receipt, verification, remediation development, release, post release
  
- ✓ 2-What is the default limit for the embargo period in the case of the EUCS?
  - 3 months and could be extended with the approval of the NCCA
  
- ✓ 3-True or False. CSIRT shall act as coordinator during the vulnerability disclosure process.
  - False. NCCAs may develop their capacity to act as “coordinators” as defined in ISO/IEC 29147, and alternatively, designate their national CSIRT to play this rol



Chapter 15 + 18

# Record retention + Availability of information



## EUCS - Chapter 15 + 18

# Record retention



**Maintain a records system**  
according to ISO/IEC 17065



### Exhaustive

- shall include all records and other documents produced in connection with each conformity assessment
- Shall allow reproductibility of the evaluation



### Robust

stored for a period of at least seven (7) years after the conformity assessment

+

at least five (5) years after the expiry or withdrawal of the certificate



### Split responsibility

between the CAB and the CSP regarding the documents and evidence that the CSP made available in a restricted manner to the CAB



Chapter 16

# Related scheme

# Related scheme



1/ SecNumCloud

ANSSI



2/ C5 methodology

BSI



3/ Zeker-Online

Zeker-Online foundation

## Related scheme

1 | What happens if I own a certificate of this type?

A certificate issued under these schemes may where necessary be transformed into a certificate under the EUCS scheme if all required activities are conducted.

2 | Is results from evaluations under these schemes can be reused?

A CAB may accept to use the results of evaluation activities performed under these schemes for a certification under the EUCS scheme.

3 | Can I continue to be accredited according to these schemes?

EU Member States may consider to establish a date of two (2) years after the implementing act has been adopted for existing schemes to cease producing effect.

Some of these schemes may continue to run conformity assessment activities covering the same type or category of ICT services, security requirements, evaluation criteria and methods and go beyond the scope of the EUCS scheme in terms of assurance levels or requirements.



## FAQs



## Chapter 17

# Certificate Format

# Certificate format

A unique identifier established by the CAB and following ENISA specification

Information related to cloud service and CSP

- Name of the cloud service
- Version of the cloud service
- Name and contact of the CSP
- Link to CSP Website

Information related to evaluation / certification

- Name of the CAB (issuer)
- Name of the CAB (tester)
- CAB(s) Contacts
- Name of the NCCA
- Reference to EUCS
- Reference to the certification report
- EUCSA assurance level
- EUCS assurance level
- Reference to CSEP(s)
- Date of issuance and validity period



Chapter 18

# Availability of information

(See with Chapter 15)



Chapter 19

# Certificate Validity



## EUCS - Chapter 19

# Certificate validity

3

Maximum 3 years



Can be less

if the CAB believes that issuing a certificate for three (3) years would lead to potential risks.



Chapter 20

# Disclosure policy

# Disclosure policy

Who shall publish the certificate, amendments and withdrawals ?



ENISA  
On a dedicated website



Issuing CAB  
On its website with a Link  
to ENISA website



NCCA  
On its website with a Link  
to ENISA website



(CSP)  
On its website with a Link  
to ENISA website  
Not mandatory for CSP



# Question time

✓ Question #1

What is the minimum retention period of the record after the conformity assessment?

✓ Question #2

What is the minimum retention period of the record after the certificate expiration?

✓ Question #3

What is the maximum certificate validity?



## Answer

- ✓ What is the minimum retention period of the record after the conformity assessment?  
- 7 years
- ✓ What is the minimum retention period of the record after the certificate expiration?  
- 5 years
- ✓ What is the maximum certificate validity?  
- maximum 3 years and could be less if the CABs judge that there is a risk



Chapter 21

# Mutual recognition

# Mutual recognition

- Supported and inspired from the EUCC
  - 17 Conditions listed for recognition of certificates by participants to such an MRA, i.e :
    - Accept any participant
    - Use commonly accepted ICT security evaluation
    - Use equivalent evaluation criteria that those listed in EUCS
  - CAB(s) of the participants of such an Agreement that issue(s) certificates at an assurance level equivalent to 'high' shall be subject to peer assessments
- The procedure may be adapted and simplified for the assurance levels 'basic' or 'substantial'





Chapter 22

# Peer assessment

# Peer assessment

## Peer review



- Defined by EUCSA (Art. 59)
- Between NCCA



## Peer Assessment



- Defined by EUCS
- Between CAB
- Only for CAB issuing CS-"High"

# Peer assessment



Shall be based on the rules defined for EUCC



## Target

Each authority or body issuing certificates at the evaluation levels CS-High



## Period

Every 5 years Maximum



## Actors

ECCG --> Establish and maintain planning

CAB --> Perform the assessment

NCCA --> a representative of the NCCA of the assessed CAB participate

ENISA --> May participate



## Goals

- assess that they work in a harmonised way and produce the same quality of certificates;
- allow the reuse of certificates for composition,
- identify any potential strength that result out of their daily work and that may benefit to others;
- identify any potential weakness that result out of their daily work;
- find a harmonised way to handle nonconformities and vulnerabilities and exchange best practices regarding the handling of complaints.



## Result

peer assessment report, with an indication of the severity of any shortcomings

## EUCS - Chapter 22

# Peer assessment

Procedure overview



# Peer assessment

Responsibilities sharing



## Primary assessment team

- is composed by the ECCG
- shall be composed of two EUCS experts (Leader and co-Leader) selecting from two CABs issuing certificate (CS-High)
- may be extended with additional EUCS experts from other or the same CABs
- an expert from the concerned NCCA may be associated to the team
- may be assisted by subject matter experts.
- can be observed by observers proposed by other NCCAs

# Peer assessment

Responsibilities sharing



## Selected experts shall:

- have a **minimum of two years of experience** as a certifier at a CAB issuing EUCS certificates at evaluation levels CS-high;
- (at least 1 expert) have previously participated to the assessment of additional competences of CABs
- have participated in previous peer assessments under the EUCS scheme (highly recommended)

# Peer assessment

Responsibilities sharing



## Peer assessed CAB

- Provide documentation (description of the scope, last certificates issued, procedures for certification, list of personnels with their competences, ...)
- Provide quality management system
- Provide documents in English, at least 4 weeks before audit date
- Provide documents that have been used and produced during the certification of the cloud services assessed during peer assessment.
- Coordinate site visit
- Being generally available to answer questions and resolve issues

# Peer assessment

Responsibilities sharing

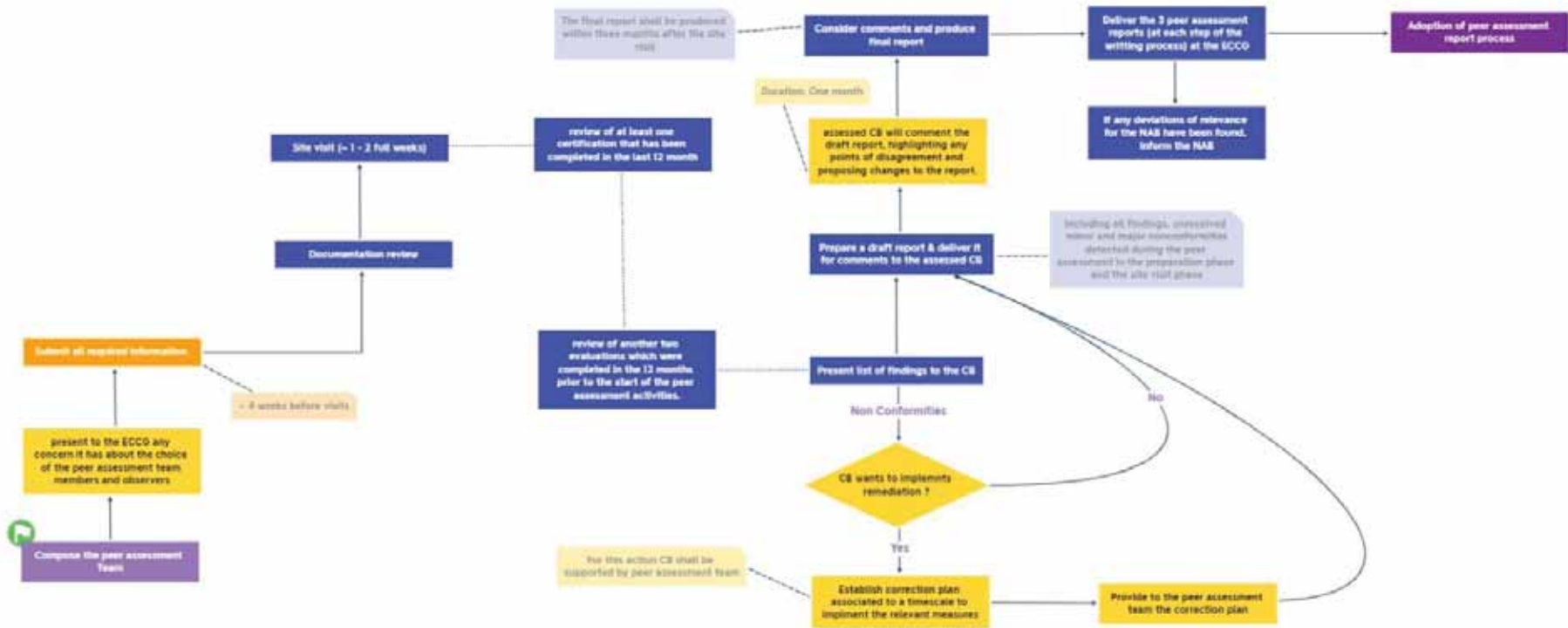


## Peer assessment team leader

- Coordinating the receipt of materials from the CAB,
- Coordinating the decision regarding the selection of the candidate cloud services (and audit organisations) and notification to the peer assessed CAB,
- Drafting the site visit(s) agenda and coordinating it with the CAB,
- Coordinating and completing the peer assessment draft report at the end of the site visit,
- Delivering the peer assessment final report to the ECCG, and
- If necessary, monitoring the CAB's resolution of outstanding issues resulting from the peer assessment.

# Peer assessment

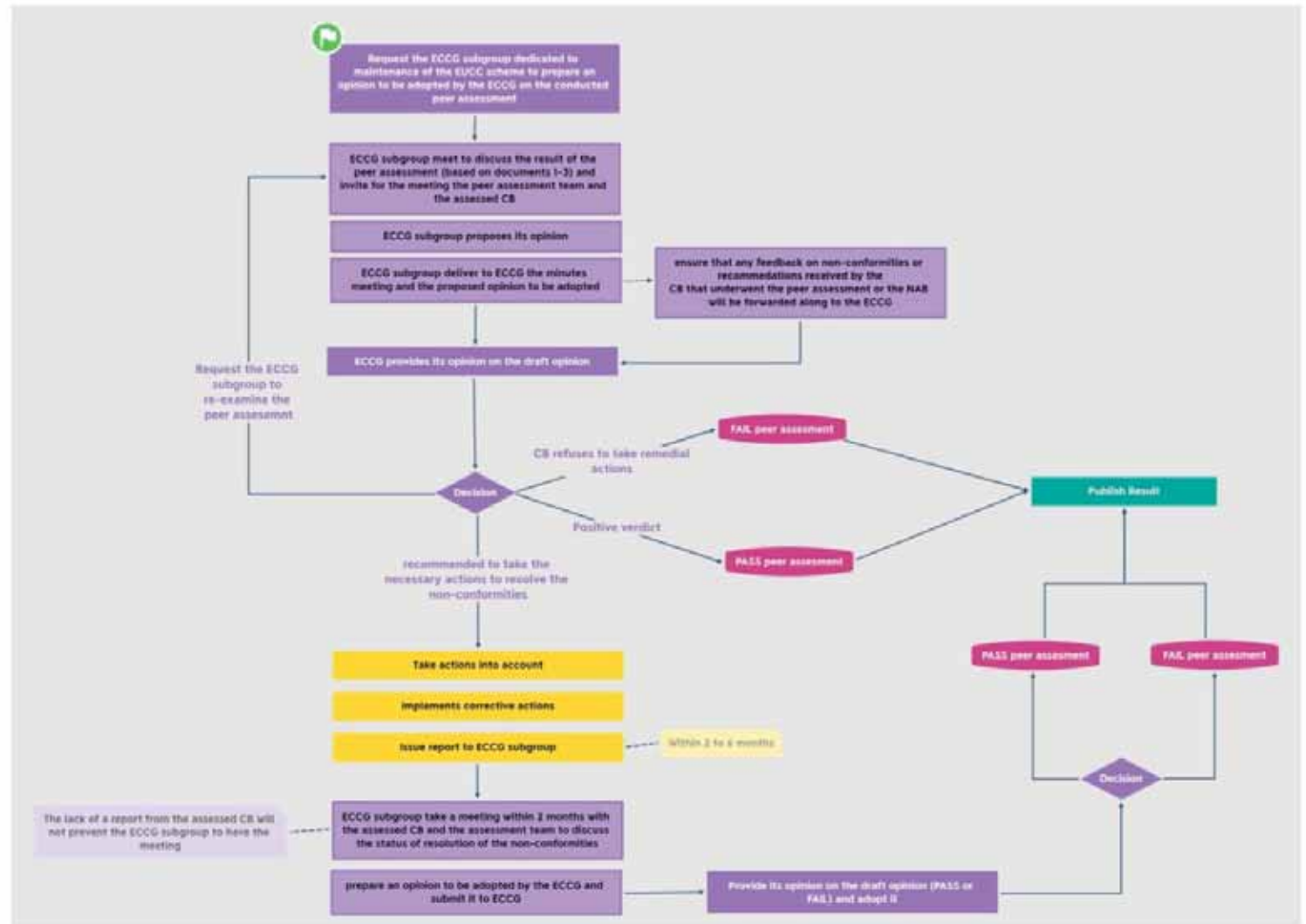
## Process



## EUCC - Chapter 22

# Peer assessment

ECCG verdict





Chapter 23

# Supplementary information

Only a reminder of the EUCSA, requirement already covered in chapter 17 and 12



Chapter 24

# Additional topics

# 1- Extension profile

## CSEP

- The scheme users have the ability to extend the EUCS requirements in the context of a specific use case  
Specific requirements are defined in an EUCS extension profile (CSEP)
- A specific evaluation process has been defined for extension profiles
  1. Developed by a scheme user
  2. Evaluation by CAB
  3. Review by NCCA
  4. Approved By ECCG
  5. Published by ENISA

- A CSEP shall
  - not remove or weaken any requirement defined in the EUCS.
  - not modify the assessment methodology or the assessment methods defined in the EUCS.
  - follow the processes defined in the EUCS, and shall produce the same deliverables.
  - specify the minimum EUCS evaluation level that it targets.
  - define new service requirements (that do not contradict or weaken EUCS requirements).
- Maximum validity period  
5 years



## EUCS - Chapter 24 - Additional topics

# 2- Security of information

2 main information in this chapter



### Confidentiality

all parties involved in the application of this scheme shall maintain confidentiality and observe professional secrecy

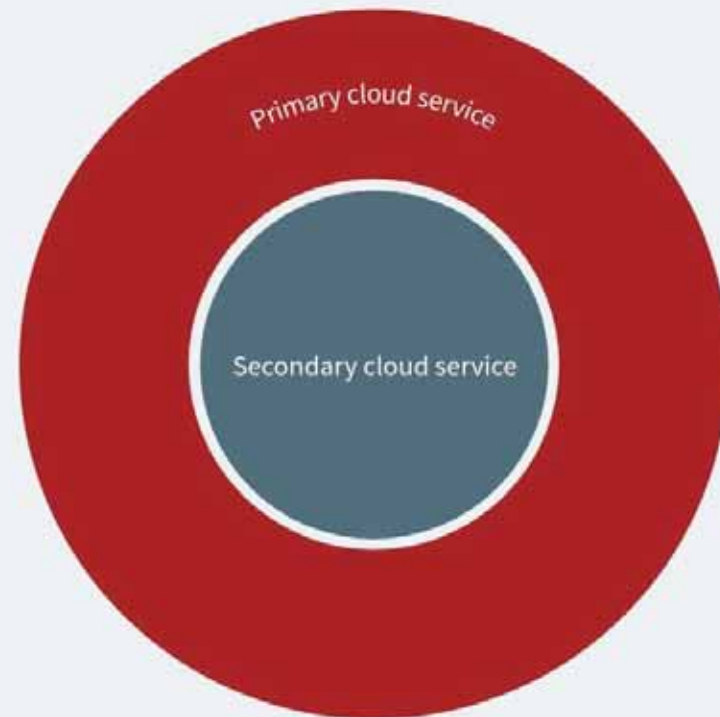


### Use

All information received from the CABs or their subcontractors or the CSPs shall only be used for the purpose of the certification

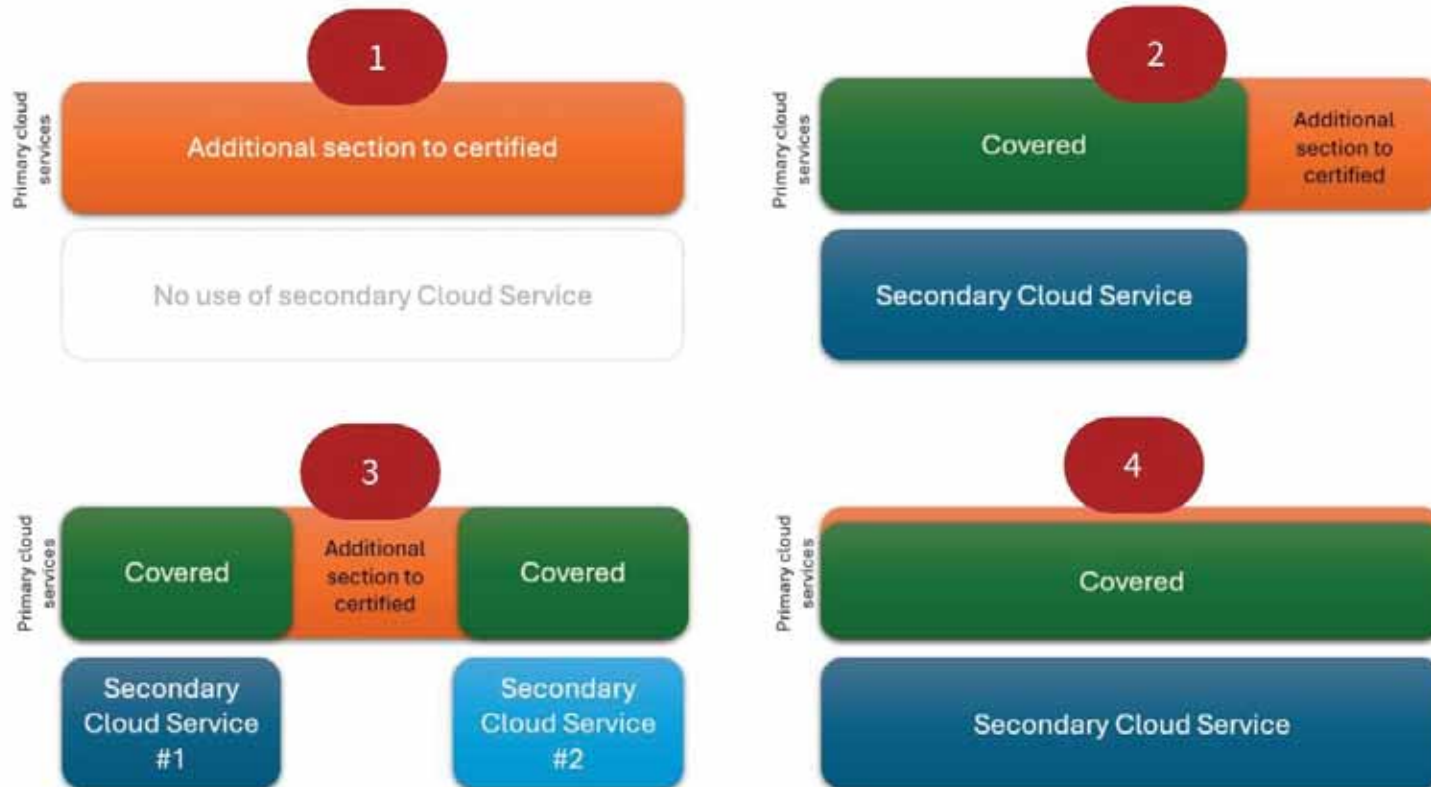
## 3- Composition

- 1 | A particular case of certification where the cloud service to be certified (primary cloud service) uses a subservice that is itself a cloud service (secondary cloud service) that has been certified in the EUCS.
- 2 | The secondary cloud service
  - provide a description of the contribution of their cloud service to the EUCS requirement fulfilment of primary cloud services that depend on it, properly justified through references to their own controls.
  - provide a list of actionable requirements on Complementary Customer Controls (CUEC), to be fulfilled by a primary cloud service that relies on their service in order for that primary cloud service to fulfil the requirements for EUCS certification at the chosen assurance level



# 3- Composition

Some example of composition



# Question time

✓ Question #1

What are the 4 steps related to the peer assessment process?

✓ Question #2

Could you list 2 requirements related the CSEP?

✓ Question #3

True or False. In order to apply composition, the secondary cloud service shall be certified at an evaluation level equal or lower than the evaluation level targeted by the primary cloud service;



## Answer

- ✓ What are the 4 steps related to the peer assessment process?
  - Preparation, Visit, Reporting, Adoption of Report
  
- ✓ Could you list 2 requirements related the CSEP?

Below is the full list of requirements:

  - \* not remove or weaken any requirement defined in the EUCS
  - \* not modify the assesement methodology or the assessment methods defined in the EUCS
  - \* follow the processes defined in the EUCS, and shall produce the same deliverables
  - \* specify the minimum EUCS evaluation level that it targets,
  - \* define new service requirements (that do not contradict or weaken EUCS requirements).
  
- ✓ True or False. In order to apply composition, the secondary cloud service shall be certified at an evaluation level equal or lower than the evaluation level targeted by the primary cloud service;
  - False. In order to apply composition, the secondary cloud service shall be certified at an evaluation level equal or **greater** than the evaluation level targeted by the primary cloud service;




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