

Cyber Threat Intelligence Information Sharing for EU-led military Operations – Is the time ready now?

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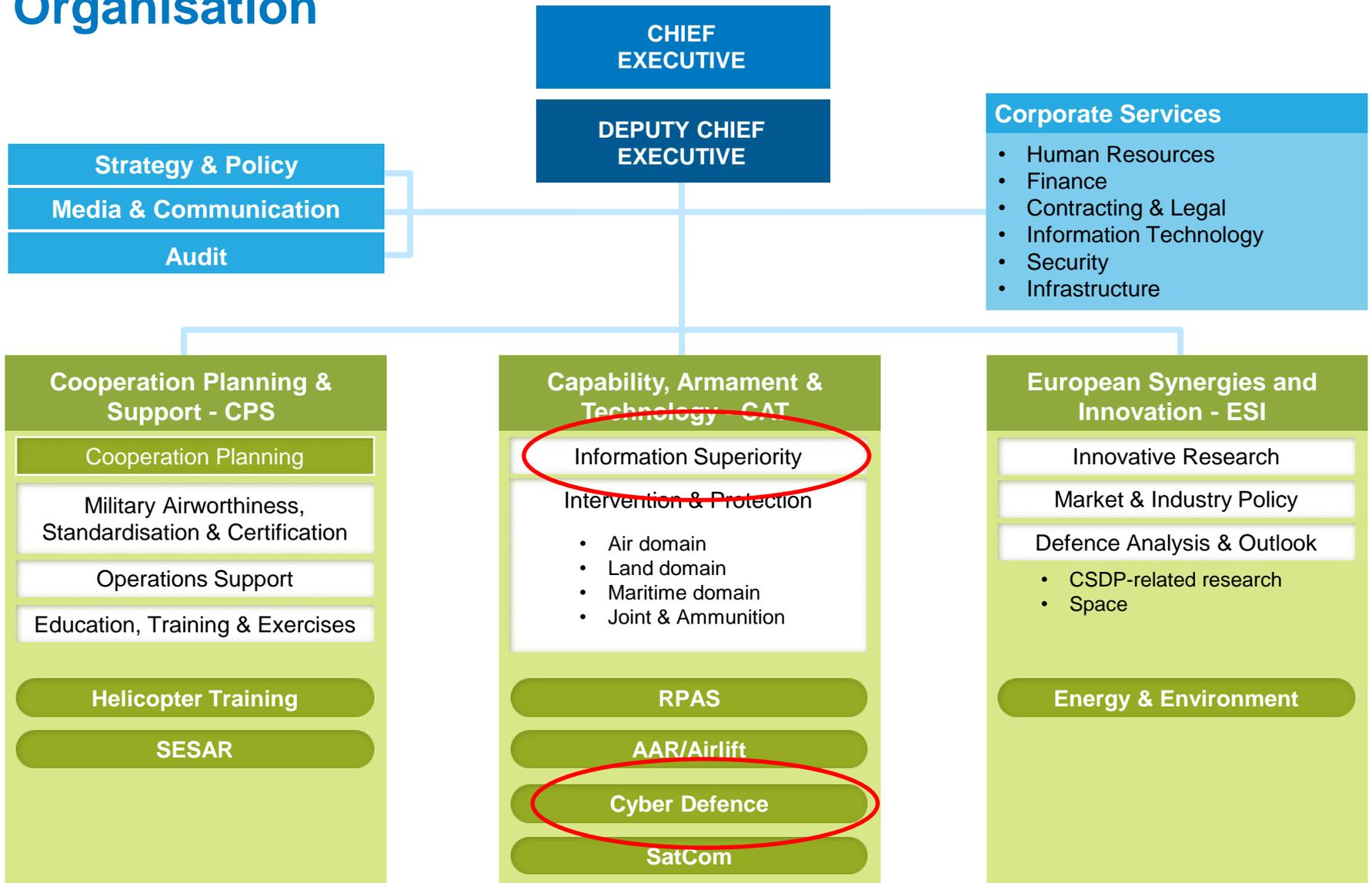
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Mission

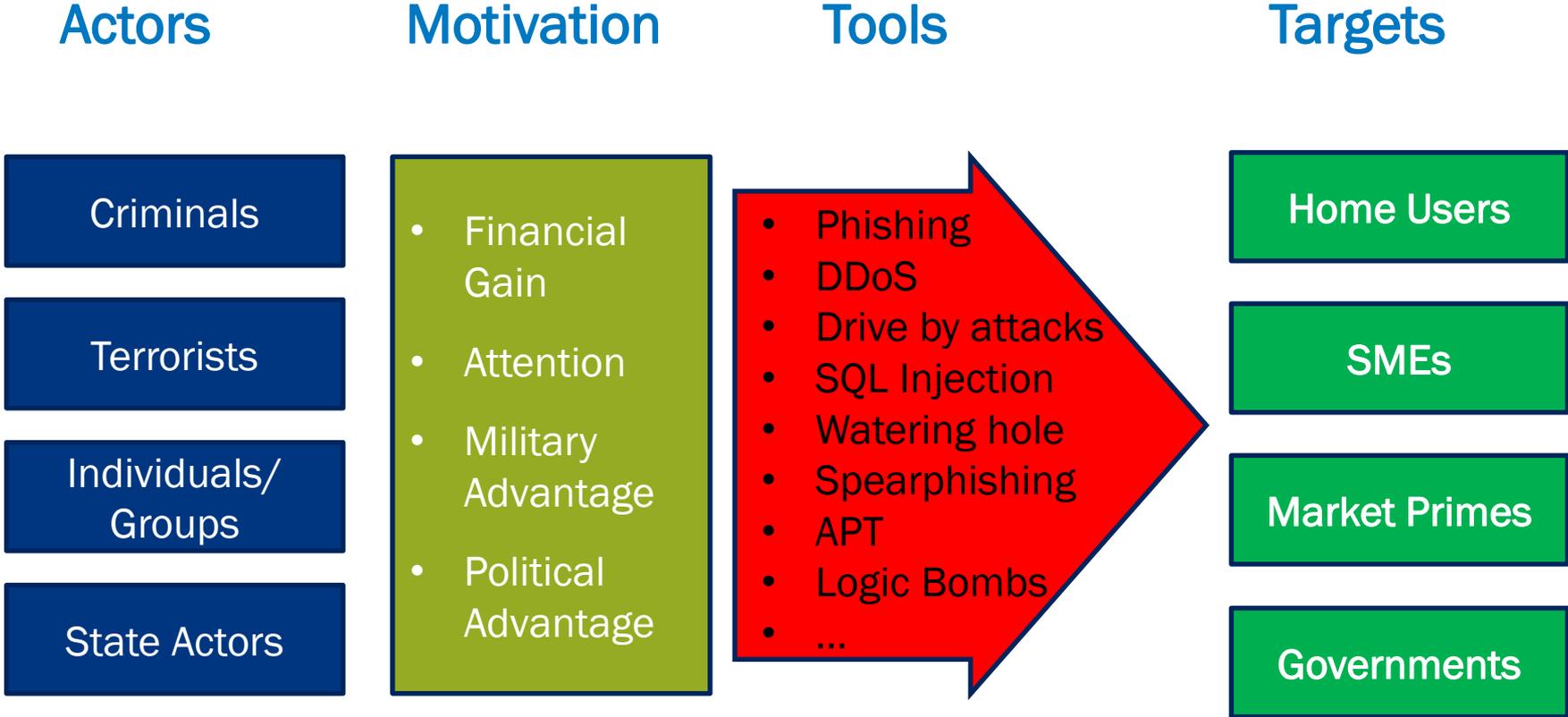
... to support the Council and the Member States in their effort to improve the European Union's defence capabilities for the Common Security and Defence Policy.*

* Treaty of Lisbon, signed in 2007, entered into force in 2009

Organisation



Cyber Threats; Who, Why, How?

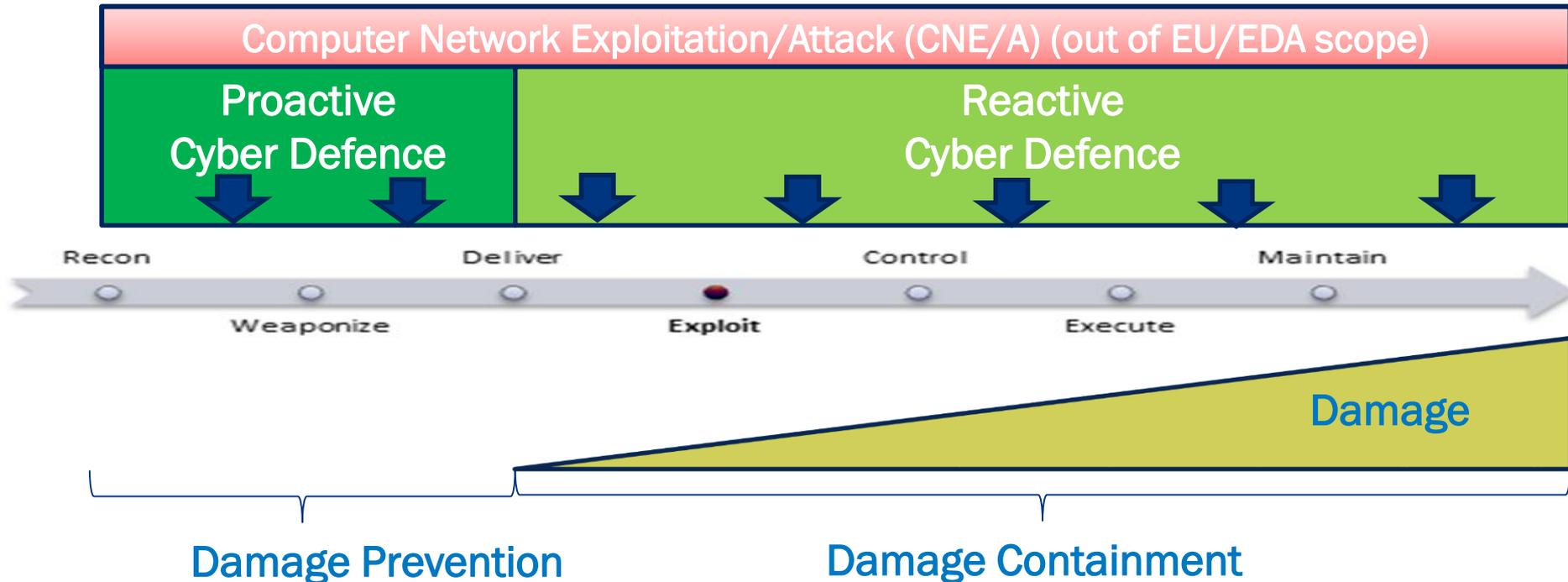


The Military Requirement - Attacker's "Kill Chain"

The military requirements on Cyber Defence capabilities for CSDP are to:

- prepare for, prevent,
- detect, respond to, recover from, and
- learn lessons from

attacks, damage or unauthorized access affecting information infrastructures ... that support and enable the conduct of EU-led military tasks and operations.



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Cyber Risks & CDSP Military Operations

- Ever-growing **dependence on digitally-networked Information** to deliver military effects;
- Cyber Risks impinge on external, our **Civil Enabler** dependencies, as well as on our **Military Capabilities**;
- Successful adversaries' Cyber Attacks can result in **Mission difficulties, or even Mission failure**;
- **EU-led Military Operations** are, by their comprehensive/collaborative nature, **uniquely exposed to Cyber Risks**;
- Cyber Risk Management is inherently a **continuous process**, as adversaries continuously adapt their Attack Methods, and also our own Cyber posture changes over time;

- EUMS CD CONCEPT
- CSDP CD requirements
- ...

CD Capability
Catalogue

Business
as Usual

Use Case
(based on a
S&R
operation)

Use Case
(based on a
SoPBF
operation)

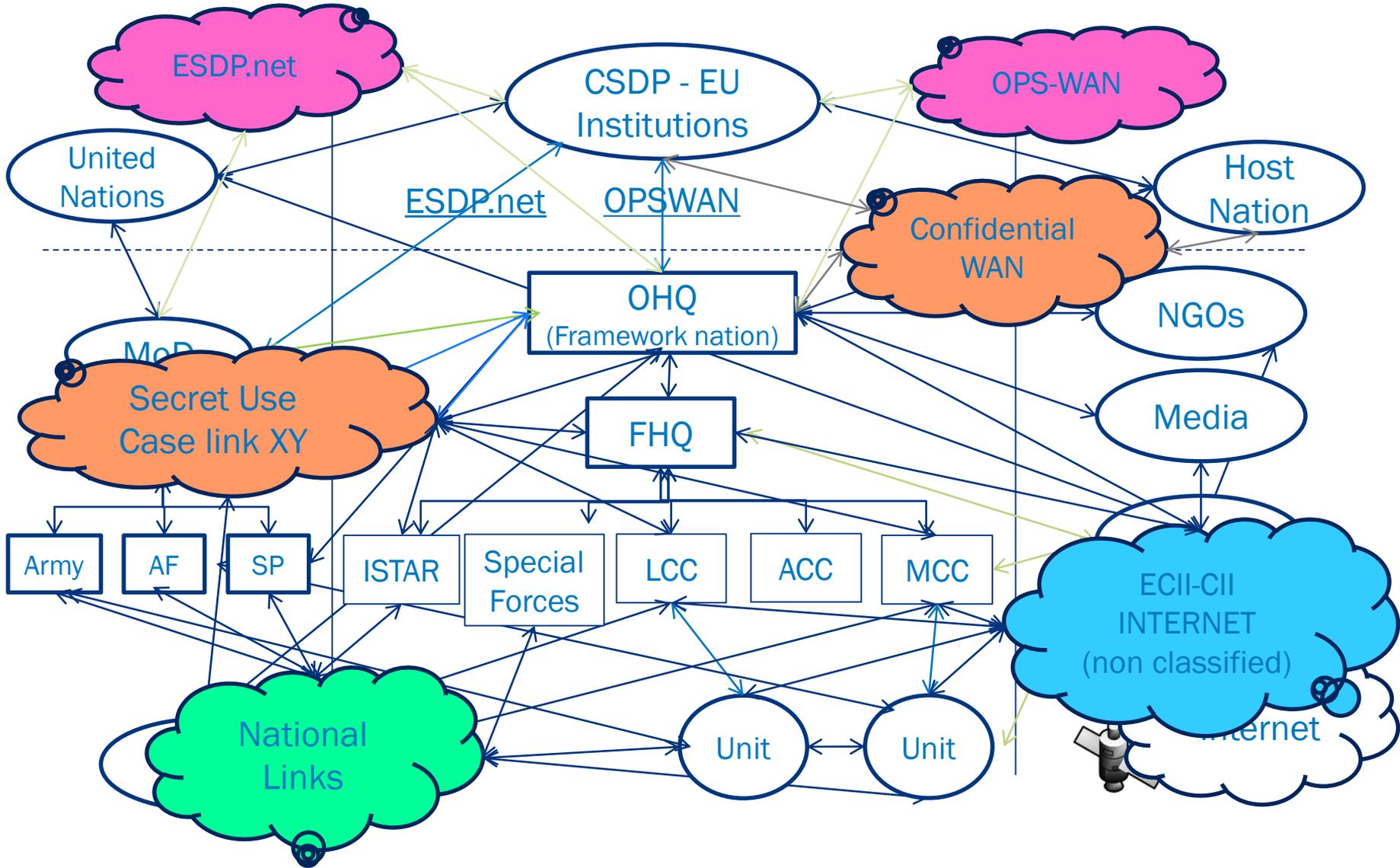
CD Enterprise
Architecture

DLoDs

DOTMPLF-I
Gaps and
overlaps



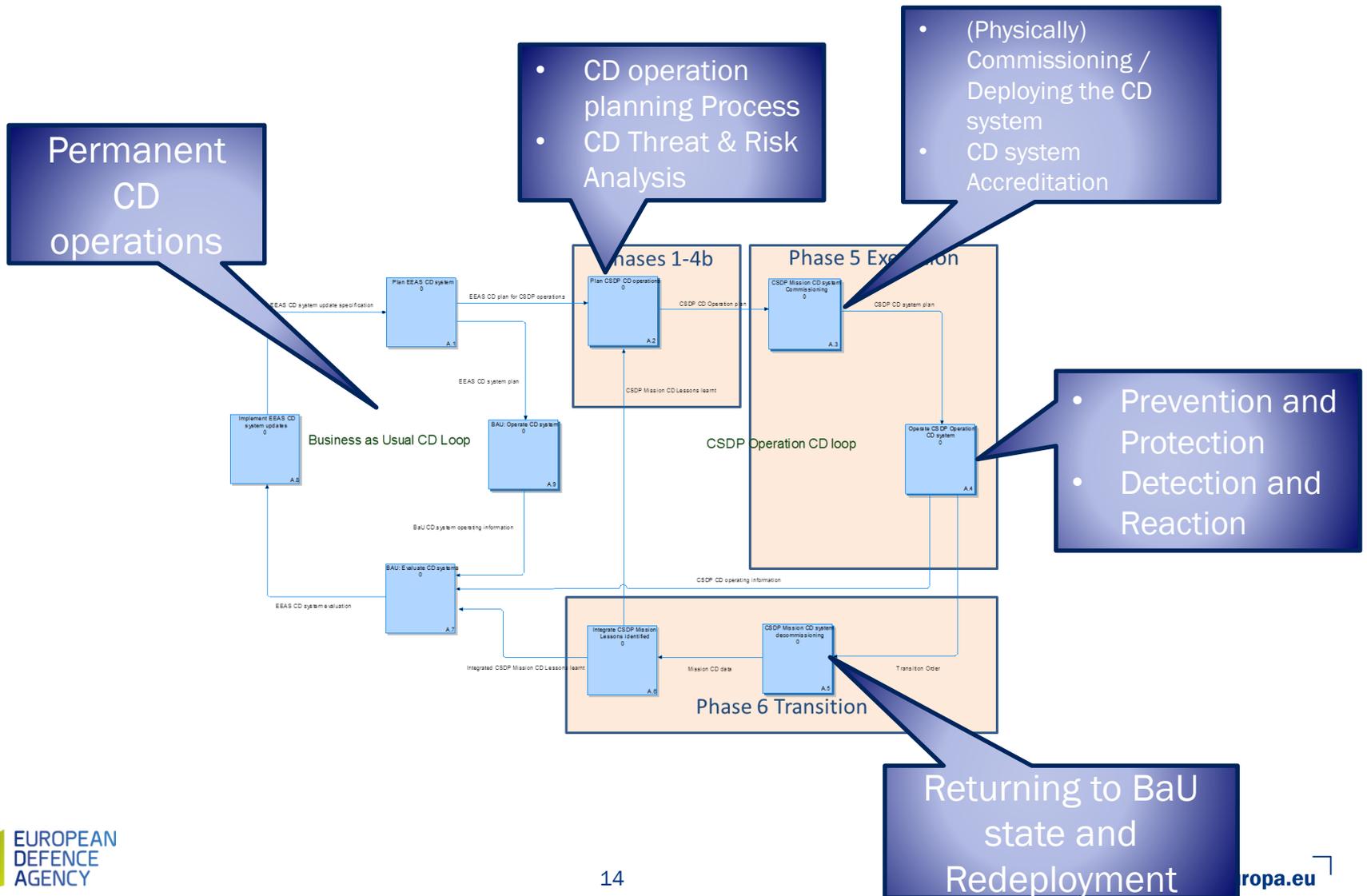
USE CASE Example



What can the CD EA tell us?

- How CD activities are connected to CD nodes and CD information flows: i.e. **what is done by whom**;
- How CD capabilities are connected to CD nodes and CD services: i.e. **what is needed by whom**, and
- Where the gaps are in doctrine, organisation, training, leadership, materiel, personnel and facilities.

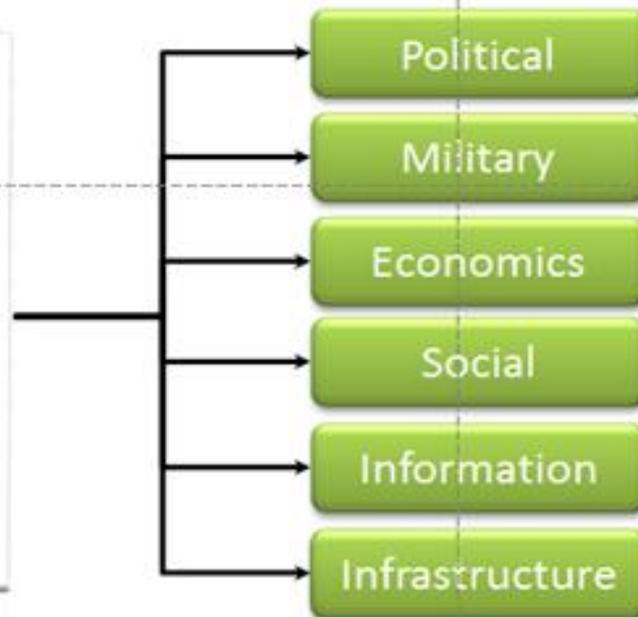
Important cyber defence factors for each phase



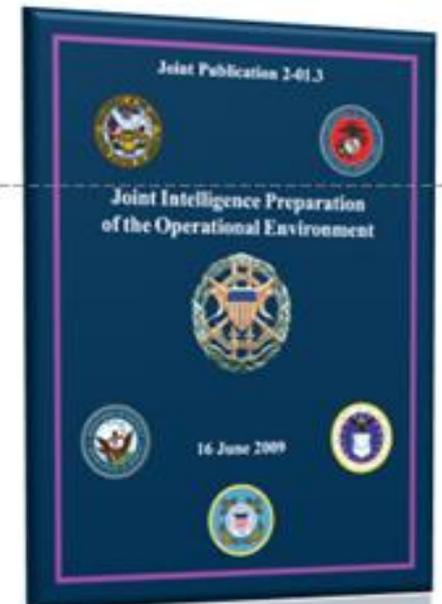
The Operations Planning Process



CPOE Comprehensive Preparation of Operational Environment

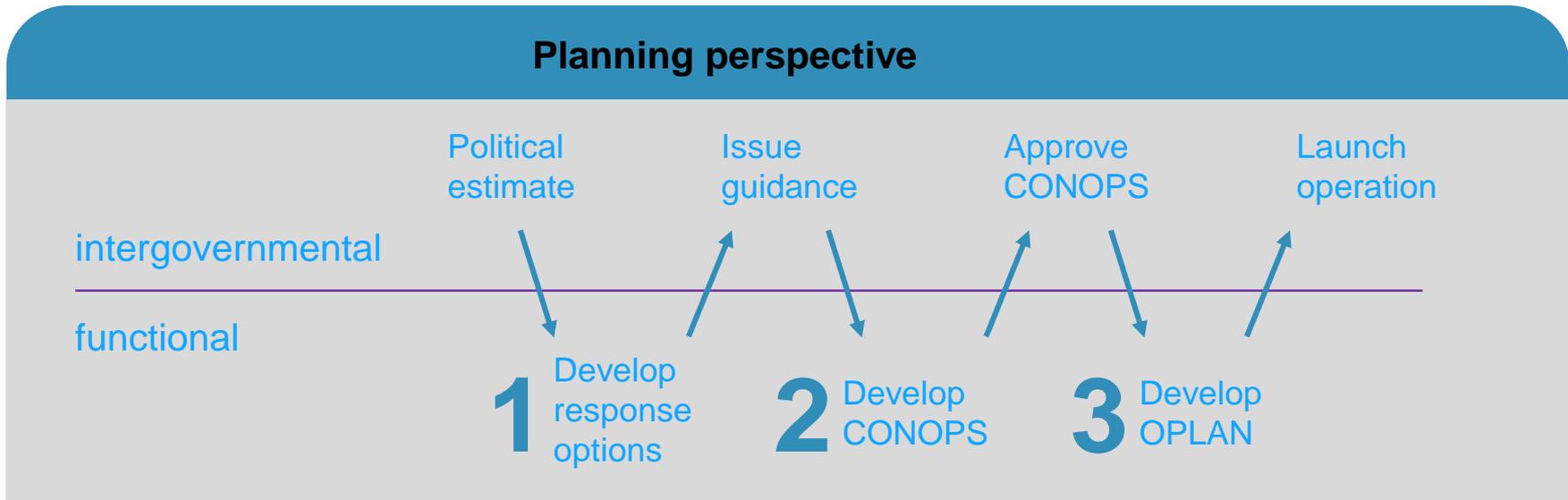


Cyber Factors



Operations Planning and Cyber Risk Management

Planning perspective



EUMS & MS
MoDs/Joint HQs

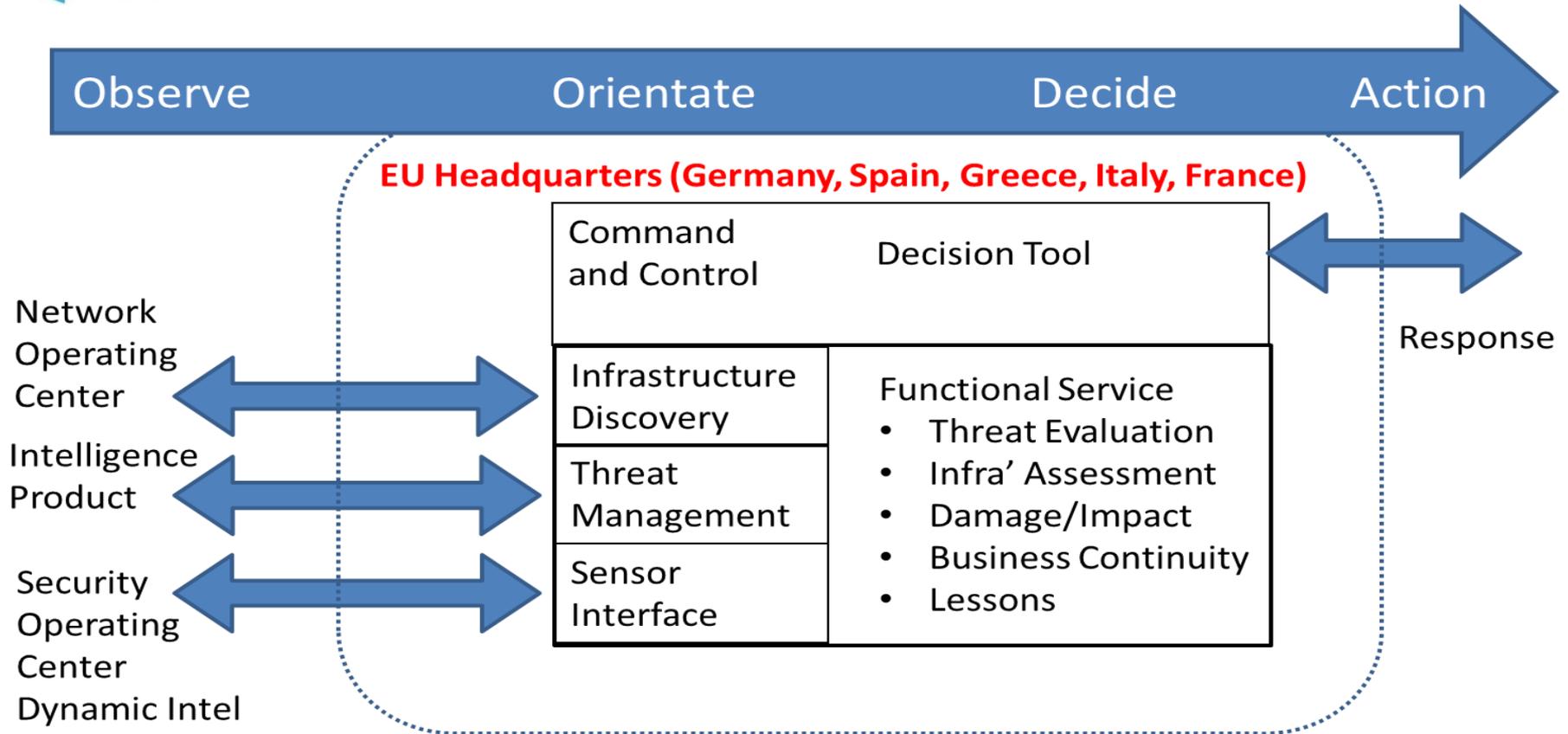
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**Cyber SA
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risk
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Specific (military) Capabilities « Cyber Situation Awareness Package »

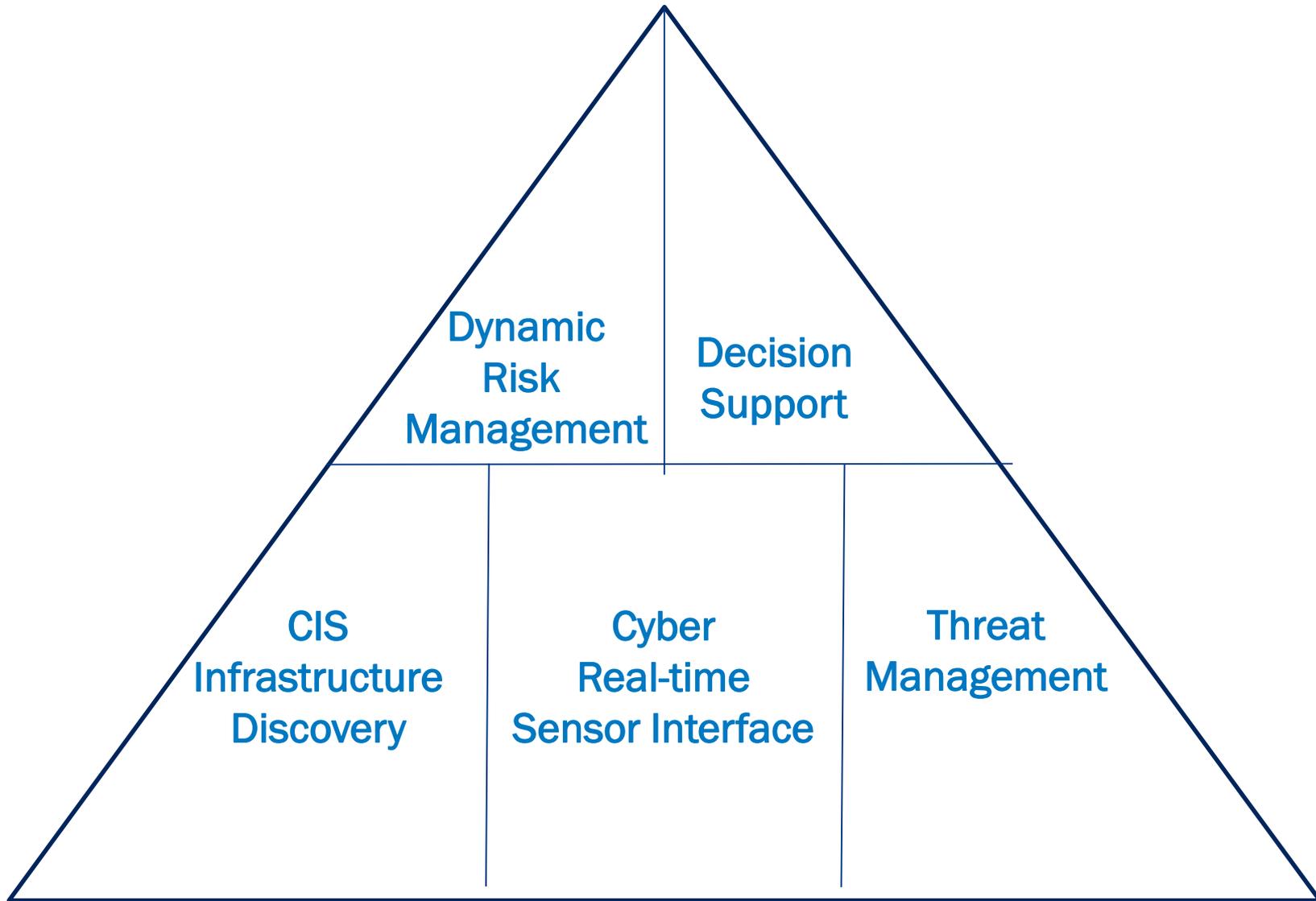


=> Well-informed Cyber decision-making.

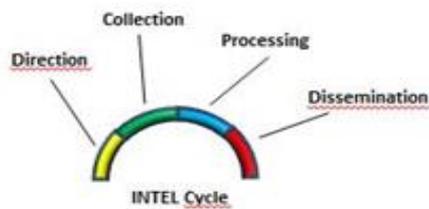
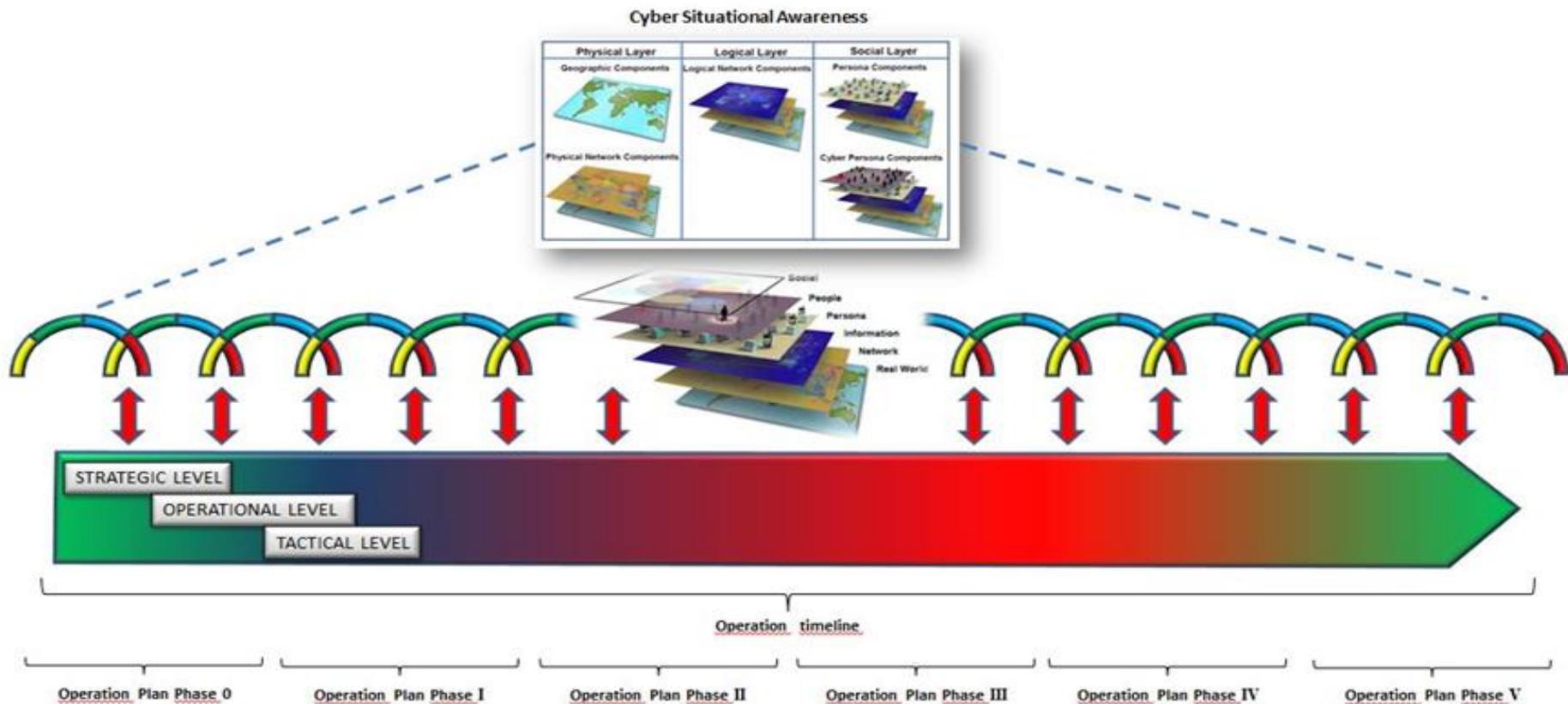
Start in 2013 with EDA initiative and Common Staff Target (CST) agreed mid 2014.
Common Staff Requirement (CSR) agreed in 2016. PA under negotiation

Contributing Member States: DE, ES, IT

Cyber Situation Awareness. Research Areas



Information & Intelligence Gathering Cycles

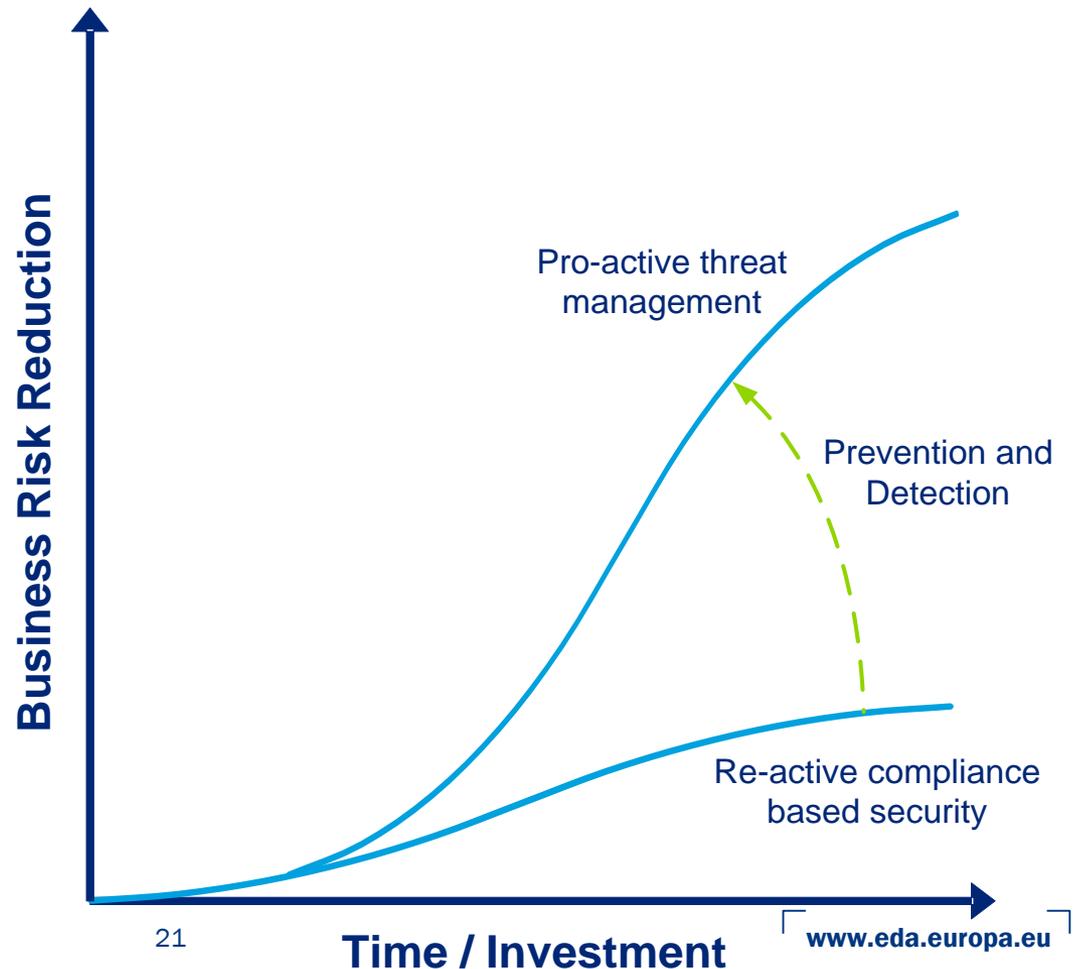


CyTelOPS Project (2013) context

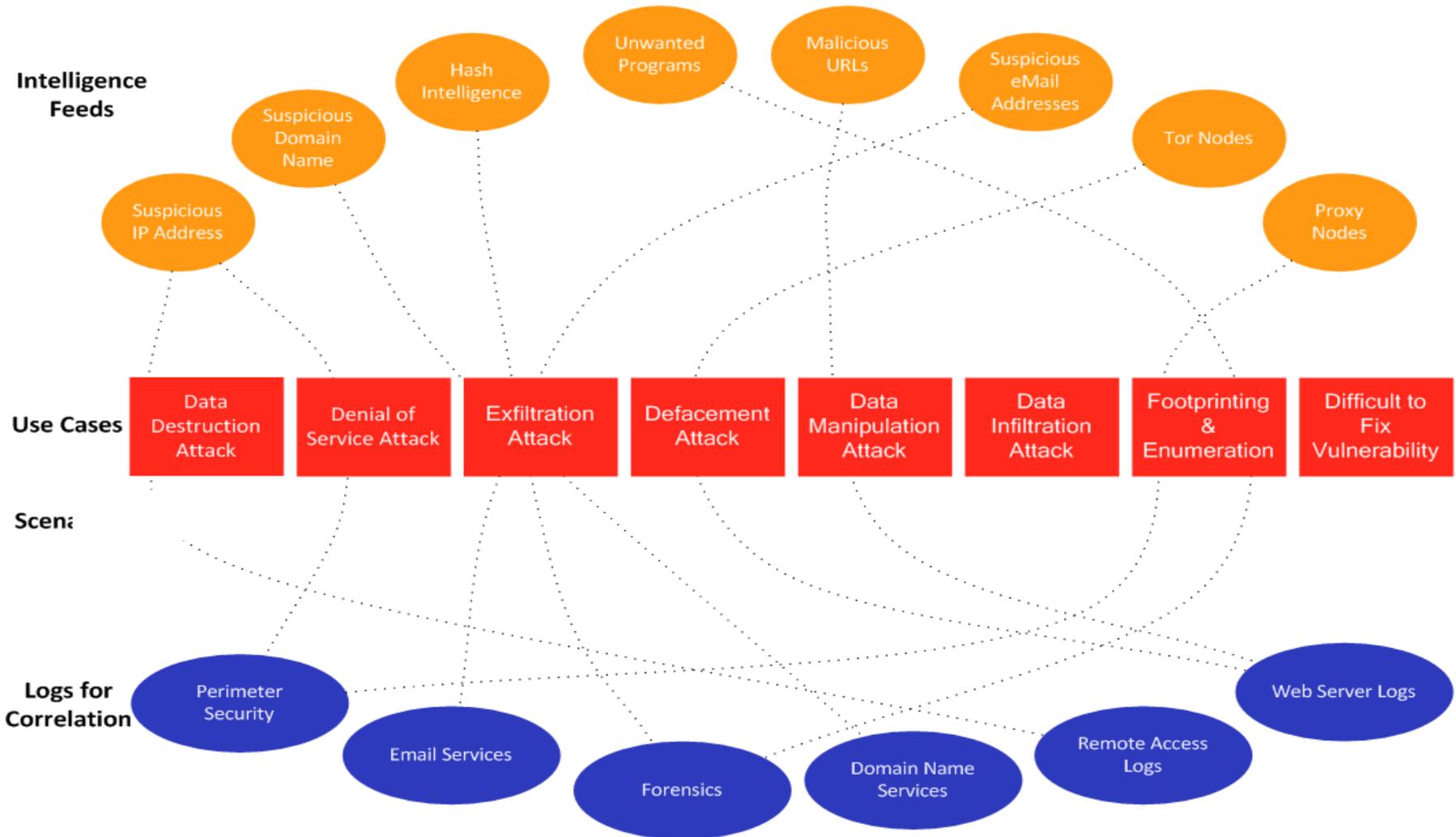
Move from information security to intelligent security

The new cyber threats require a new way of approaching security. To reduce risk, it is critical to be able to manage and monitor these threats effectively and pro-actively. This approach can be summarised by the following four key priorities:

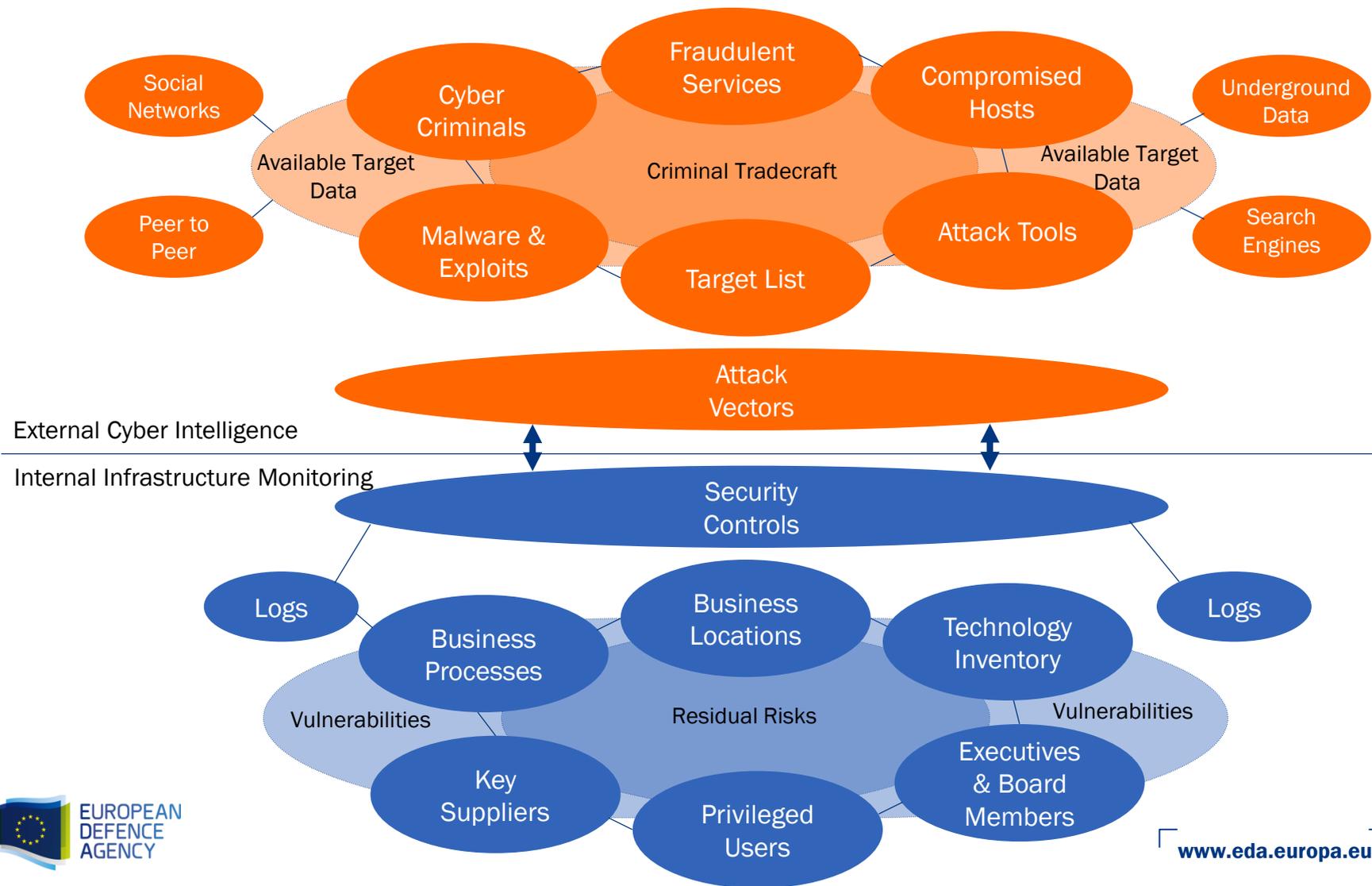
- **Prepare:** prepare to defend against a targeted cyber attack, and to respond to an attack as it happens.
- **Aware:** identify and predict the targets and mechanisms of cyber attacks.
- **Respond:** be ready to respond to threat intelligence or an attack.
- **Goal:** move from a reactive posture based on compliance based security, to one that provides greater defence against targeted attacks, or greatly reduces their impact.

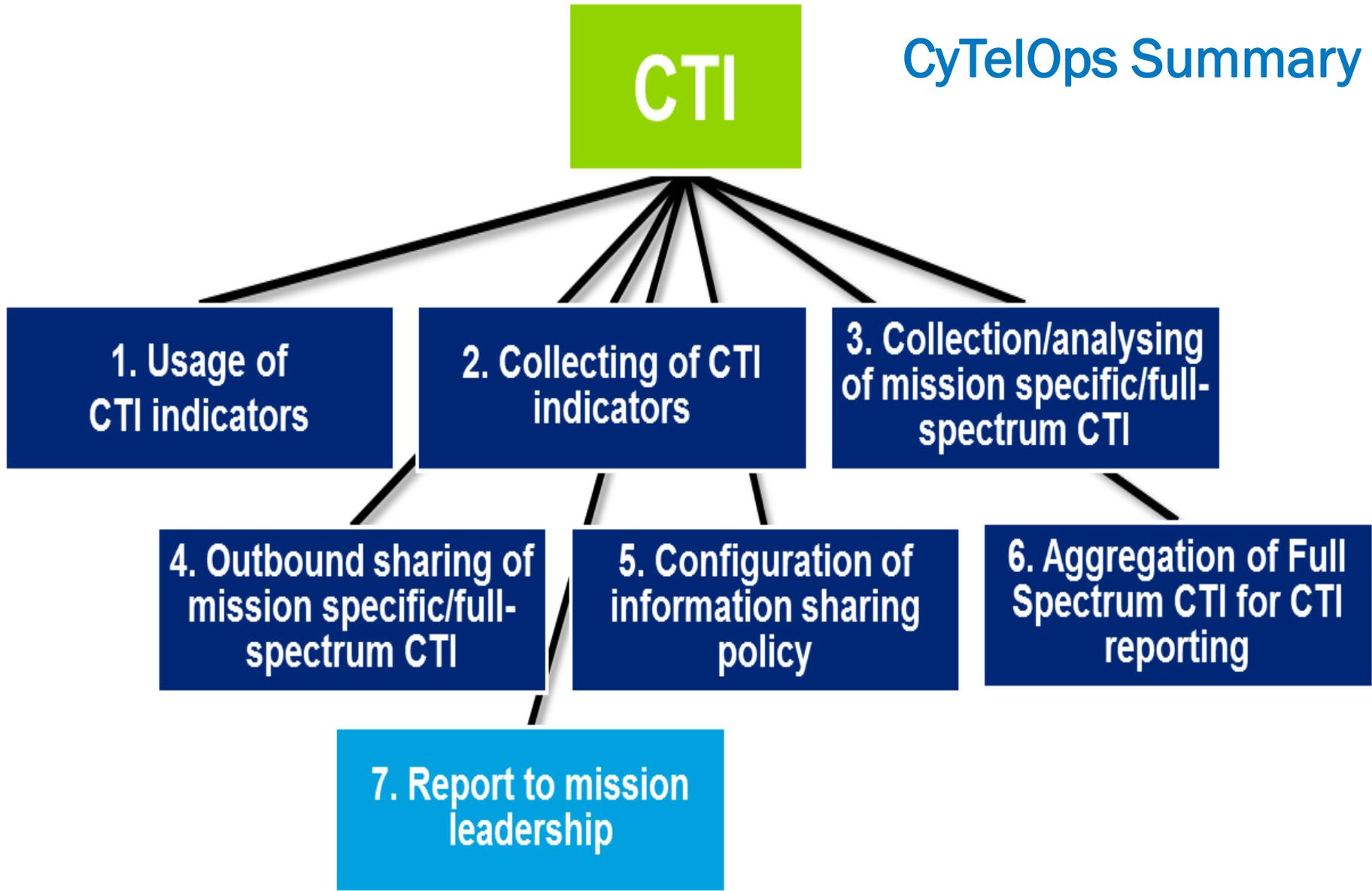


Work Package 1 – Analysis of relevant cyber threat intelligence aspects of EU-led operations



Work Package 2 – Identification and Modelling of Required Technology and Intelligence sources

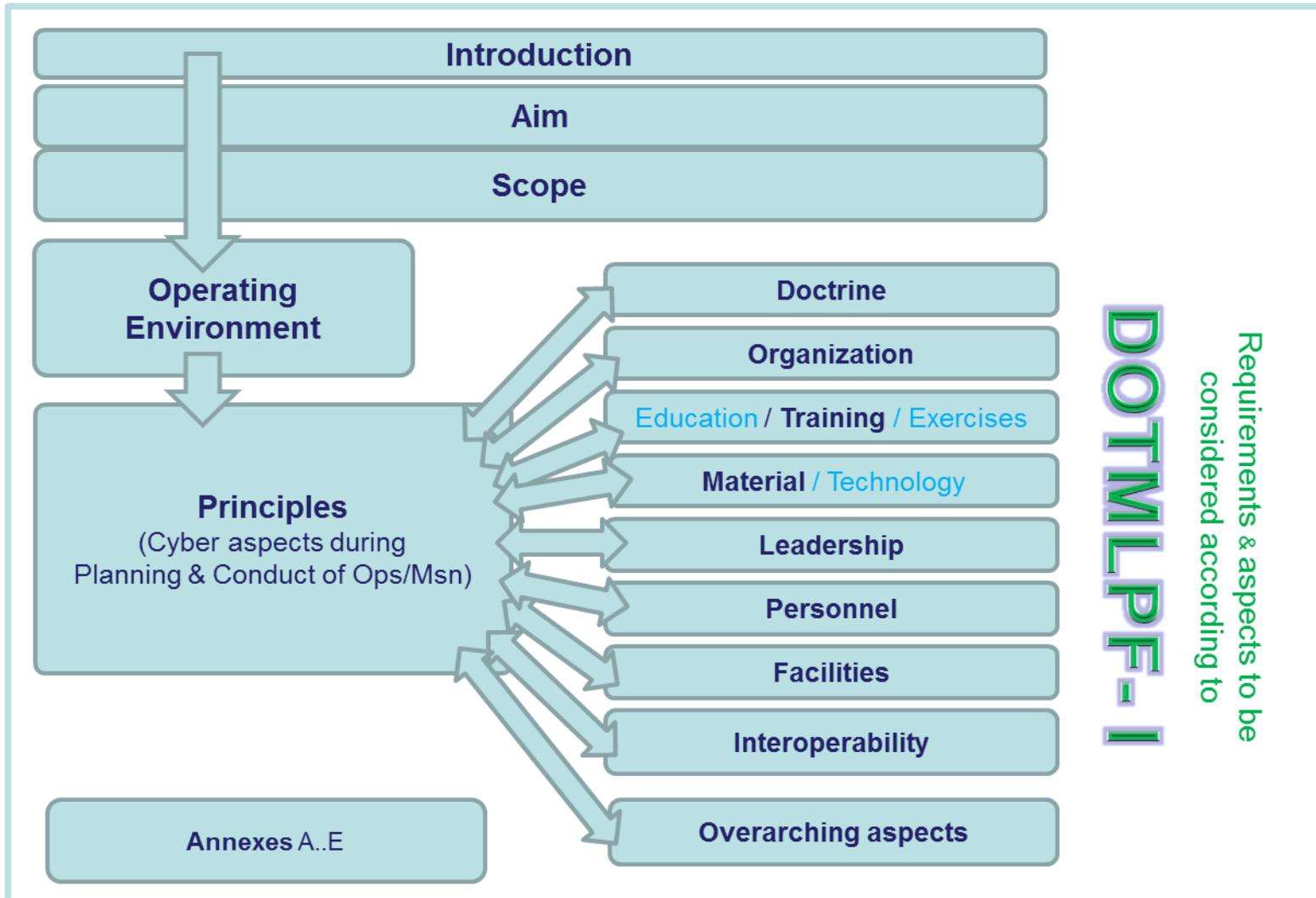




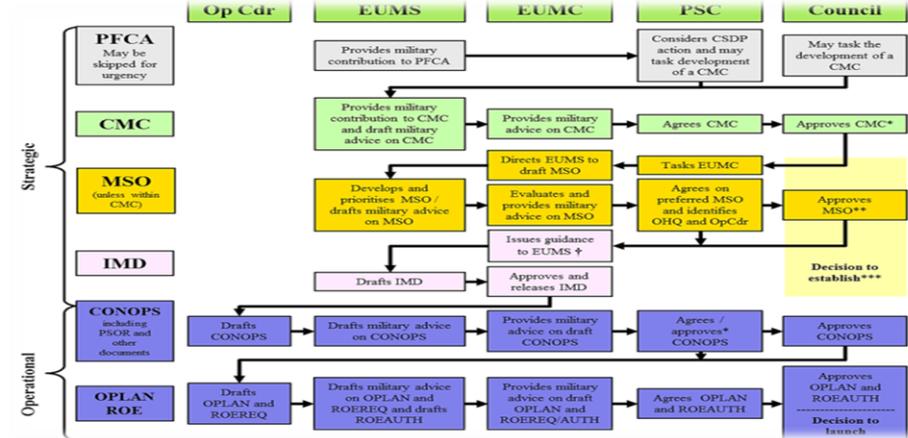
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Cyber Defence Concept for EU-led military operations & missions



Cyber Defence Concept for EU-led military operations & missions ; Principles



- Planning...

- "consider Cyber aspects as early as possible"
- Cyber threat assessment supported by intelligence structures on request (cyber threat landscape)
- EUMS to provide CD expertise into planning teams (for CMC and IMD)
- Op/MsnCdr to consider CD in CONOPS and OPLAN, risk management by CIS/Cyber planners
- Force generation and further planning (Cyber Service Catalogue, Cyber Cells in HQs)

Dynamic Cyber Risk Management

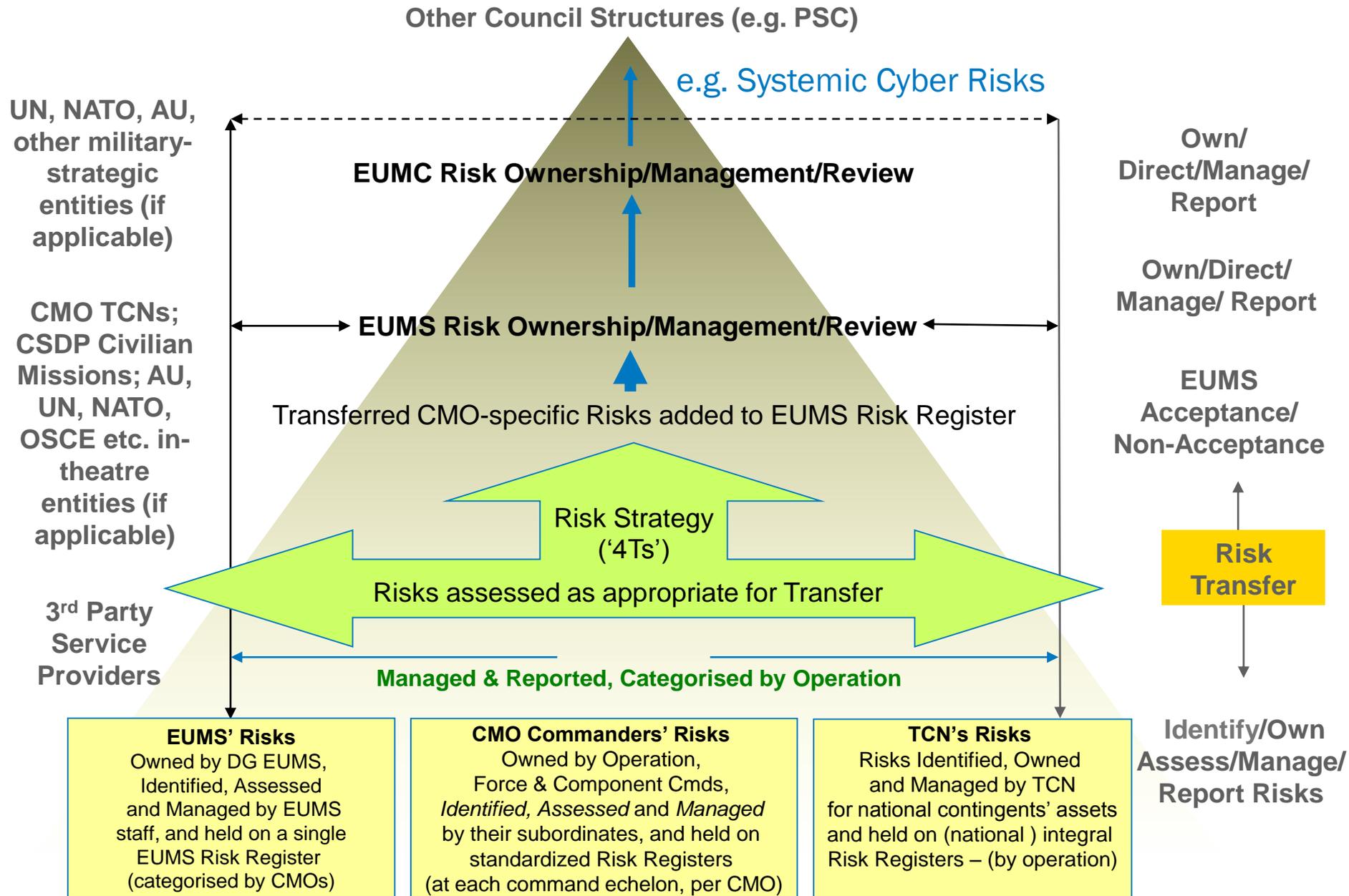
- Risk is an equation of:
 - External and Internal Threats (**external and internal Information/intelligence**);
 - Own Vulnerabilities in CIS (**internal information**);
 - Probability of Occurrence (**Dynamic Assessment**);
 - Assessment of **Criticality** of CIS assets for business processes/mission success (**Dynamic Assessment**);
 - Business/Operations Impact (**Dynamic Assessment**).
- Dynamic means not once but continuously
 - Fast moving threat landscape;
 - New vulnerabilities identified every day

requires a continuous flow of external and internal Information/intelligence).
- Risks are addressed via the ‘Four Ts’:

Treat, Tolerate, Terminate, Transfer

 - Leadership decision;
 - Mitigation measures.
- Continuous Cyber Threat Intelligence is a key enabler for a viable Dynamic Cyber Risk Management.

Thoughts about a CSDP Cyber Risk Management and Escalation Process



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Commander's key questions related to Cyber (source: CICOA)

1. How do regional and global actors with interests in the deployment region make use of the cyber domain (what are their offensive cyber capabilities, and what are their motivations and thresholds to employ offensive cyber capabilities)?
2. How can strategic cyber threats and cyber factors affect the operation?
3. Which options help to reduce undesirable consequences of cyber activities?
4. What is the applicable legal framework (e.g. Law of Armed Conflict) and which authorization (e.g. Rules of Engagement) and escalation processes are/have to be in place?
5. How do cyber factors affect own courses of action?
6. When and where are cyber-assets critical for success, what are their vulnerabilities and how can the risk that these vulnerabilities will be exploited be mitigated?
7. Which cyber defence considerations should be de-conflicted and coordinated with other considerations?
8. Which cyber defence activities should be synchronized with activities in other domains?
9. Who are relevant internal and external partners that can support in case of large scale incidents (e.g. CERT-EU, national CERTs, contracted service provider)?
10. Who should have the authority to release cyber defence related information to external partners?
11. What are the best mechanisms for optimal cyber information-sharing with external partners?
12. How should own cyber defence be organized (structure, manning, processes, disposition, equipment)?

Conclusion – Discussion Points

- The Threat Landscape becomes more and more diverse (e.g. hybrid);
- Cyber Threat Intelligence has to be integrated in the Military planning process from the earliest stage possible;
- Already conducted activities provide good input for the discussion in the military domain;
- Dynamic Risk Management and a continuous flow of cyber threat intelligence is key for success;
- Balanced set of competent personnel, state of the art technology and connecting processes (OPP, SOPs etc.) required;



"Is there any other business before we jump?"