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Objectives

By the end of this workshop, you will be able to:

- Contextualise the maritime cyber-physical landscape
- Navigate the regulatory transition to NIS2
- Operationalise defence via cybersecurity frameworks
- Harmonise global standards for technical resilience

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The Maritime Cyber domain: *The story so far*

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Overview of the Maritime Cyber Landscape (Pre-NIS2)

- The Status Quo: Safety & Seaworthiness
 - Primary Objective to ensure that cyber incidents do not lead to loss of life, ship, or environmental disaster.
- Frameworks
 - ISPS Code: Security-based (physical + digital).
 - MSC-FAL.1/Circ.3/Rev.3: Process-based (management).
 - IACS UR E26/E27: Technical-based (design & systems).
- Regulatory Focus
 - Traditionally managed via Class Societies (e.g., DNV, Lloyd's) and Flag States, rather than national cybersecurity agencies.

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ISPS Code & MSC-FAL.1/Circ.3/Rev.3

- **The Management Layer**

- **International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code:**

- Mandatory under SOLAS. Originally for physical "piracy/terrorism," it now includes cyber as a threat to the Ship Security Plan (SSP).

- **MSC-FAL.1/Circ.3/Rev.3: Guidelines on Maritime Cyber Risk Management**

- Encourages companies to integrate cyber risk into existing Safety Management Systems (SMS).
 - Govern, Identify, Protect, Detect, Respond, and Recover (NIST CSF2.0).
 - Focuses on the "Company" and the "Ship" as a functional unit.



IACS UR E26 & UR E27

- **The Technical Layer (Design & Integration)**

- **UR E26: Cyber Resilience of Ships**

- Treats the entire ship as a single entity.
 - Requires secure integration of OT and IT during design, construction, and commissioning.

- **UR E27: Onboard Systems & Equipment**

- Focuses on Third-Party Suppliers.
 - Ensures individual components (engines, ECDIS, GPS) are "hardened" by the manufacturer before they ever reach the shipyard.
 - Mandatory for newbuilds contracted after July 1, 2024.



How the Current Domain Falls Short of NIS2



Feature	Current Maritime (IMO/IACS)	NIS2 Directive Requirements
Enforcement	Port State Control/Class Surveys: Fines are rare; "deficiencies" are the norm.	Heavy Penalties: Up to €10M or 2% of global turnover.
Incident Reporting	No strict timeline: focus on reporting to Flag State/Owner.	Strict Timelines: "Early Warning" within 24 hours; full report in 72 hours to national authorities.
Supply Chain	E27 covers hardware, but not service providers (SaaS, remote monitoring).	Total Supply Chain: Deep audits of all digital service providers and software vendors.
Governance	Technical/DPA responsibility.	C-Suite Liability: Management is personally liable for cybersecurity failures.

Summary – The "Shift" to NIS2

- **From "Safety" to "Business Continuity"**

- IMO cares if the ship sinks; NIS2 cares if the supply chain stops.

- **Legacy Fleet Problem**

- IACS UR E26/E27 mostly applies to new ships. NIS2 applies to the entire organisation, including older vessels in the fleet, if they operate in EU waters.

- **Centralisation**

- Security is moving away from the Ship's Master and into the hands of the National Cybersecurity Centres.



Escalated Threat Context

Threat Trend	Details from Recent Reports
Increased Frequency	The number of cyberattacks in the energy sector has increased ten to twenty times since the war in Ukraine.
Focus on OT	While past attacks often targeted IT systems, the industry recognises that State-sponsored actors are engaging in "pre-positioning" or "silent attacks" to gain access to Operational Technology (OT) systems, waiting for the right moment to strike and cause disruption.
Vulnerable Supply Chain	The complex and long supply chain in offshore wind, with many parties (OEMs, data analysts, etc.), makes it harder to maintain oversight and spot deviations.
Human/System Error	Major power disruption can still be caused by human and system errors with cascading digital effects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>2024 CrowdStrike Incident</i>: A faulty software update inadvertently crashed around 8.5 million computer systems globally, affecting critical services such as airports. • <i>2023 Sungrow Incident</i>: The Chinese inverter and Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) manufacturer sent a "bad update," causing around 800 energy storage systems to go down.
Focus on Solar/BESS	There is significant recent concern regarding vulnerabilities in solar inverters and BESS across Europe, which are rapidly integrating into the grid and often rely on components with known security weaknesses.

Cyberattacks on offshore wind

- Cyberattacks on offshore wind farms across Europe have resulted in serious consequences, including power outages, environmental damage, and leaks of sensitive data.
- The under-reporting of incidents due to fear of financial and reputational damage continues to create an intelligence gap, meaning attacks are likely still occurring but are not publicly attributed or detailed.
- Attacks on the office environments of wind companies, often with ransomware, still happen, though these may not directly affect the turbines.
- In summary, the threat is higher and more pervasive than ever, but the specific, high-profile incident disclosure rate remains low due to industry practice.

Cyberattacks on offshore wind

Company	Date	Attack Type	Impact Overview	Operational Consequence
Vestas	Nov 2021	Direct Ransomware	Targeted the Danish wind manufacturer's IT systems, resulting in sensitive data leaks and production issues.	Multiple business units and locations had to shut down IT systems, causing production delays. Company shares decreased by 3%.
Enercon	Feb 2022	Indirect (ViaSat satellite attack)	Targeted satellite communications infrastructure (attributed to Russian actors). Enercon wind farms were collateral damage, losing remote control access.	Loss of remote monitoring access to over 5,800 turbines in Germany. Some turbines took two months to come back online.
Deutsche Windtechnik	Apr 2022	Direct Ransomware (Conti group)	Targeted the German maintenance company's IT system, resulting in the disabling of remote connectivity.	Approximately 2,000 out of 7,500 turbines across Germany were shut down to prevent further damage.
Nordex	Mar 2022	Direct Ransomware	Targeted the German turbine manufacturer's control center.	The company disabled the platform and IT systems.

Cyberattacks on other Maritime Infrastructure

Attack/Incident	Year	Target	Type of Attack	Primary Impact on Operations	Estimated Cost/Scope
Port of Antwerp Cyber-Operation	2011 – 2013	Cargo Management Systems (Port of Antwerp)	Espionage and System Manipulation (via phishing and keyloggers)	Allowed drug traffickers to track specific containers and illegally remove them from the port before the legal owners arrived.	Enabled drug-trafficking for over two years.
Maersk NotPetya Attack	2017	A.P. Moller-Maersk (Global Shipping Giant)	"Wiper" Malware (spread via supply chain, disguised as ransomware)	Crippled global IT network, shut down container tracking, and froze operations at 17 APM Terminals worldwide.	Over \$300 million in damages and recovery costs.
Black Sea GNSS Spoofing	2017	Global Navigation Satellite Systems (GNSS) on vessels	GPS Spoofing (sending false signals)	Caused the navigation systems on over 20 ships to incorrectly report their location as being miles inland (at an airport).	Major safety and navigation risk, likely state-sponsored electronic warfare test.

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Port of Lisbon Ransomware Attack	2022	Port of Lisbon Administration (APL)	Ransomware (claimed by the LockBit group)	Temporarily shut down the port's website and internal computer systems for four days.	Exfiltration of sensitive data, including financial reports and ship logs. Ransom demand of \$1.5 million.
DNV Ransomware Attack	2023	DNV (Maritime Classification Society)	Ransomware	Forced DNV to shut down servers for its ShipManager software, which is critical for fleet operations.	Impacted the operations of up to 1,000 vessels belonging to 70 customers globally.

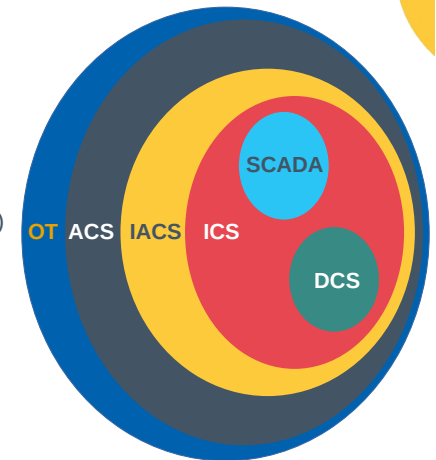
The Maritime Industry is built on OT

- What is Operational Technology (OT)

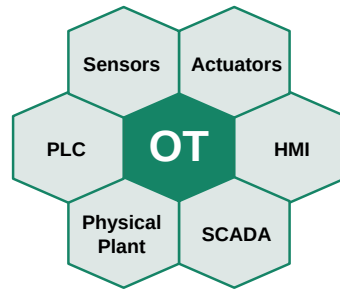
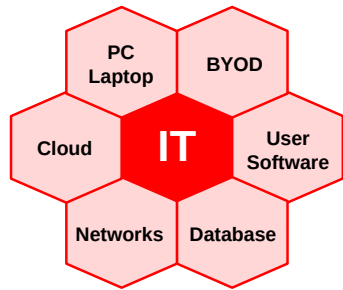
Feature	IT	OT
Primary Function	Manages data and information (Emails, billing, HR, payroll, logistics scheduling).	Controls and monitors physical processes (Propulsion, steering, cargo cranes, valves).
Where does in exist	Shore offices, personal devices, and port administrative centers.	On the Ship The Bridge and Engine Room. In the Port Automated gantry cranes, Automated Guided Vehicles (AGV), VTS, and terminal gates.
Impact of failure	Financial loss, stolen data, inconvenience.	A loss of control, a collision, an engine failure, or a physical accident.

Some OT Terms

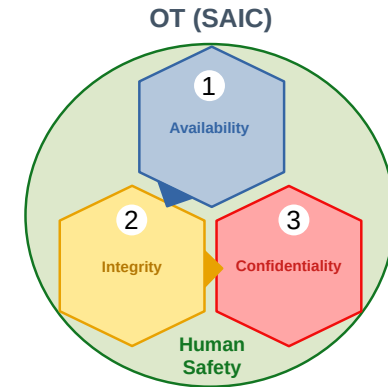
- Operational Technology (OT)
- Automation and Control Systems (ACS)
- Industrial Automation and Control Systems (IACS)
- Industrial Control Systems (ICS)
- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)
- Distributed Control System (DCS)



Information Technology -v- Operational Technology



Core IT/OT Priorities



A promotional graphic for NIS-2. It features a hand interacting with a digital interface showing various icons (scales, book, building, etc.) and the text 'NIS-2' in large white letters. The background is dark blue. In the top right corner, the SE TU logo is visible with the text 'Ollscoil Teicneolaíochta an Oirdheiscirt South East Technological University'.

EU and Cybersecurity

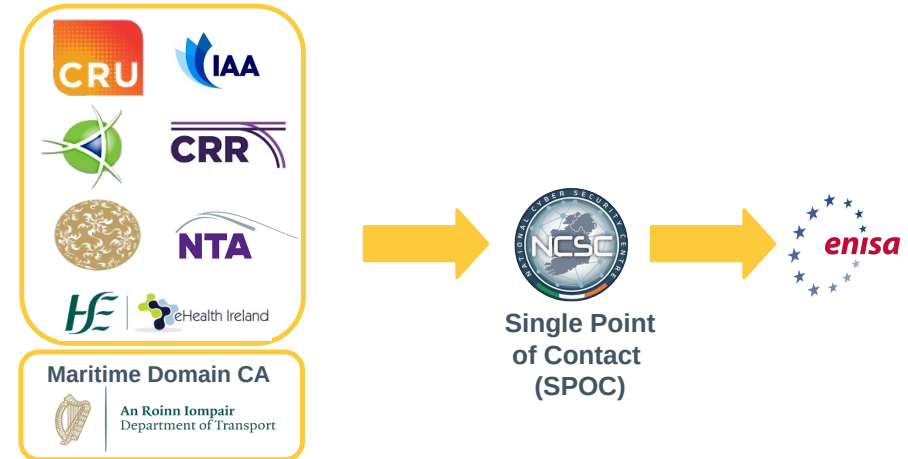
- Common market, different OT Cybersecurity approaches.
- Critical National Infrastructure (CNI) risks, an incident in one member state may impact a service in another state.
- Network Information Security (NIS) Directive 2016/1148
 - Common level of security for all member states.
- Network Information Security 2 Directive 2022/2555
 - Broadened the scope of the original directive.
 - Identifies 10 sectors of high criticality and 7 other critical services.

Three main pillars of NIS2



Coordinated Vulnerability Disclosure (CVD)
European Cyber Crisis Liaison Organisation Network (EU-CyCLONE)
European Network Information Security Agency (ENISA)

Irish Competent Authorities (CA)



Entities



Entities (Proposed changes 2026)

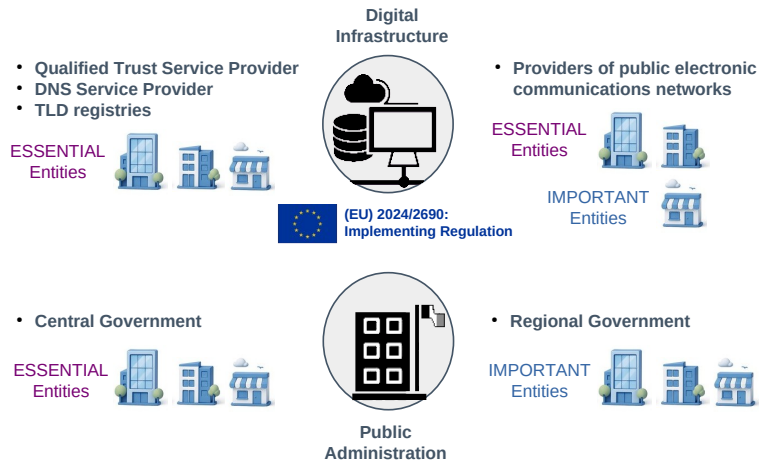


Entities may be designated as
“**ESSENTIAL**” or “**IMPORTANT**” depending on
factors such as size, sector and criticality.

NIS2 Sectors of high criticality



NIS2 Sectors of high criticality



NIS2 Other critical sectors



Supervision of Entities by NCAs

ESSENTIAL Entities	IMPORTANT Entities
Ex Ante & Ex Post	Ex Post
On-site inspections and off-site supervision	On- & off-site inspections, ex post, supervision
Regular & Targeted Security Audits	Targeted Security Audits
Security Scans	Security Scans
Information Requests	Information Requests
Requests for information necessary to assess the cybersecurity risk-management measures adopted by the entity concerned	Requests for information necessary to assess, ex post, the cybersecurity risk-management measures adopted by the entity concerned
Ad hoc audits, for example after a significant incident	

NIS2 Incident Reporting obligations

Time	Incident reporting
Within 24 hours	Early Warning should be communicated, as well as some first presumptions regarding the kind of incident
After 72 hours	Official Incident Notification A full notification report must be communicated, containing the assessment of the incident, severity and impact and indicators of compromise.
Upon Request	Intermediate Status Report At the request of CSIRT or relevant competent authority.
After 1 month	Final report must be communicated.
Every 3 months	Member states CSIRT reports incidents to ENISA.
Every 6 months	ENISA reports on all incidents EU wide.



ESSENTIAL and IMPORTANT entities must take appropriate and proportional technical, operational and organisational measures to manage the risks posed to the systems.

Cyber Security Risk Management Measures (RMM)

- Risk Assessment & Security
- Incident & Crisis Management
- Supply Chain Security
- System Lifecycle Security
- Policy & Compliance
- Basic Cyber Hygiene & Training
- Cryptography & Encryption
- Access Control & Asset Management
- Secure Communications

Cyber Security RMMs

All measures must be:

- **Proportionate** to risk, size, cost, and impact & severity of incidents
- Take into account the **state-of-the-art**, and relevant **standards**.

To ensure risk management measures are in place the EU can:

- Carry out risk assessments of critical ICT services, systems or supply chains
- Impose certification obligations (delegated acts)
- Adopt implementing acts laying down technical requirements.

*NIS2 provides NCAs with a **minimum** list of enforcement powers for non-compliance.*

NIS2 Penalties

- Strict penalties for non-compliance by entities.
- There are particularly high penalties for infringements of:
 - **Article 21 Cybersecurity RMMs**
 - **Article 23 Reporting obligations**
- **ESSENTIAL entities** can be fined up to **€10,000,000** or at least **2%** of the total annual worldwide turnover in the previous fiscal year, whichever amount is higher.
- **IMPORTANT entities** can be penalised by fines of up to **€7,000,000** or at least **1.4%** of the total annual worldwide turnover, whichever amount is higher.

Senior management have ultimate responsibility for cybersecurity risk management in Essential and Important Entities.

Operationalising Compliance: Frameworks for OT Security

How does my company ensure compliance?



Operationalising Compliance

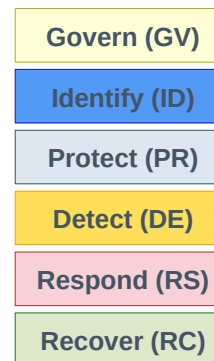
- Risk Management
- Incident Handling
- Business Continuity & Crisis Management
- Supply Chain Security
- Security in System Acquisition, Development, and Maintenance
- Awareness Training & Hygiene
- Access Control
- Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) & Encryption
- Assessment of Effectiveness

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NIST Cybersecurity Framework (CSF) v2.0

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- CSF Functions



Categories and Sub-categories



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Function	Category	Category ID
Govern (GV)	Organisational Context	GV.OC
	Risk Management Strategy	GV.RM
	Cybersecurity Supply Chain Risk Management	GV.SC
	Roles, Responsibilities, and Authorities	GV.RR
	Policies, Processes, and Procedures	GV.PO
Identify (ID)	Oversight	GV.OV
	Asset Management	ID.AM
	Risk Assessment	ID.RA
	Improvement	ID.IM
Protect (PR)	Identity Management, Authentication, and Access Control	PR.AA
	Awareness and Training	PR.AT
	Data Security	PR.DS
	Platform Security	PR.PS
	Technology Infrastructure Resilience	PR.IR
Detect (DE)	Continuous Monitoring	DE.CM
	Adverse Event Analysis	DE.AE
Respond (RS)	Incident Management	RS.MA
	Incident Analysis	RS.AN
	Incident Response Reporting and Communication	RS.CO
	Incident Mitigation	RS.MI
Recover (RC)	Incident Recovery Plan Execution	RC.RP
	Incident Recovery Communication	RC.CO

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Centre for Internet Security (CIS)

- 2008 - collaboration between representatives from the U.S. government and private sector security research organisations.
- Current version 8.1 – Released June 2024
- Prioritised set of safeguards to mitigate the most prevalent cyber-attacks against systems and networks.
- They are considered the gold standard for cybersecurity best practices and are widely used by organisations of all sizes to improve their security posture.

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<https://www.cisecurity.org/controls>

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ISO/IEC 27001 – ISMS



- A **strategic cybersecurity framework** that moves security from a technical issue to a boardroom priority via an ISMS.
- It has a **Risk-Based Approach**, focusing defences on critical threats using the 93 Annex A controls, under the heading of Organisational, People, Physical, and Technological.
- A required **Statement of Applicability (SoA)** provides a customised roadmap justifying which specific security safeguards apply to each environment.
- Through **mandatory documentation** the framework builds a rigorous audit trail through defined policies, risk treatment plans, and evidence of staff competence.
- A cycle of **continuous improvement** ensures the system is never static, evolving through internal audits and management reviews to meet new threats.
- Establishes a **common language** for best practices to build consumer trust and meet international regulatory benchmarks.

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Ref: <https://www.iso.org/standard/27001>

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ISA/IEC 62443
Cybersecurity for operational technology in automation and control systems

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ISA/IEC 62443 Series of Standards

- A series of standards is a comprehensive and internationally recognised framework for securing IACS.
- It provides a holistic approach to cybersecurity, addressing all aspects of IACS security throughout their lifecycle, from design and development to operation and maintenance.



Core Principles

- Security by design
- Security by default
- Security throughout the lifecycle
- Security risk management

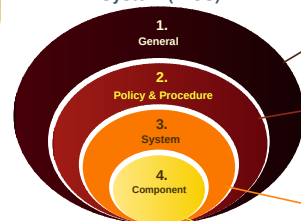
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Ref: <https://www.iso.org/standards-and-publications/isa-standards/isa-iec-62443-series-of-standards>

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ISA/IEC 62443 Series of Standards

Industrial Automation and Control System (IACS)



Asset owner responsibility:

Part 1-1: Terminology, concepts and models

- Part 1-2: Master glossary of terms and conditions
- Part 1-3: System security conformance metrics
- Part 1-4: ICAS security lifecycle and use cases

Part 2-1: Security programme requirements for IACS asset owners

- Part 2-2: ICAS Security programme ratings
- Part 2-3: Patch management in the IACS environment

Part 2-4: Security programme requirements for IACS service providers

- Part 2-5: Implementation guidance for ICAS asset owners

Systems Integrator responsibility:

- Part 3-1: Security technologies for ICAS
- Part 3-2: Security risk assessment for system design
- Part 3-3: System security requirements and security levels

Component Supplier responsibility:

- Part 4-1: Secure product development lifecycle requirements
- Part 4-2: Technical security requirements for IACS components

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Introduction

- **NIS2 Directive Transposition:** Ireland National Cybersecurity Bill.
- Risk Management Measures (RMM), mandatory minimum baseline requirements for **ESSENTIAL** and **IMPORTANT** entities.
- **Recommended Compliance Tool:** Cyber Fundamentals 2025 (CyFun) Framework.
- The NCSC promotes both RMMs (the "*what you must do*") and CyFun (the "*how to do it and prove it*") to simplify compliance for organisations.



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Risk Management Measures (RMM)

RMM001 Registration	RMM005 CI/assess effectiveness & improve cybersecurity RMM	RMM009 Access Control	RMM013 Security in network and information systems acquisition
RMM002 Governance – Management board commitment and accountability	RMM006 Basic Cyber Hygiene Practises & Security Training	RMM010 Environmental and physical security	RMM014 Incident Handling
RMM003 Network and Information Security Policy	RMM007 Asset Management	RMM011 Cryptography, Encryption and Authentication	RMM015 Incident Reporting
RMM004 Risk Management Policy	RMM008 Human Resource Security	RMM012 Supply Chain Policy	RMM016 Business Continuity and Crisis Management

Foundational
Actions



Supporting
Actions

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Ref: https://www.ncsc.gov.ie/pdfs/NIS2_Draft_Risk_Management_Measures_Guidance.pdf

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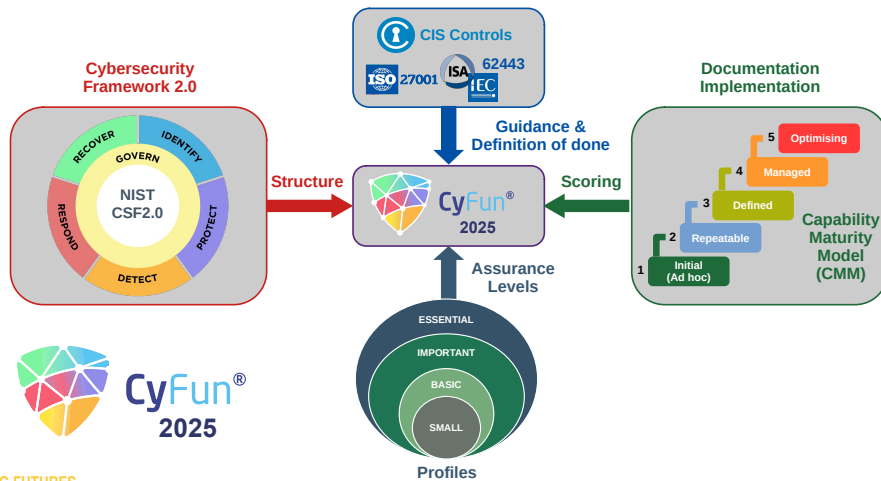
Cyber Fundamentals 2025 (CyFun 2025)

- CyFun 2025 is a powerful, internationally collaborative Framework to elevate organisational cyber resilience.
- Joint International Standard co-owned by the CCB (Belgium) [Primary Scheme Owner], NCSC (Ireland), DNSC (Romania) and MITA (Malta).
- Concrete measures and a clear, step-by-step approach for implementation.
- Helps organisations reduce risk, protect data, and enhance ability to withstand/recover from common cyber-attacks.



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CyFun 2025 Framework



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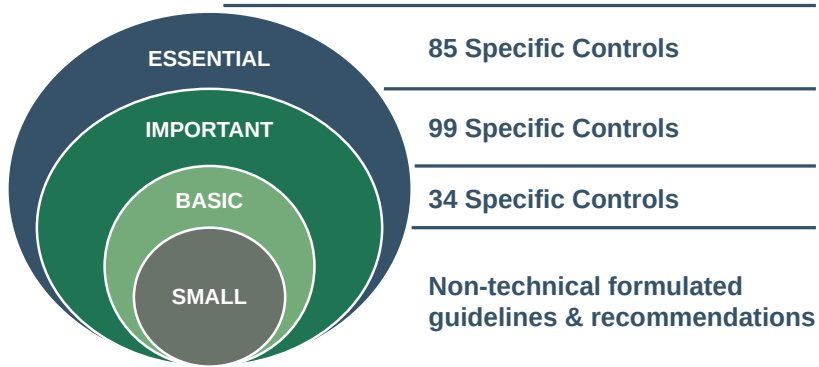
CyFun 2025 Core Structure



GOVERN (GV)	Organisational Context (GV.OC) Risk Management Strategy (GV.RM) Roles, Responsibilities, and Authorities (GV.RR) Policy (GV.PO) Oversight (GV.OV) Supply Chain (GV.SC)
IDENTIFY (ID)	Asset Management (ID.AM) Risk Assessment (ID.RA) Improvement (ID.IM)
PROTECT (PT)	Identity Management, Authentication, and Access Control (PR.AA) Awareness and Training (PR.AT) Data Security (PR.DS) Platform Security (PR.PS) Technology Infrastructure Resilience (PR.IR)
DETECT (DE)	Continuous Monitoring (DE.CM) Adverse Event Analysis (DE.AE)
RESPOND (RS)	Incident Management (RS.MA) Incident Analysis (AN) Incident Response Reporting and Communication (RS.CO) Incident Mitigation (RS.MI)
RECOVER (RC)	Incident Recovery Plan Execution (RC.RP) Incident Recovery Communications (RC.CO)

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CyFun 2025 Assurance Levels



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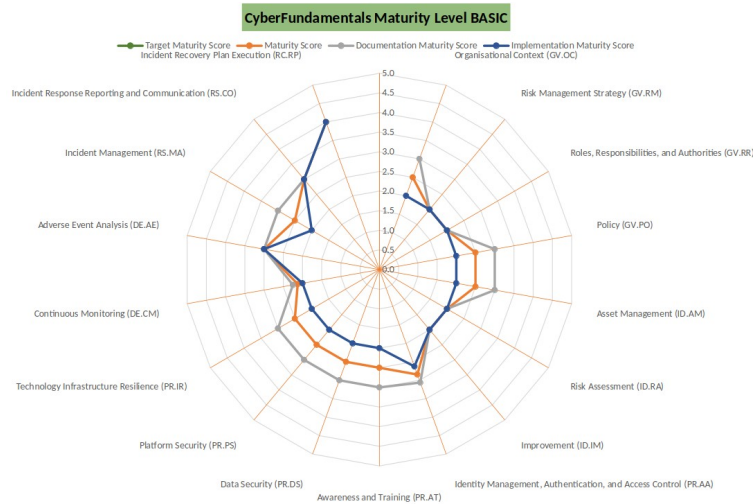
CyFun 2025 Self-Assessment Tools

- Spreadsheet based tools.
- CyFun **BASIC**
 - Outlines the standard information security measures expected for all enterprises.
- CyFun **IMPORTANT**
 - Builds directly upon the foundational security established in CyFun **BASIC**.
 - Introduces enhanced requirements across all six CSF functions to limit the impact of targeted attacks carried out by threat actors with limited resources and skills.
- CyFun **ESSENTIAL**
 - Further strengthens all measures from the **IMPORTANT** to withstand sophisticated cyber-attacks carried out by threat actors with significant resources and expertise.

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A Spider Chart of the category summaries



CyFun 2025 Verified || Certified



Term	VERIFIED (CyFun BASIC & IMPORTANT)	CERTIFIED (CyFun ESSENTIAL)
Meaning	The organisation's implementation of the required security measures has been externally checked and confirmed to meet the CyFun standard for that level.	The organisation has implemented a full CSMS and its continuous operation has been formally audited and approved by a third-party CAB.
Focus	Implementation: Focuses on whether the required technical and organisational controls are in place (e.g., "Do you have controls on critical systems?").	Management System: Focuses on whether the organisation maintains and continuously improves the controls (e.g., "Do you have policies, evidence, and an audit cycle to ensure controls is always working and documented?").
Assurance Level	Good assurance. Suitable for most medium-risk entities.	Highest assurance. Required for high-risk, critical entities (like many maritime or offshore operators).
Action	Receive a Verification Statement.	Receive a formal Certificate.

NIS2 Compliance Heatmap

NIS2 Requirement	NIST CSF 2.0	ISO 27001:2022	ISA/IEC 62443	CyFun 2025
Risk Management	Strategic	Management	OT-Specific	RMM Match
Incident Handling	No Timelines	No Timelines	OT Recovery	24h/72h Focus
Business Continuity	Outcomes	ICT Focus	Safety Focus	All-Hazards
Supply Chain Security	New GV.SC	Annex A 5.19	Part 2-4	Contractual
System Acq/Maint.	High-level	SDLC Focus	Hardening	Patch Mandates
Awareness & Hygiene	Strong PR.AT	Annex A 6.3	Only OT	Hygiene Focus
Access Control	Strong PR.AA	Annex A 5.15	OT Physical	Least Privilege
MFA & Encryption	Goal-based	Annex A 8.24	Part 3-3	MFA Mandate
Effectiveness Assess.	No Audit	Certification	Maturity SL	Verification

When to Choose CyFun 2025 over ISA/IEC 62443

- When the priority is speed, compliance, and foundational maturity:
 - NIS2 Compliance is Mandated:** If organisation is an **IMPORTANT** or **ESSENTIAL** Entity under the NIS2 Directive and operates in a country that officially recognises CyFun as a clear path to compliance.
 - Establishing a Baseline:** A simple, tiered roadmap to quickly raise the organisation's cybersecurity maturity from a low level without overwhelming limited staff or resources.
 - Executive Buy-in and Reporting:** A framework is required that is easy to communicate to non-technical management using clear assurance levels and quantifiable metrics.
 - Integrating IT and OT:** A framework that addresses organisational fundamentals holistically across both IT and OT management functions, rather than solely focusing on the deep technical aspects of the control systems.

When to Choose ISA/IEC 62443 over CyFun 2025

- Priority is deep technical security and supply chain rigour:
 - **New System Design (Greenfield):** When designing a brand-new IACS/OT network and need the detailed, prescriptive requirements for Zones and Conduits, secure architecture, and component Security Levels (SL).
 - **Vendor/Supply Chain Requirements:** Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM), System Integrator, or Component Supplier and must adhere to specific technical standards (such as 62443-4-1 for secure product development) to sell components into the global OT market.
 - **Detailed Risk Assessment:** Risk assessment requires the granularity and depth of the ISA/IEC 62443 risk assessment process (62443-3-2) to determine the necessary Target Security Levels for high-risk, mission-critical equipment.
 - **Global Standard and Certification:** Require an internationally recognised, vendor-neutral standard that is universally accepted in regulatory and procurement contracts worldwide.

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What's next from EU



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Cyber Resilience Act (CRA)

- The CRA is a baseline cybersecurity standard for digital products sold in the EU, aiming to reduce vulnerabilities and cyber incidents.
- Products are categorised by risk level, dictating their conformity assessment requirements.
 - Entry into force: 10 Dec 2024.
 - Full enforcement: 11 Dec 2027.
 - Reporting obligations: 11 Sept 2026.

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Cyber Resilience Act (CRA)

Category	Default "Unclassified"	Important "Class I"	Important "Class II"	Critical Products
Examples	Smart speakers, games, photo editing software, hard drives, mobile and desktops apps and everything else	IAM/PAM, OS, wearables, smart home, password managers, network management systems, microcontrollers, VPN, SIEM, anti-virus	Hypervisors & container runtimes, firewalls, Intrusion Detection / or Prevention, Tamper-resistant microprocessors & microcontrollers	Smart meter gateways smartcards or similar devices, including secure elements Hardware Security Modules
Conformance	Self Assessment	Harmonised Standards	Third party assessment	EUCC

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Cyber Resilience Act (CRA) penalties

Non-compliance in relation to:

- **Product security and vulnerability handling**
 - Up to **€15,000,000** or **2.5%** of the total worldwide annual turnover, whichever is higher.
- **Documentation or reporting requirements**
 - Up to **€10,000,000** or **2%** of the total worldwide annual turnover, whichever is higher.
- Provision of **incorrect, incomplete, or misleading information** to notified bodies and surveillance authorities
 - Up to **€5,000,000** or **1%** of the total worldwide annual turnover, whichever is higher.

Exercise #4 Wind of Change Offshore Wind Farm (WOC)

Exercise #4 Scenario: Wind of Change Limited

- **Wind of Change Offshore Wind Farm (WOC)**, a major energy producer based in Ireland, was hit with a ransomware attack on Saint Patrick's Day (March 17th).
- The attack encrypted their Shore-Based Management System (SBMS), crippling all remote monitoring, performance tracking, and maintenance scheduling for their offshore turbines.

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- On April 1st, WOC was contacted by an officer of the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) who stated that **Maritime Service Vessels Ltd. (MSV)**, a key vessel operator responsible for ferrying technicians and parts, had suffered an attack and reported it on March 18th.
- In their report, the CTO of **MSV** stated they believe the attack came through a VPN they utilise for securely downloading daily work orders and vessel routes from **WOC's** SBMS.

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- Additionally, on March 19th, **MSV** reported to the NCSC that they had to rebuild their entire shore office network and restore data to their vessel management system from backups.
- **WOC** responded to the NCSC by stating that they did have a "minor network issue" and quickly restored their SBMS systems to get back to managing the grid schedule as fast as possible.
- They later disclosed that they employed the services of **TurbineShield Cyber** and the incident cost them €250,000 to fully recover and restore the pre-incident state.

Exercise #4 Question #1

- What jurisdiction did the NCSC have to contact **WOC** about their incident?

Exercise #4 Answer #1

- **WOC** is an **ESSENTIAL** Entity. As a company providing Energy (Electricity), which is a sector of high criticality, the **WOC** Offshore Wind Farm is classified as **ESSENTIAL** under NIS2.
- **MSV**, as a provider of specialised Transport (Maritime) services critical to the functioning of an **ESSENTIAL** Entity (**WOC**), is classified as an **ESSENTIAL** Entity under NIS2.
- The NCSC had the jurisdiction to contact **WOC** and/or **MSV** because it is subject to the NIS2 Directive.
- The NCSC's national CSIRT received a report from **MSV** that suggested a possible non-compliance and the NCSC is mandated to enforce compliance and investigate cross-sectoral incidents.

Exercise #4 Question #2

- Were **WOC** and **MSV** in compliance with the NIS2?

Exercise #4 Answer #2

- **MSV** (**ESSENTIAL** Entity) was in compliance. **MSV** reported the incident to the NCSC on March 18th, which meets the initial 24-hour early warning and 72-hour interim reporting obligations required by Article 23.
- **WOC** (**ESSENTIAL** Entity) was NOT in compliance.
- **WOC** failed to report the incident entirely. They only acknowledged the issue when contacted by the NCSC, citing a "minor network issue."

Exercise #4 Answer #2

- Under Article 23, both **ESSENTIAL** and **IMPORTANT** Entities must report any incident that have a significant impact on the provision of their services.
- **WOC**'s failure to report, especially when the incident was deemed serious enough to require a €250,000 specialist recovery effort and was the suspected origin of a supply chain compromise, constitutes a clear infringement of the reporting obligations.

Exercise #4 Question #3

- Is there a case to answer by either **WOC** or **MSV** regarding Article 21 (Risk-Management Measures) or Article 23 (Reporting Obligations) of the NIS2?

Exercise #4 Answer #3 – **WOC** (**ESSENTIAL** Entity)

- **Article 23** (Reporting Obligations): Definitely has a case to answer. By failing to report an incident with significant impact on their service (energy supply) and the supply chain (**MSV**), **WOC** directly violated Article 23.
- **Article 21** (RMMs): Likely has a case to answer.
- The fact that an attack originating from their system (via a supply chain VPN) crippled a key partner (**MSV**) suggests a potential weakness in their supply chain security measures (Article 21, paragraph 2, point (d)) and potentially inadequate network security (Article 21, paragraph 2, point (b)).

Exercise #4 Answer #3 – MSV (ESSENTIAL Entity)

- **Article 23** (Reporting Obligations): No case to answer. They followed the mandated reporting timeline after detecting the incident.
- **Article 21** (RMMs): Potentially has a case to answer. While **MSV** reported the incident, the fact that a ransomware attack crippled their entire network, requiring a full rebuild and reliance on backups, suggests their cybersecurity RMMs (e.g., proper network segregation, security configuration, and resilience measures) may have been inadequate or deficient under the requirements of Article 21.

Objectives

By the end of this workshop, you will be able to:

- Contextualise the maritime cyber-physical landscape ✓
- Navigate the regulatory transition to NIS2 ✓
- Operationalise defence via cybersecurity frameworks ✓
- Harmonise global standards for technical resilience ✓



Thank you