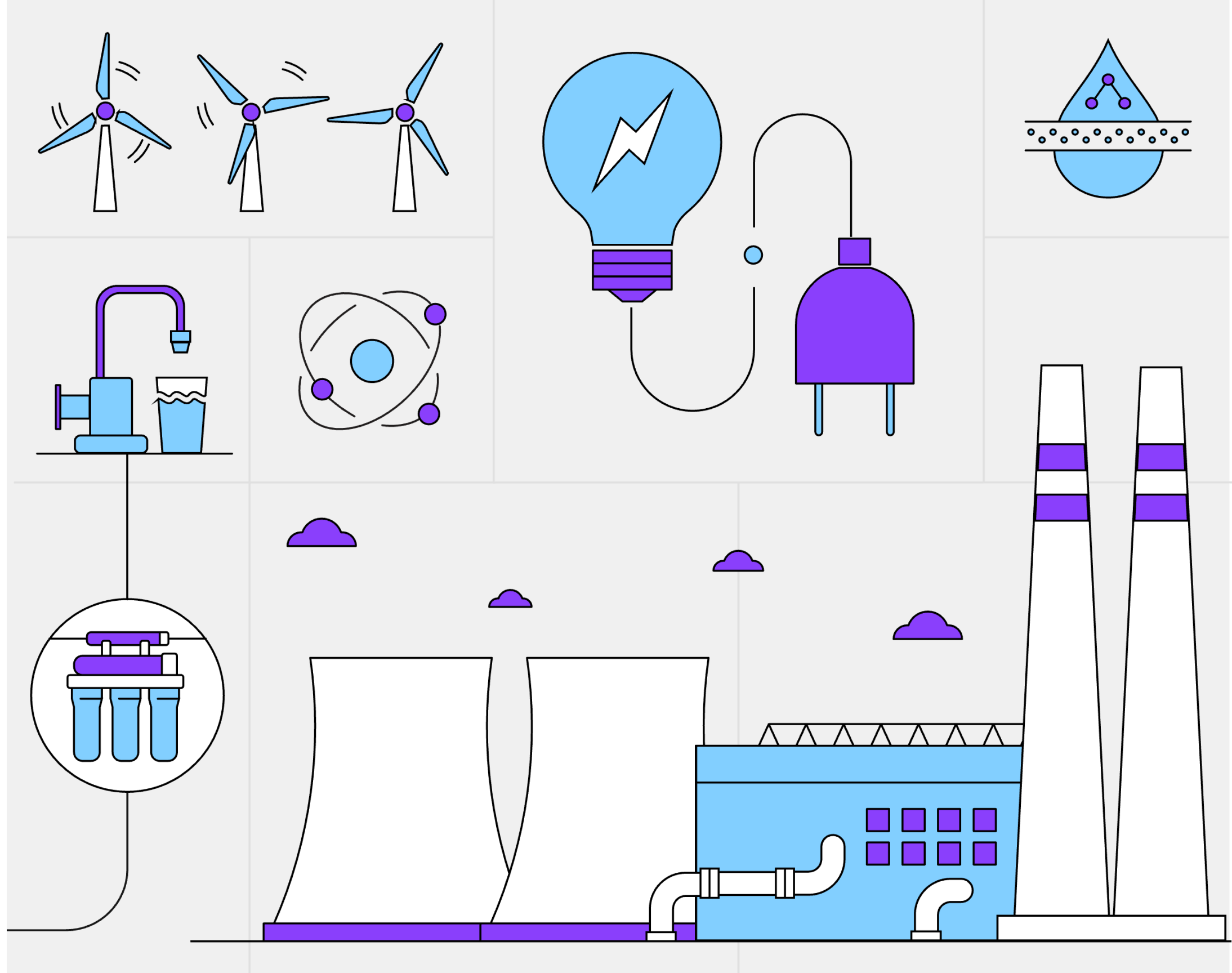


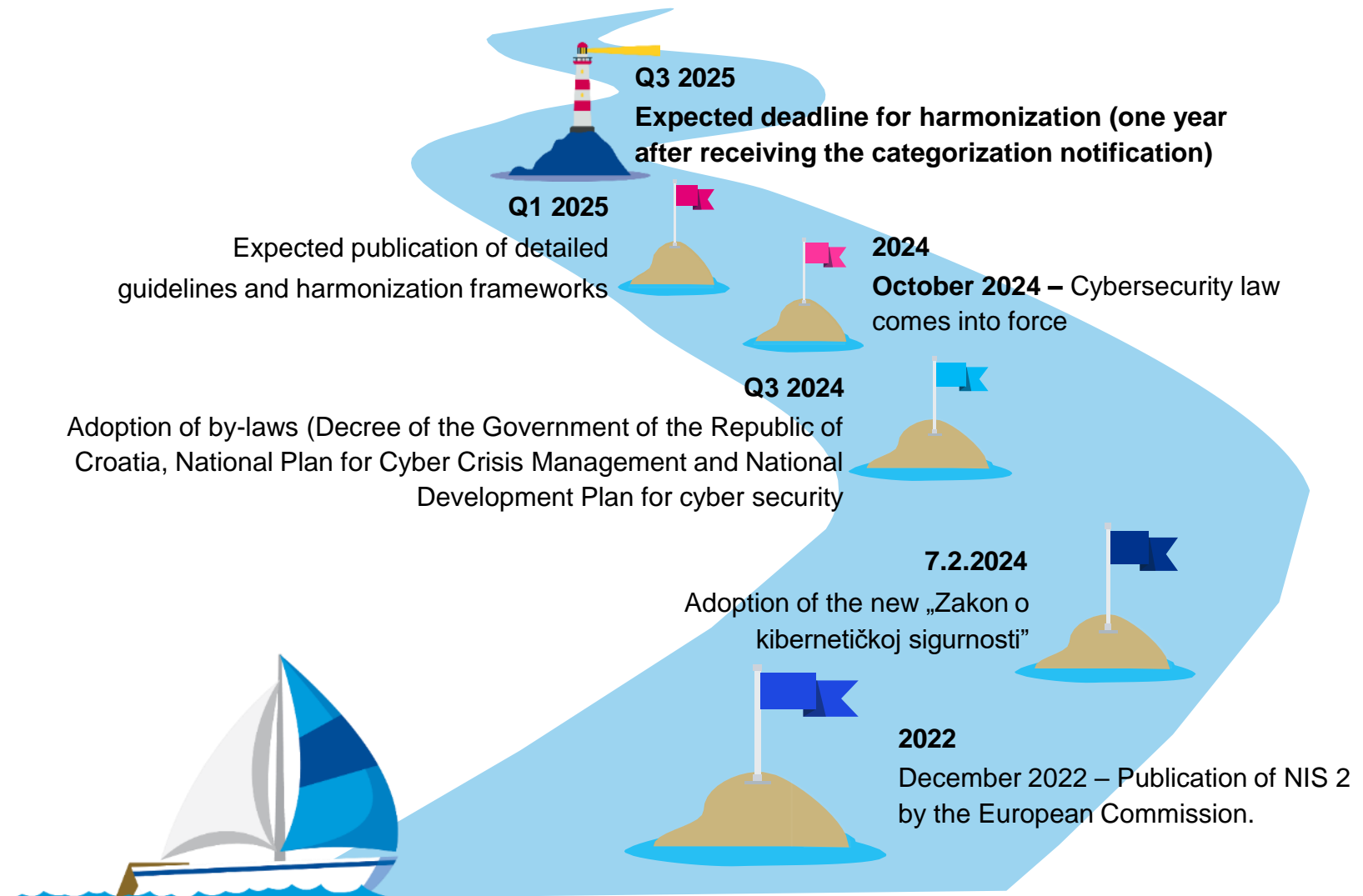
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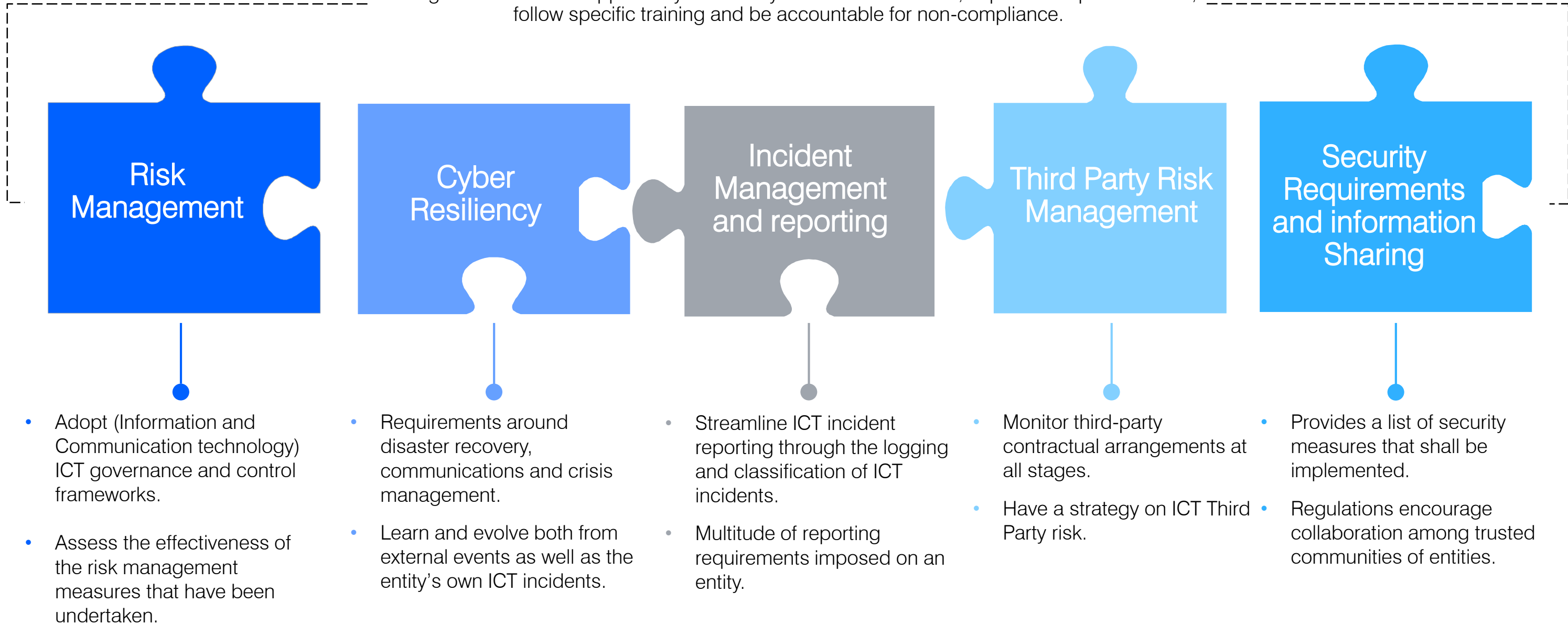
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# Key areas that impact you

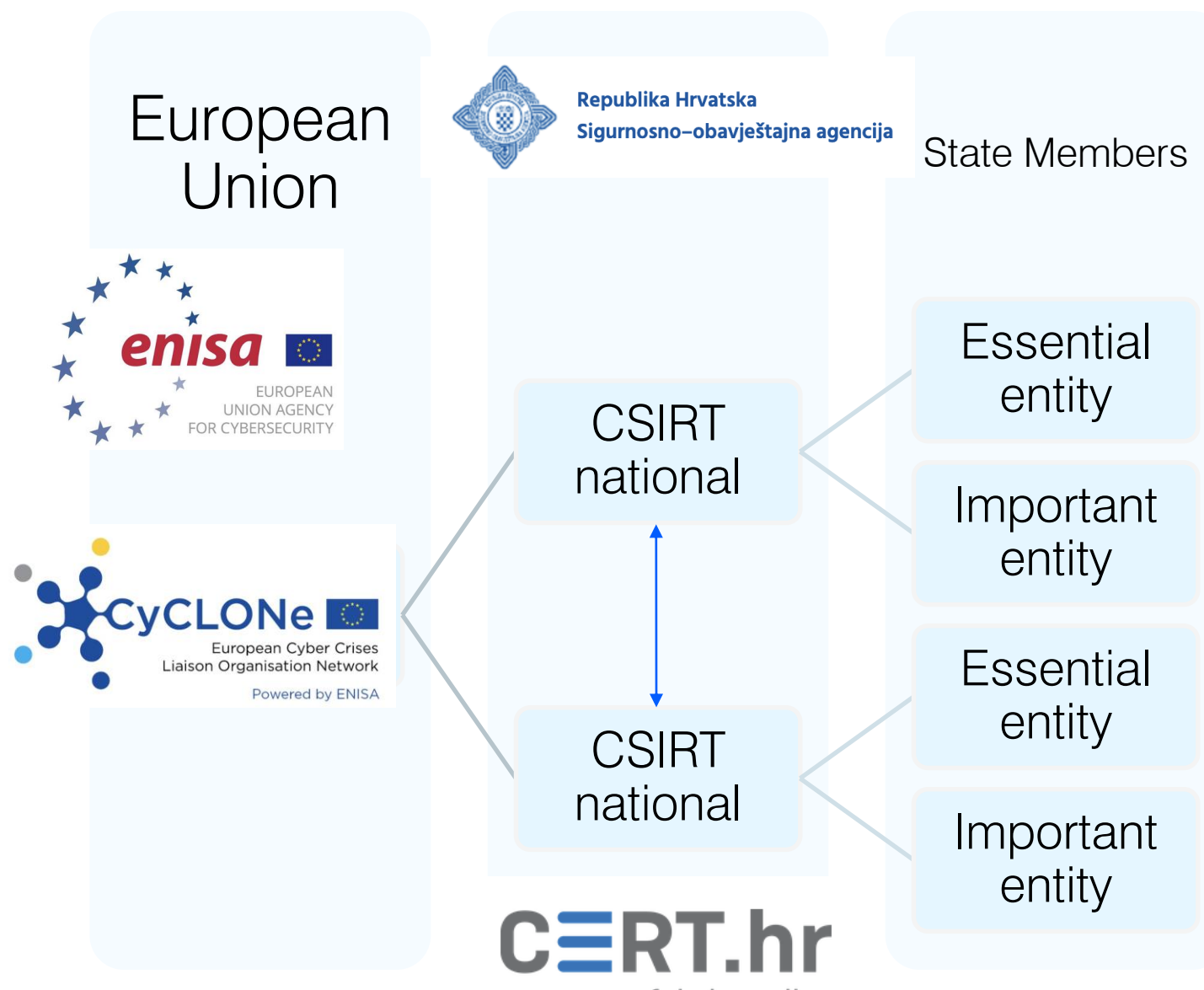
## Senior Management and Executive oversight and accountability

Management bodies to approve cybersecurity risk measures taken, supervise implementation, follow specific training and be accountable for non-compliance.



**NIS2: CEOs or legal representatives can be suspended.**

# Organisational Structure



# Power Generation Ecosystem

Brute Force Password Insider

Ransomware

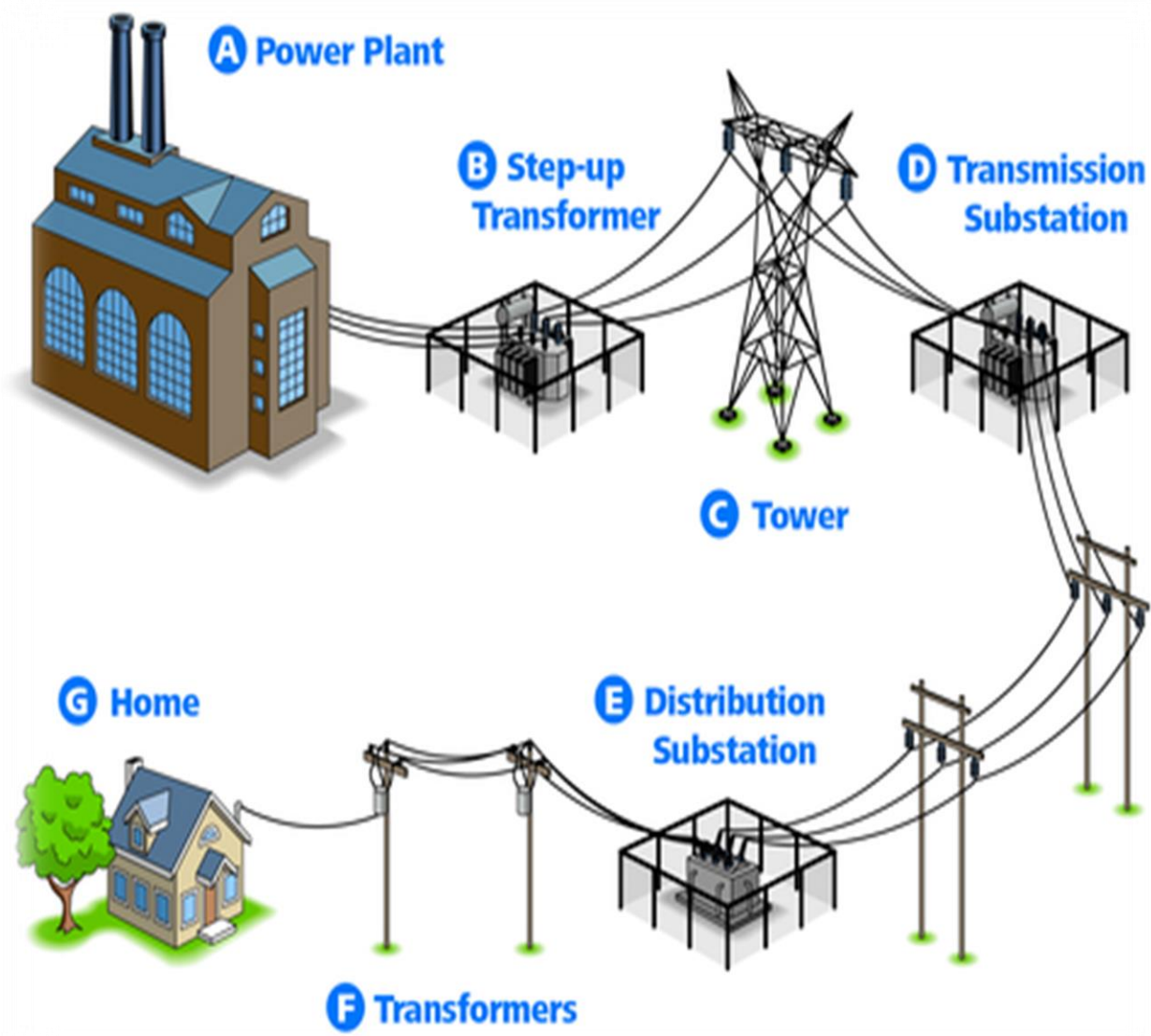
Man in the Middle

DDOS



Nation Central Control

Phishing  
Account take over



Malware Bomb

- Maintenance Systems
- Scheduling Systems
- Billing
- Physical Security System
- Load Balancing & Models
- Safety Systems

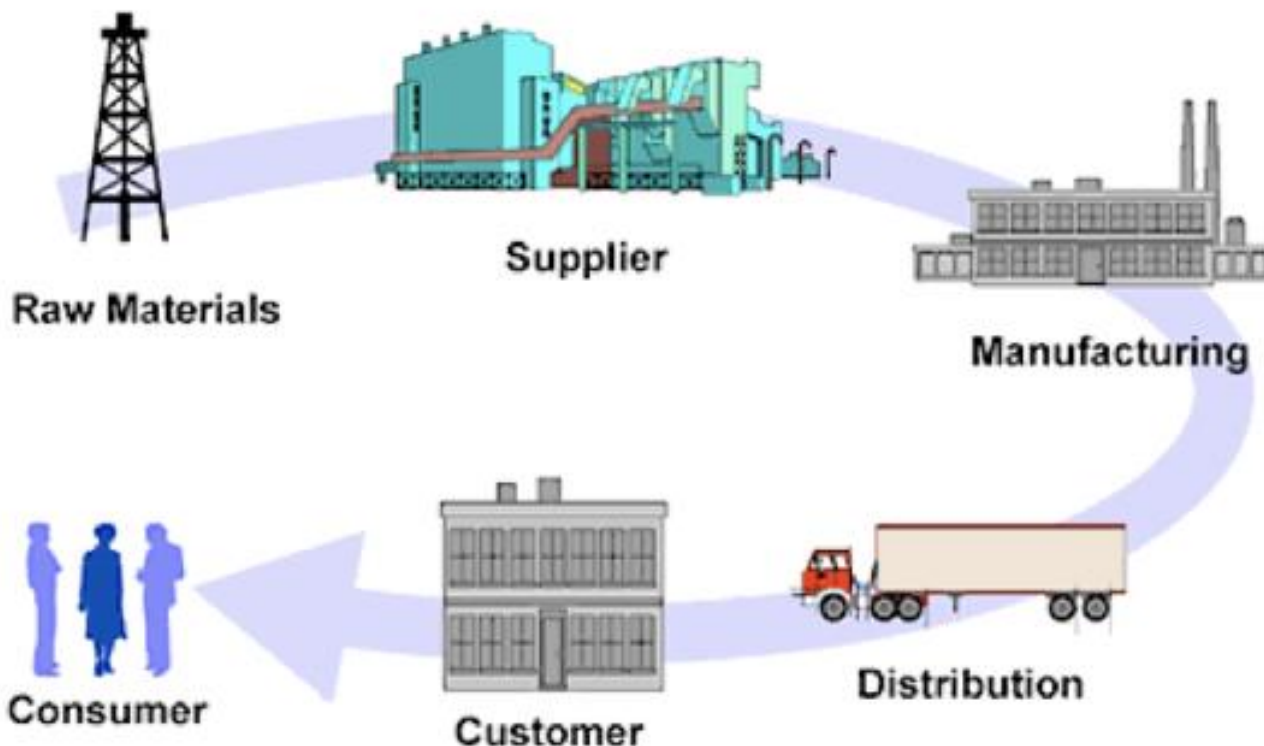
# Manufacturing and Supply Chain

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- MES (Mauf. Execution systems)
- Quality Systems
- Supply Chain Management
- Back dock / WIP Control
- Track and Trace
- Safety Systems



# Europe

# #1

Europe was the first-most attacked geography worldwide in 2023

# 32%

of attacks in 2023 occurred in the European region, up from 28% in 2022

# Energy

# #4

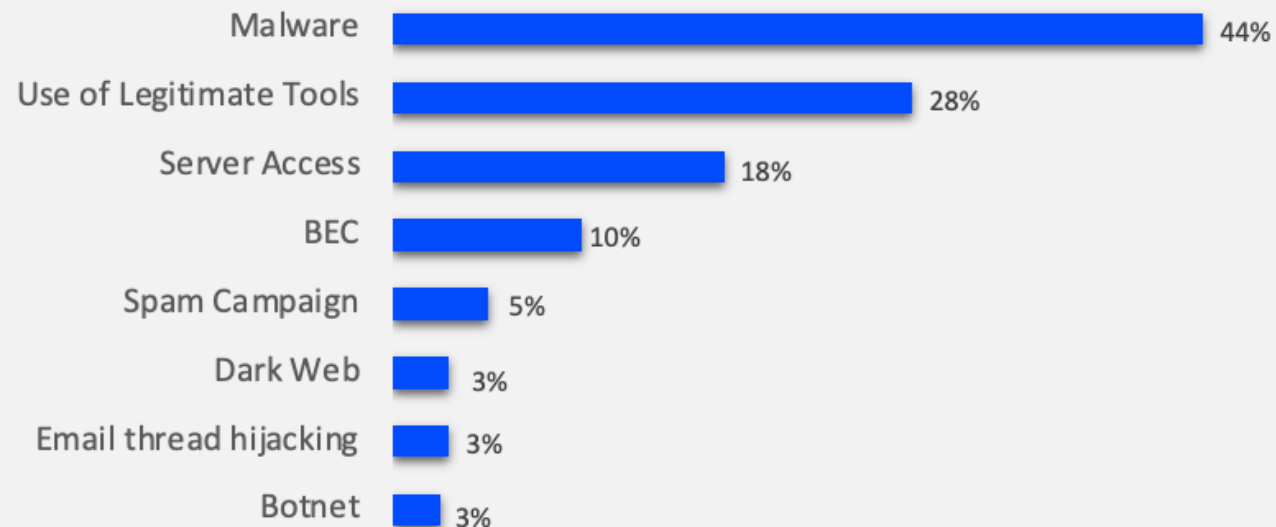
Energy was the fourth-most attacked industry in 2023

# 11.1%

of all attacks among the top 10 industries, up from 10.7 in 2022

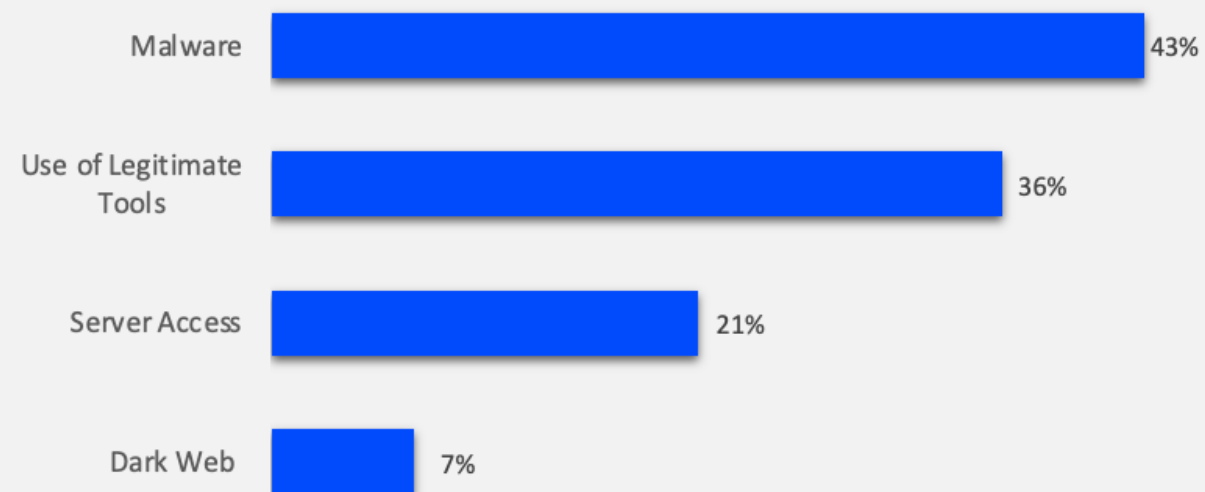
## Top actions on objectives in Europe

Source: IBM X-Force



## Top actions on objectives in energy

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# Recent cybersecurity incidents on E&U companies in Europe

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## Recent cybersecurity incidents on E&U companies

- In August 2023, the Australian utility company Energy One Limited fell victim to a cyberattack that could have had international implications, as the firm's corporate systems in the UK were also affected.<sup>1</sup>
- Mandiant, a part of Google, states that Russian cyber spies were behind a hack that disrupted part of Ukraine's power grid in late 2022, marking a rare and advanced form of cyber warfare.<sup>2,3,4</sup>

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# Sandworm Disrupts Power in Ukraine Using a Novel Attack Against Operational Technology

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## Impact of cyber-attacks on E&U companies

- Exposure of sensitive data including billing and revenue information (from smart grid and smart metering systems), control systems information, and employee and customer data.
- Production disruptions or shutdowns resulting in reputational damage.
- Penalties due to violation of regulatory requirements.

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## Russian spies behind cyber attack on Ukraine power grid in 2022 - researchers

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# The Topology of Operational Technology

## LEVEL 3 - 1 CHALLENGES

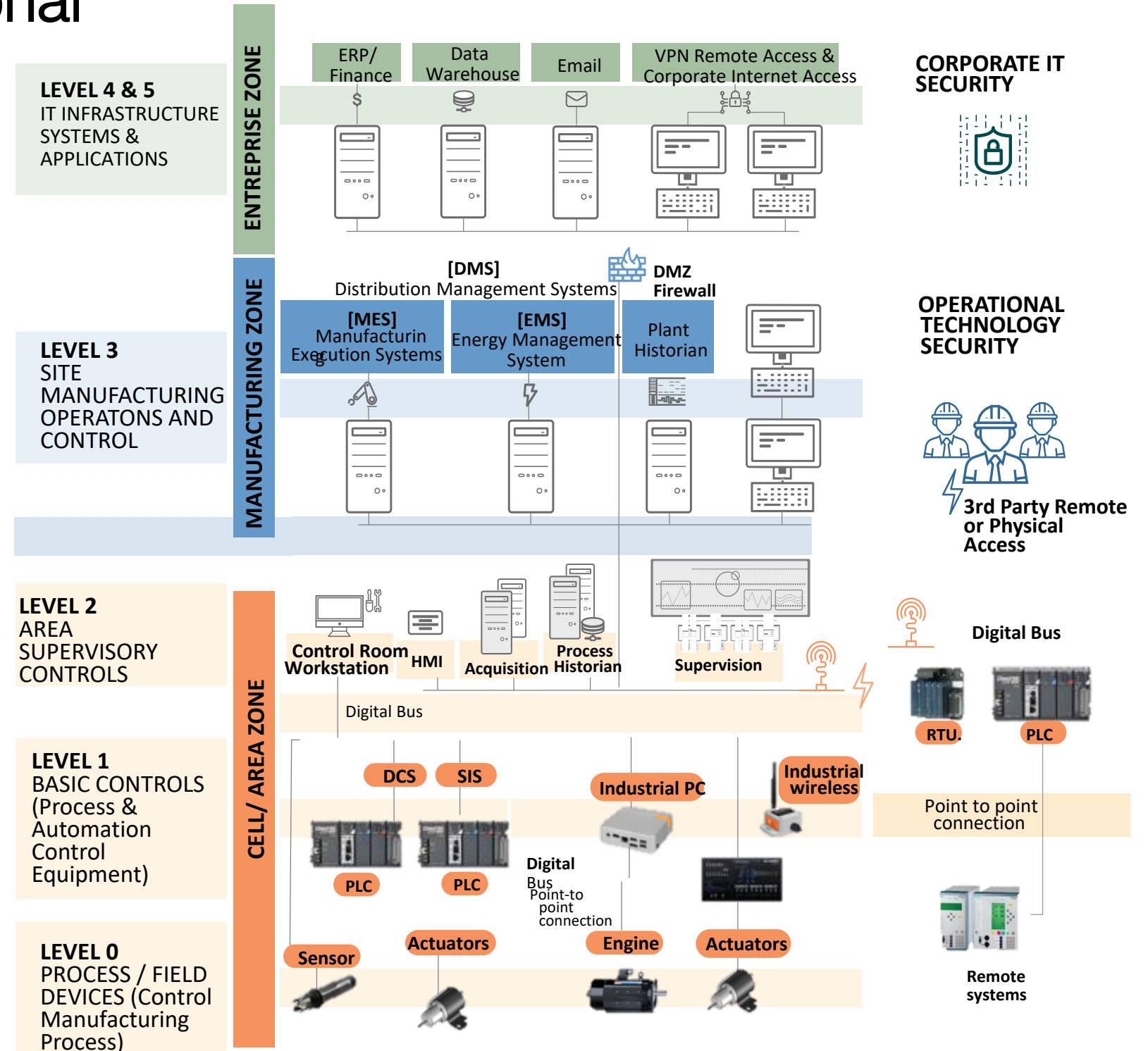
- Legacy communications networks interfaces
- Unmanaged Ethernet switches/ lack of available ports
- Latency introduction due to SPAN
- Legacy unsupported OS
- ICS/OT system vendor certification requirements for changes

- Attacks from IT into OT
- 3rd Party Access to OT

- Limited asset Information accuracy

## LEVEL 0 -1 CHALLENGES

- Legacy systems using proprietary log messages and event triggers
- Hard wired interfaces for signaling
- Serial messaging / signal-based OT protocols



# The reasons to defend against Cyber Crime..... How did this happen ?



## Hack attack causes 'massive damage' at steel works

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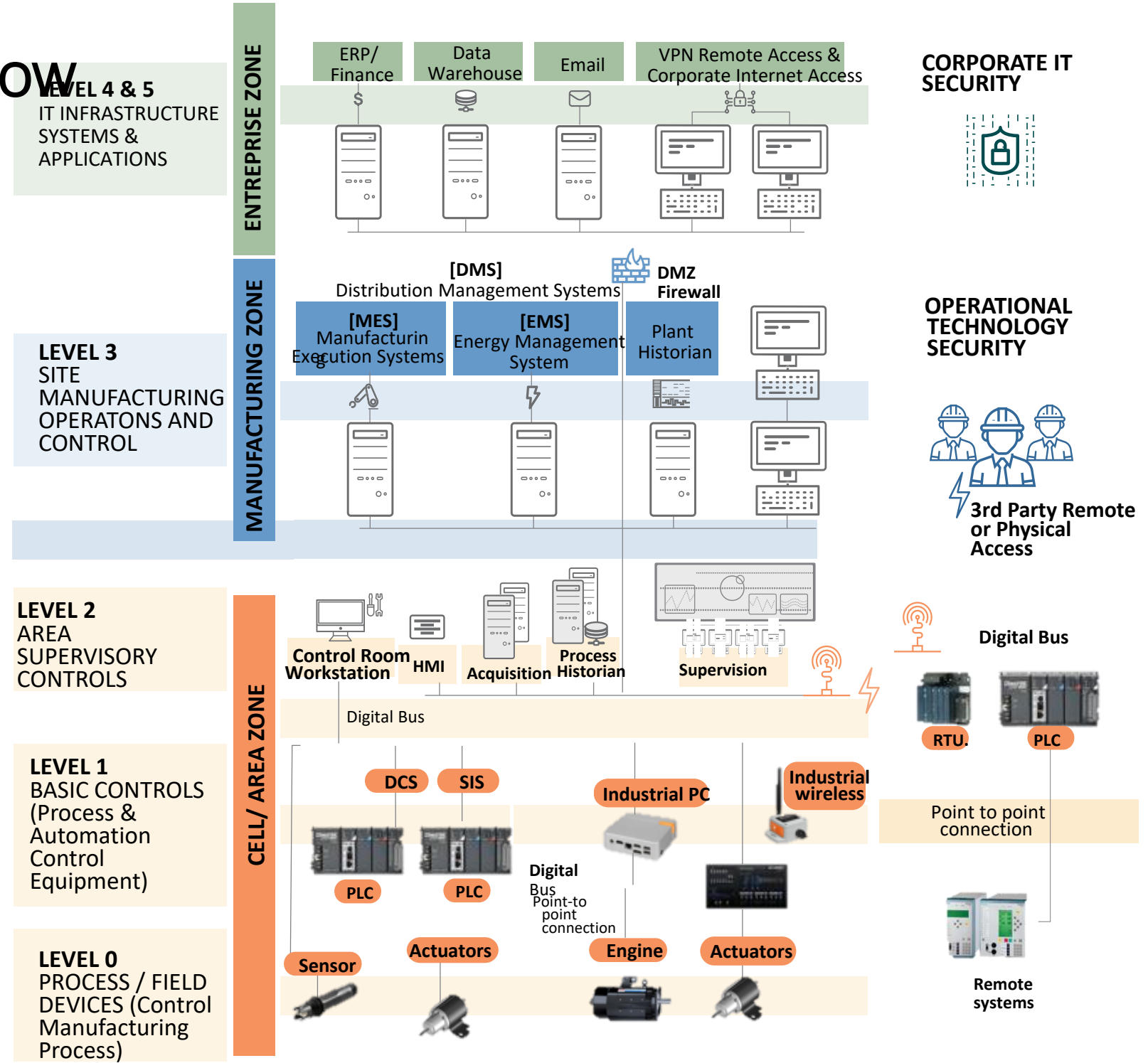
Firewall Penetration

Lateral Movement in the IT owned by OT N/W

Gained Access to the SCADA or Master Program

Found the correct settings and fail safe

Updated the PLC



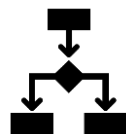
Purdue Framework

# OT Transformation Journeys – 4 Key Questions

How do you ensure workers & 3rd parties are securely accessing operational environments remotely?

Implement secure remote access solutions (VPNs, 2FA, RBAC) to restrict access to authorized personnel only.

Protect operational environments from unauthorized access and security threats, especially with remote work and third-party vendors.



How do you manage IT threats today, and do you integrate insights from your operational environments?

Implement a threat management program that includes threat intelligence, vulnerability management, and incident response.

Threat management helps protect operational environments from cyber attacks, sensitive data, and downtime.



How do you comply with applicable legal and regulatory requirements such as NIS2?

Implement a governance program for compliance, conduct regular risk assessments and security audits.

Compliance is required to avoid fines and reputational damage, NIS2 requires appropriate security measures.



How do you secure edge and access to OT and IoT networks across enterprises?

Implement secure edge solutions and access controls.

Unauthorized access to OT and IoT networks can pose a significant threat to the safety and security of industrial operations.

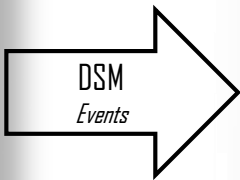




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- GE
- MOTOROLA
- YOKOGAWA
- MITSUBISHI
- Honeywell
- ABB
- ...

**OT / IoMT  
DISCOVERY**

- OT Asset Inventory / Visibility
- OT Vulnerability Correlation
- OT Security Risks & Threats



## IBM Security



### MONITOR & DETECT

QRadar SIEM

- OT Rules (50+ and custom)
- OT Alert Notification
- OT Risk Assessment & Priority



### MANAGE RESPONSE

QRadar SOAR

- OT Alert & Task Management
- OT Response Orchestration
- OT Resolution & Compliance



### SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

X-Force

- OT Threat Detection
- OT Threat Response
- OT Threat Resolution

Superior OT, IoMT, and IT protection with aggregated discovery, monitoring, risk detection, prioritization, managed response, and situational awareness.



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