CERT-EU
FOR THE EU INSTITUTIONS, BODIES AND AGENCIES

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CERT-EU IN THE BLUEPRINT

AGENDA

- CERT-EU
- Blueprint
- Our Challenges
- A Good Plan
- Let’s Organise

WHAT IS CERT-EU?

- Cyber Defence Entity of all the EU Institutions, Bodies & Agencies;
- Started as a pilot scheme in 2011;
- Established in Dec 2017 as an independent, inter-institutional legal entity;
- Core mission: act as the cybersecurity information exchange and incident response coordination hub for its 65 constituents;
- 31 experts delivering various services to a heterogeneous constituency across diverse sectors;
- One of the key actors taking part in the Blueprint.

OUR SERVICES

CYBER THREAT INTELLIGENCE

THREAT MONITORING & DETECTION

DIGITAL FORENSICS & INCIDENT RESPONSE

VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT & ADVISORIES

RED TEAM EXERCISES

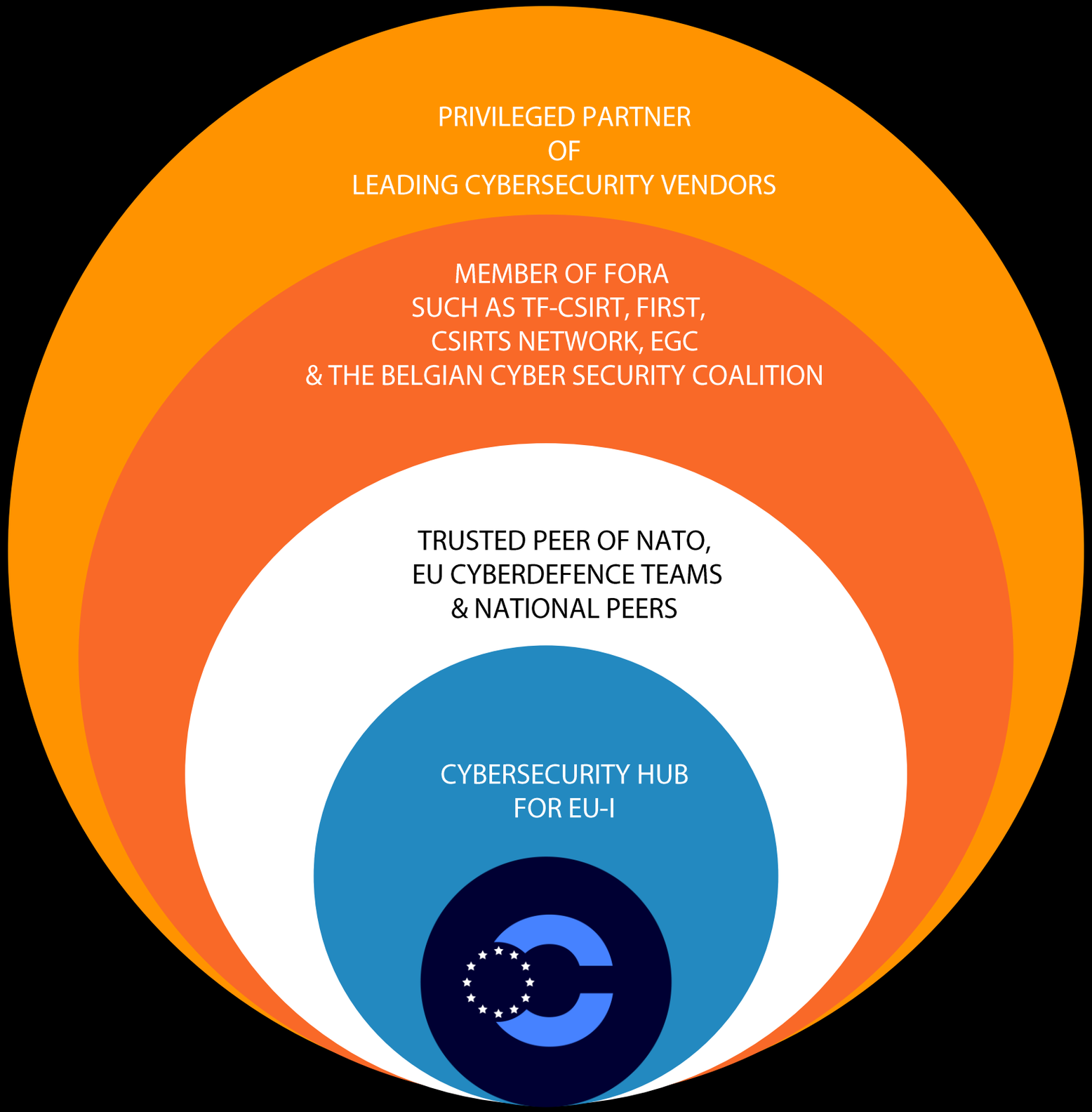
PENETRATION TESTING

PHISHING EXERCISES

THREAT HUNTING

ENHANCED MEDIA MONITOR

A WIDELY RESPECTED CERT



THREAT LANDSCAPE

- State or state-affiliated groups: they tend to possess advanced capabilities and significant resources as well as objectives aligned with the agenda of their sponsor;
- Organized crime: often engage in targeted attacks, driven by profits;
- Hacktivists: attackers with ideological motivations, seeking to raise awareness or benefit their cause through their cyber militancy;
- Opportunistic: largely amateur criminals or, sometimes, legitimate security researchers, looking to expose flaws and exploits.

ARE WE READY?

BACKGROUND & CHALLENGES

BLUEPRINT

Exchange of Information
Education & Training
Strategic & Technical Cooperation

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EUROPOL
EUROPEAN DEFENCE AGENCY

European External Action Service

EU Intelligence Analysis Center
EU Military Staff Intelligence Directorate
Rapid Alert System

Technical Information
Incident Coordination

CSIRTs NETWORK

European Commission

ARGUS I&II

Exchange of Information
Training

NATO
OTAN

Council of the European Union

Cyber Diplomacy Toolbox
Integrated Political Crisis Response
Cyber Defence Policy Framework

CHALLENGES

- Culture: vast majority of existing EU-Institutions departments focus on policy; only a “handful” with experience on cyber operations;
- Entropy: policy complexity increases exponentially; the threat landscape adapts quickly; Information & Communication Technology evolves rapidly introducing new challenges;
- Diversity: in the missions of our constituency; variety of ICT infrastructures.

“IN THE MIDST OF CHAOS, THERE IS ALSO OPPORTUNITY” – SUN TZU

A GOOD PLAN

- Policy: define clear objectives; include precise procedures; be simple; unify processes; keep it steady;
- People: most important asset; emphasize on cyber security mentality; expand technical knowledge; engage senior management;
- Tools: team – develop capability; community – foster cooperation; automate and invest in R&D;
- Alliance: information sharing; learn from others; maintain awareness; multiply available resources;
- Plan: continuous improvement; “winter is coming”.

BE AN EXAMPLE

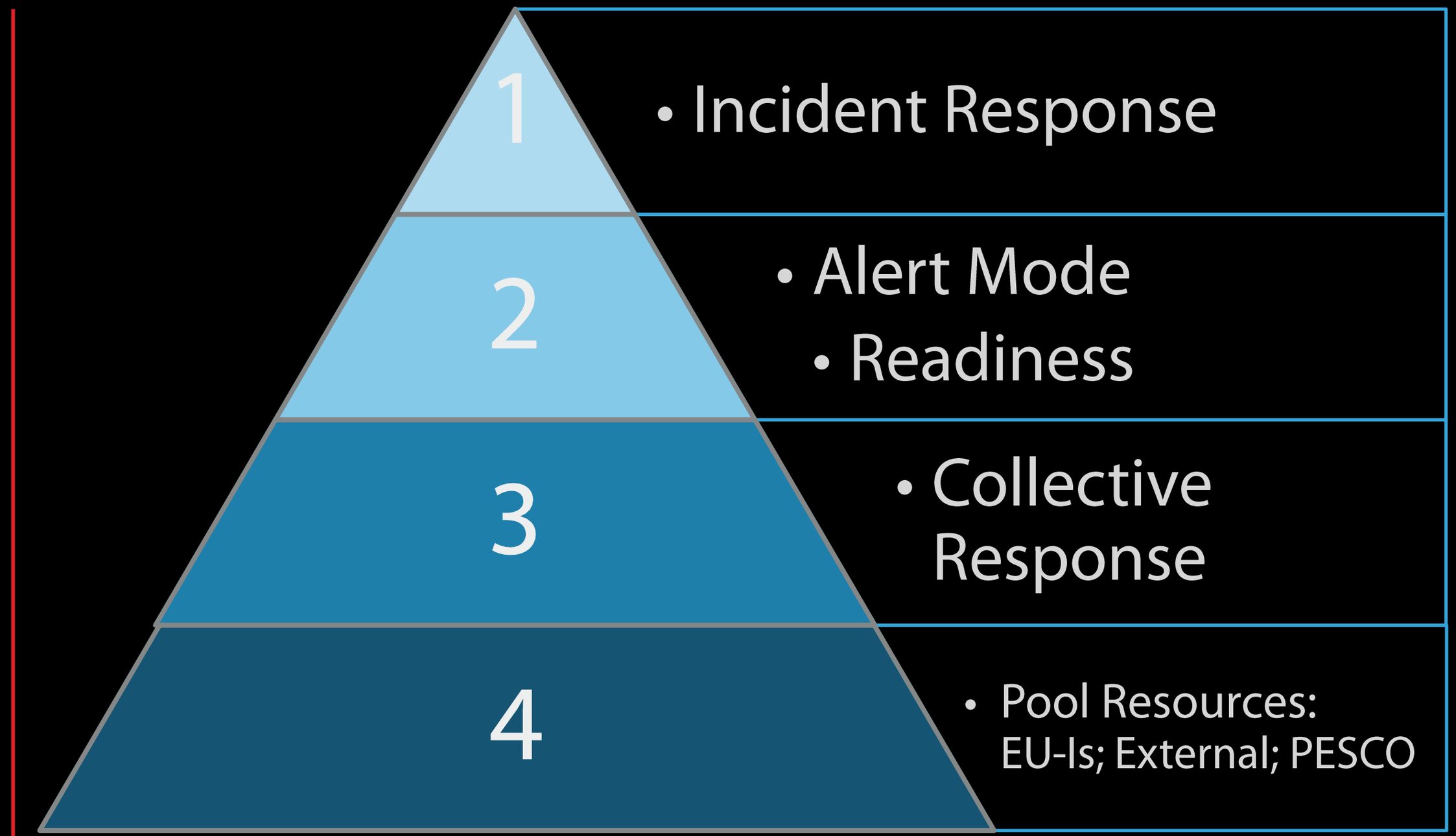
- EU-pace/NATO locked shields: greatest so far operational challenge; shaped an inter-institutional incident response team; engaged all teams; introduced senior management of CERT-EU as training audience;
- EU elections: launched tailored services for the European Parliament; went on operational Readiness status;
- Major attacks paper: an ongoing effort for EU-Institutions on collective response against significant attacks.

MAJOR ATTACKS PAPER

KEYS

- Standard Operating Procedures: derived from CERT-EU's experience; best practices; tailored tools;
- Situational Awareness: by a sensor network; by threat feeds; by using advanced threat detection;
- Operational Alert System to complement EEAS RAS;
- Contribution: capacity and willingness to engage.

STAGES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• Incident Response
2
• Alert Mode
• Readiness
3
• Collective Response
4
• Pool Resources:
EU-Is; External; PESCO
DE-ESCALATION
Lines to Take

BENEFITS

- Streamlines with existing structures' mandate; does not introduce new bodies;
- Cost effective; utilises constituents' existing capabilities and available resources for the benefit of all;
- Simple SOPs that have been tested and ensure response in timely manner;
- Full Crisis Management lifecycle: prevention, preparedness, response, recovery.

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CREATE VALUE