



# Panel 6: Vision of the Future

## Rolling Plan Security Certification

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# Vision of the Future: Context of Security Regulation and Standards

## What is the purpose of National, EU or Global Security Regulation?

- Protect National, European or Global Citizens from defined threat, which the regulation aims to mitigate?
  - We must not lose sight of the fundamental purpose of security regulation through certification.

## What is the purpose of Security Standards?

- Define a common minimum baseline level to address defined Security Threats / Risks.
- Security bar must be achievable, while adding value (current product security vs “needed” security delta).

## Security is a cost?

- Effective targeted Security Standards, Certification and Regulation reduce cost (e.g. financial or privacy).
- Security certification that does not mitigate intended threat / risk increases cost for little benefit.
- Multiple overlapping security mechanisms, requirements and certification obligations are inefficient.
  - End user, manufacturer or service provider rarely benefit.
  - Market agility and innovation reduced.

## Overly prescriptive Regulation and Standards?

- Reduce end product market competition and security innovation?
- Barrier to market entry.
- Inflexible regulation and standards are vulnerable to market or security threat landscape change.

**Ultimately if the end service / product user does not receive the intended security or privacy benefit, then both regulation and security certification have failed.**

# Vision of the Future: Rolling Plan Prioritisation

## **Current Priorities:** AI, Consumer IoT, Industrial Automated Control Systems – Right Priorities?

- Rolling plan spans a wide range of technologies.
- End user vs Critical National Infrastructure vs Industrial security importance.

## **Purpose of Certification:** End Product vs Underlying Technology Certification.

- Rolling plan contains examples of “end user” products and general enabling technologies.
- Specific implementation security certification?
- **Substrate agnostic security certification?**
  - e.g. ETSI ISG SAI
- Horizontal vs Vertical certification – Need a consistent approach across the rolling plan.

## **Self certification vs notified body certification**

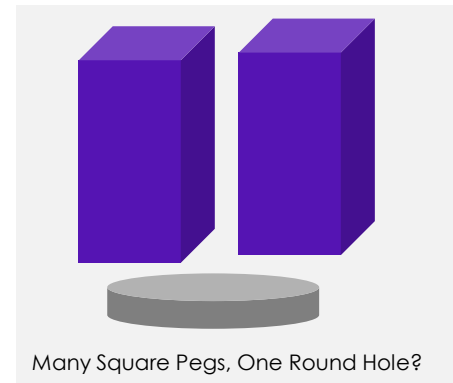
- Layered testing or proportionate certification balancing specific technology or use case risks.

## **Agility and timeliness of Certification Standards**

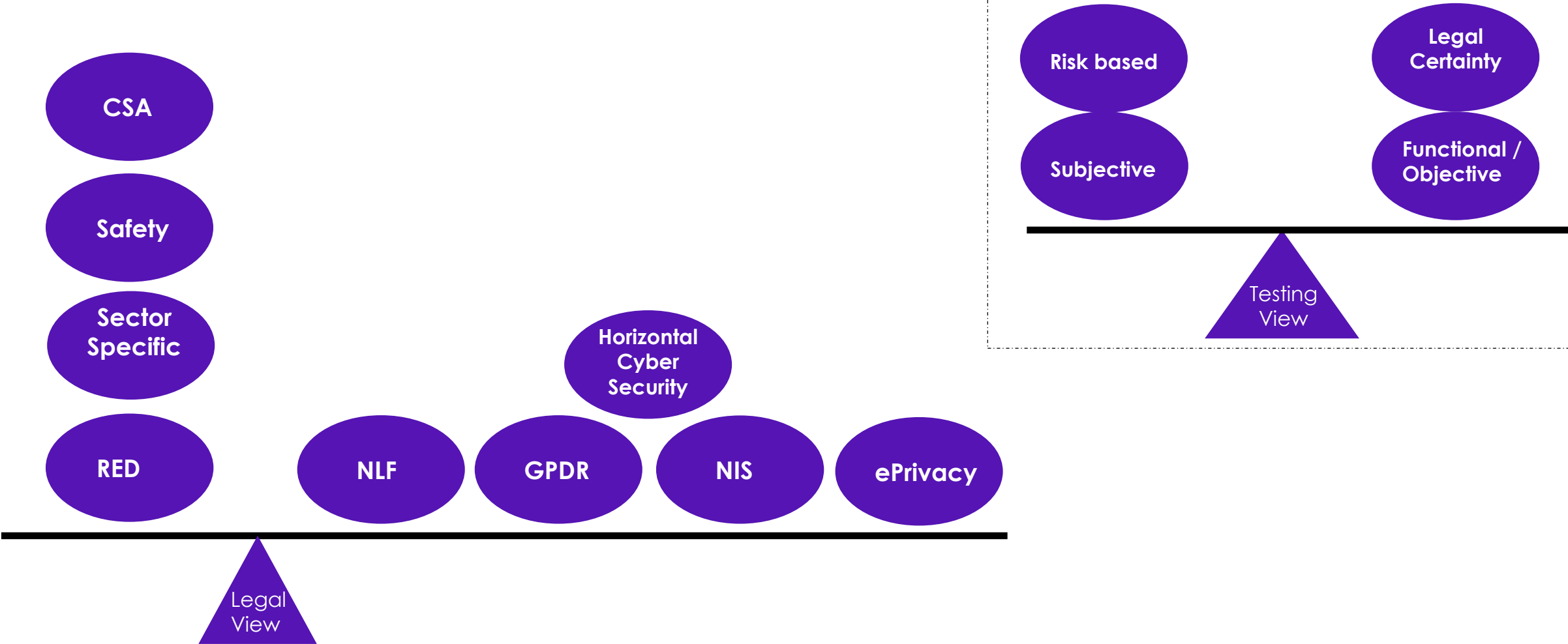
- Rolling Plan priorities may lag technology role out (e.g. 5G or AI).
- Eco-system and use cases evolve.
- Role of lightweight certification – Low cost or highly agile market use cases.

## **New vs Established Technologies**

- Threat landscape and risk mitigation strategies may be different.
- When is the right time in a new technology development to certify?



# Vision of the Future: Certification Landscape



Rolling plan should avoid spawning further overlapping regulatory requirements and seek to minimise global market fragmentation except where absolutely necessary (e.g. to ensure European Privacy norms).



# Vision of the Future: Role of Standards

**New standardisation requests: The answer is not always more standards.**

**Can existing standards form the framework for future certification areas?**

- e.g. reuse of CSA or RED (including component certification reuse)
- Suitability of existing threat model?

**Vertical vs Horizontal Standards?**

- Rolling Plan includes a diverse set of technologies.
- One size does not fit all, neither does one speed.
- Lower level of detail for specific verticals but is low level testable with legal certainty?.

**Types of standards – Right types for the right purpose**

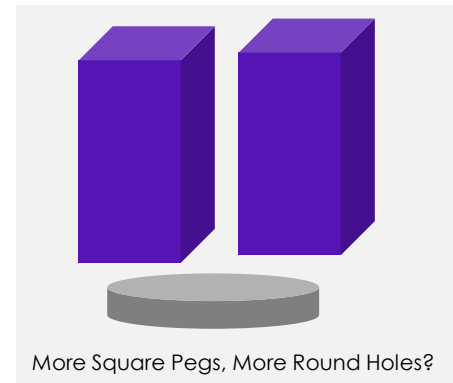
- Harmonised ENs may give legal certainty but they are far from agile.
- Technical Specifications faster and can be updated but less legal certainty?

**A degree of standards and ESOs competition is healthy?**

- Still a significant tendency for standards bodies to “duplicate” areas of existing work.
- Co-ordination and collaboration OK at times, not as efficient as it could be.
  - e.g. 5G, NFV, AI Security, Wider IoT Security.

**Standards must not be a barrier to market entry**

- Participation in standards, cost of published standards, IPR in mandatory certification standards.



# Vision of the Future: Wider Perspectives

## Open Source

- Provides a ever larger horizontal component of ICT and Communications Technology.
- Too large and agile to test with EU CC or similar.

## Secure by Design: Designer / Manufacturer Certification

- Product testing does not automatically lead to systematic design lifecycle improvements?
- Security certification of software design methodology improves all products
- Needs to be linked to EU led secure design university teaching?

## ETSI is already the home of standardisation for many product and fundamental technologies in Rolling Plan

- 5G / 4G (largest 3GPP partner)
- Network Function Virtualisation
- SmartM2M / OneM2M
- Multi-Access Edge Computing (MEC)
- Intelligent Transport
- AI (Security, Network Automation, Sector specific)
- Cryptography – GSM, 3GPP, DECT, TETRA, Hiperlan

**In depth security testing will always be subjective.**

**Any Certification approach must be complementary to exist functional and security technology standards.**

**Ultimately collaboration and co-ordination is a must.**

