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# Risk assessment of the Austrian ICT sector

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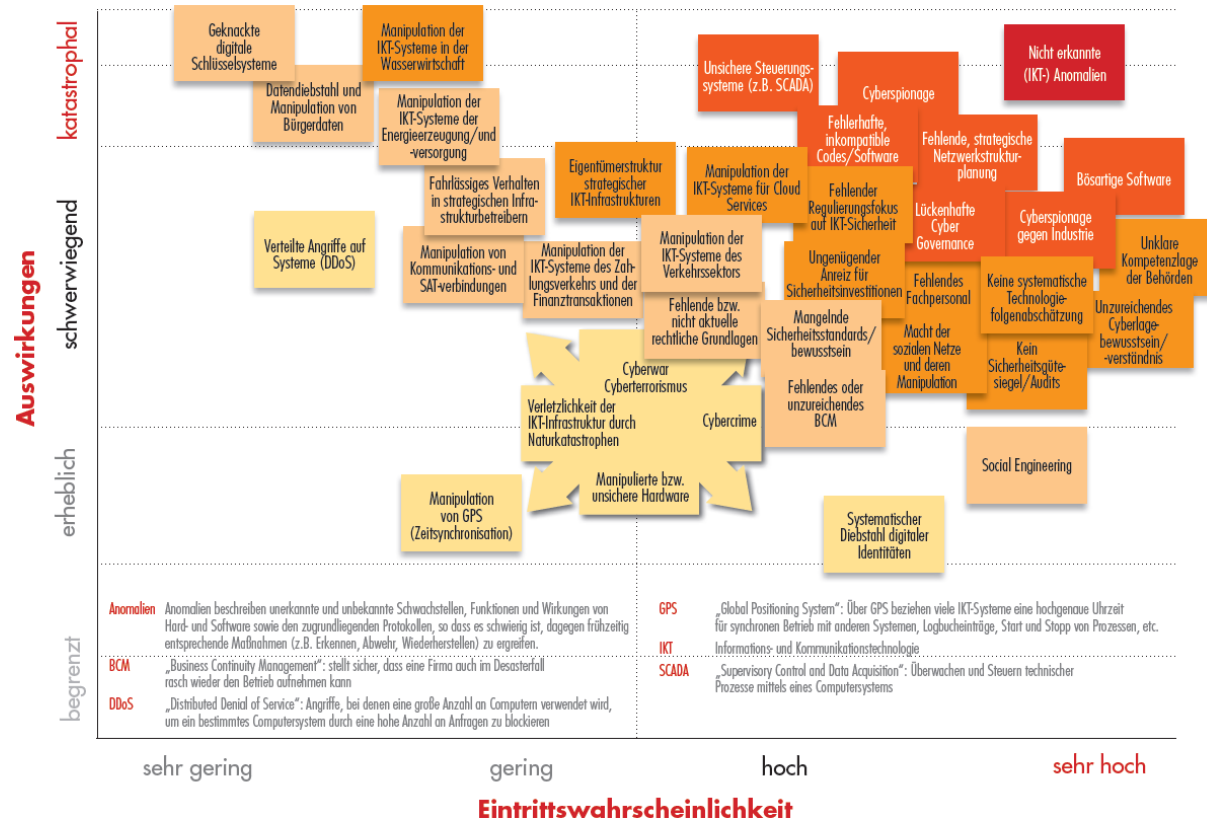


# Background

# KSÖ cyber risk matrix 2011 (update 2016)

## Die wichtigsten Risiken der Cyber-Risikomatrix 2016

	Abhängigkeit von ausländischen (Sicherheits-) Technologien	+
	Cyberspionage	↔
	Fehlende Definition der Verantwortlichkeit bei Softwarefehlern	+
	Kritische und weitreichende Schwachstellen in grundlegenden Technologien	↑
	Mangelndes Sicherheitsbewusstsein	↑
	Ungenügender Anreiz für Sicherheitsinvestitionen	+
	Unsichere IoT Systeme	+





# Austrian Cyber Security Strategy 2013

## **Risk analyses for sector-specific cyber threats**

- Basis of governmental crisis and continuity management plans
- Part of an integrated cyber security policy: Cooperation with public institutions, economy (in particular operators of critical infrastructures), academia and civil society
- Preparation and regular updates

## **Risk management**

- Comprehensive security architecture (risk and crisis management) for operators of critical infrastructures
- Sector-specific cyber risk management plans also for SMEs, to be coordinated with governmental crisis and continuity management plans
- Measures to increase the level of protection (proportionate to the respective risk)



# Austrian Programme for Critical Infrastructure Protection 2014

## **Risk management for strategic enterprises**

- Risk analysis
- Measures for coping with risks

## **Governmental risk analyses**

- Carrying out risk assessment per sector
- Coordination with measures and procedures of national risk analysis
- Alignment with international standards
- Basis for determination of protection standards for strategic enterprises and planning of further measures (situation reports etc.)
- Basis for information and consulting of strategic enterprises by security authorities
- Basis for development of generic measures for reducing identifiable risks



# Risk analysis of power industry 2014







# Process



# ISO 31000 – risk management

## Family of standards related to risk management

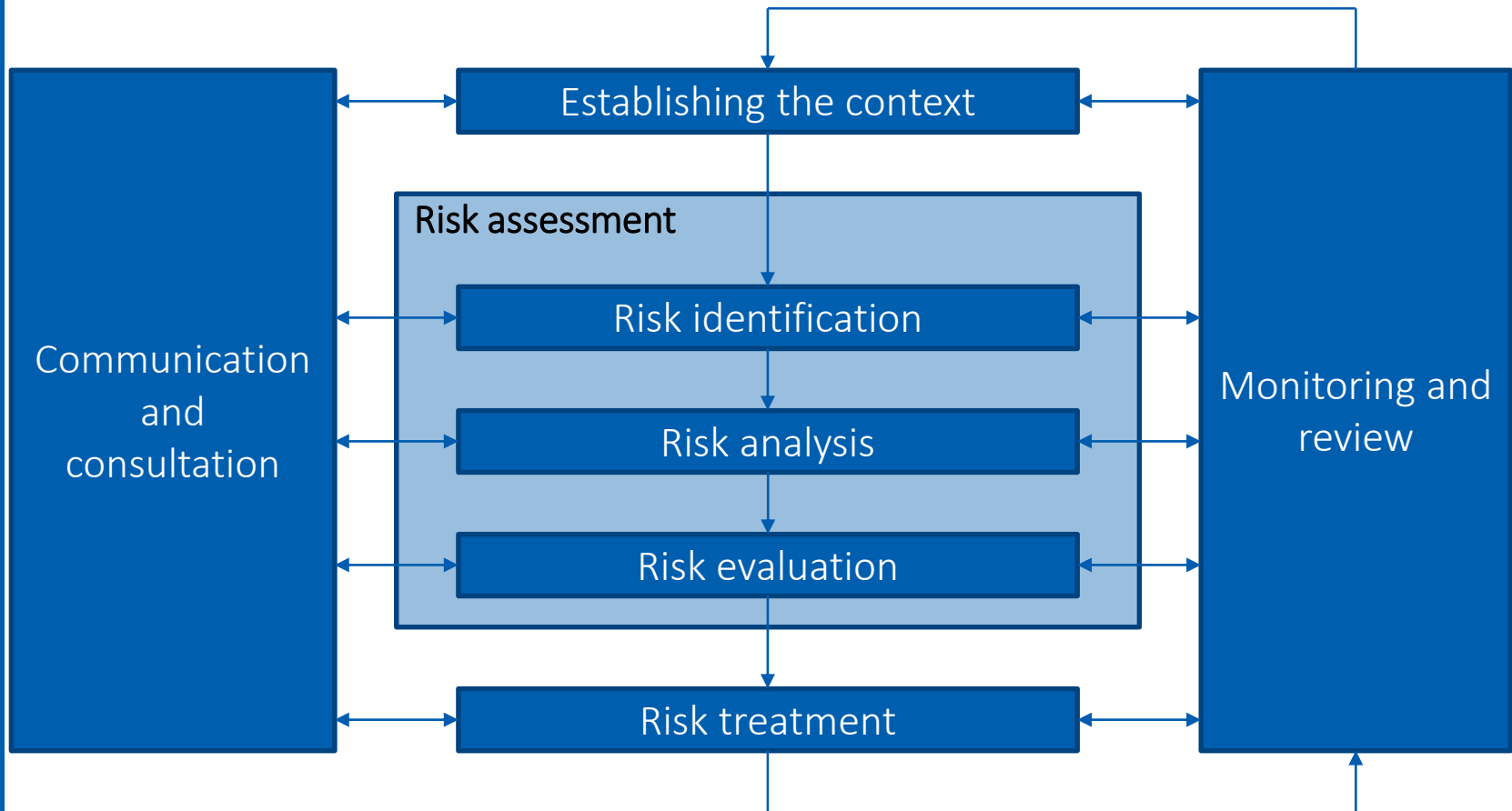
- ISO 31000:2009 – Risk management – Principles and guidelines
- IEC 31010:2009 – Risk management – Risk assessment techniques
- ISO Guide 73:2009 – Risk management – Vocabulary

**Management system** for design, implementation, maintenance and improvement of risk management processes

**Universal but generic approach:** for any target audience, for all subjects of risk analyses (in contrast to ISO/IEC 27005:2018 – Information technology – Security techniques – Information security risk management)

**Term *risk*:** no longer “chance or probability of loss” but “effect of uncertainty on objectives, activities and requirements”

# Risk management based on ISO 31000





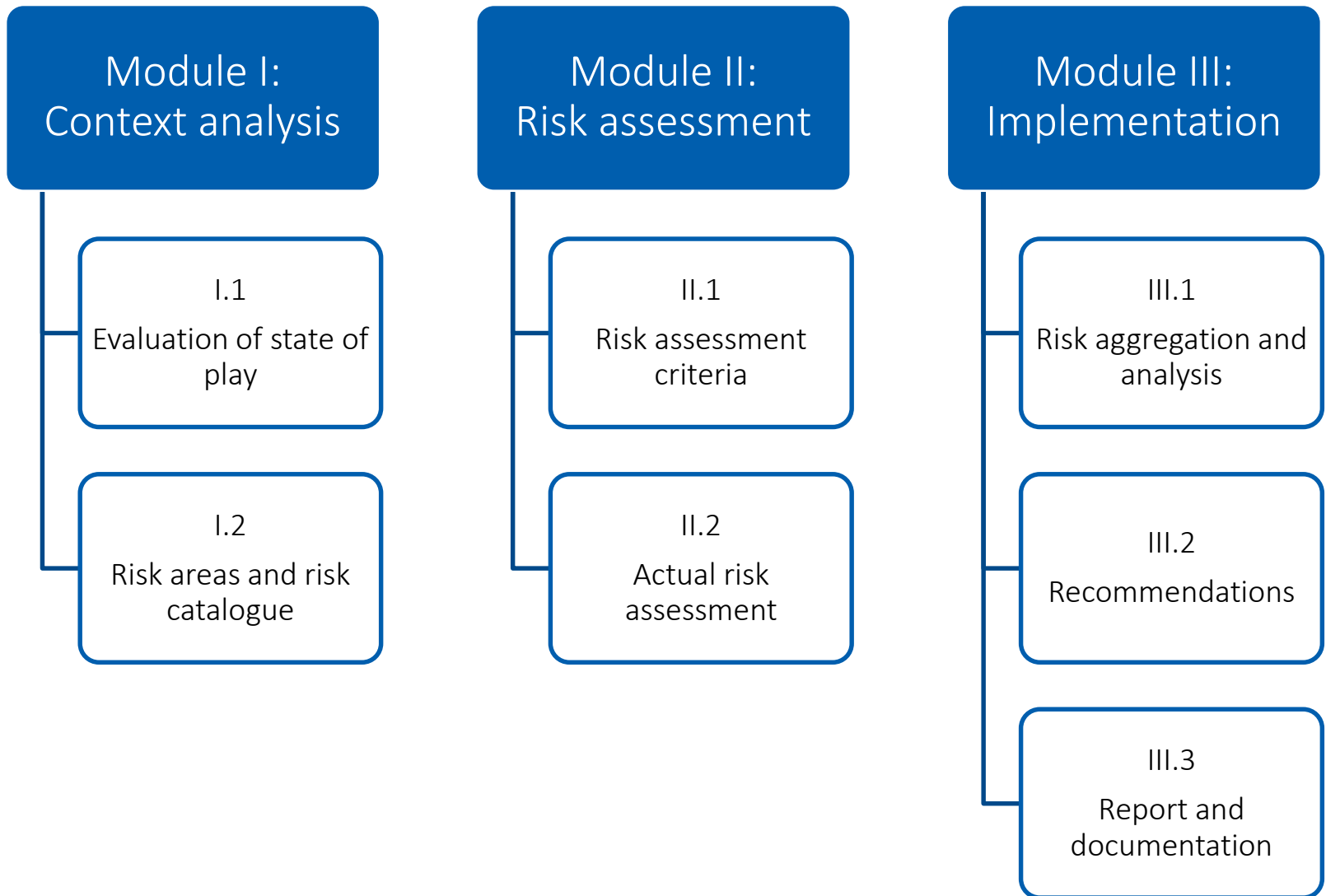
# ONR 49000 – Risk management for organisations and systems

## Family of ON Rules for implementation of ISO 31000

- ONR 49000 – Terms and basics
- ONR 49001 – Risk management  
(systemic approach, risk management system, risk management process)
- ONR 49002-1 – Guidelines for embedding the risk management in the management system  
(interaction with core processes of the organization, links of risk management with other management subsystems)
- ONR 49002-2 – Guideline for methodologies in risk assessment  
(creativity techniques, scenario analyses in the broader sense, indicator analyses, functional and hazard analysis, statistical analyses)
- ONR 49002-3 – Guidelines for emergency, crisis and business continuity management  
(emergency and crisis scenarios, crisis management team and crisis management process, business continuity management)
- ONR 49003 – Requirements for the qualification of the Risk Manager



## Work breakdown structure





# General principles

## **Application of proven methods based on standards**

- Methods for analysing risk, criticality and vulnerability
- National or international, civil or military standards

## **Methods of project management**

- Structuring into subprojects
- Avoidance or minimisation of project risks

## **Public-private partnership**

- Security not decreed “from above” but lived “from below”
- Voluntary participation of operators and public institutions
- Communication platform for security issues



# Project organisation

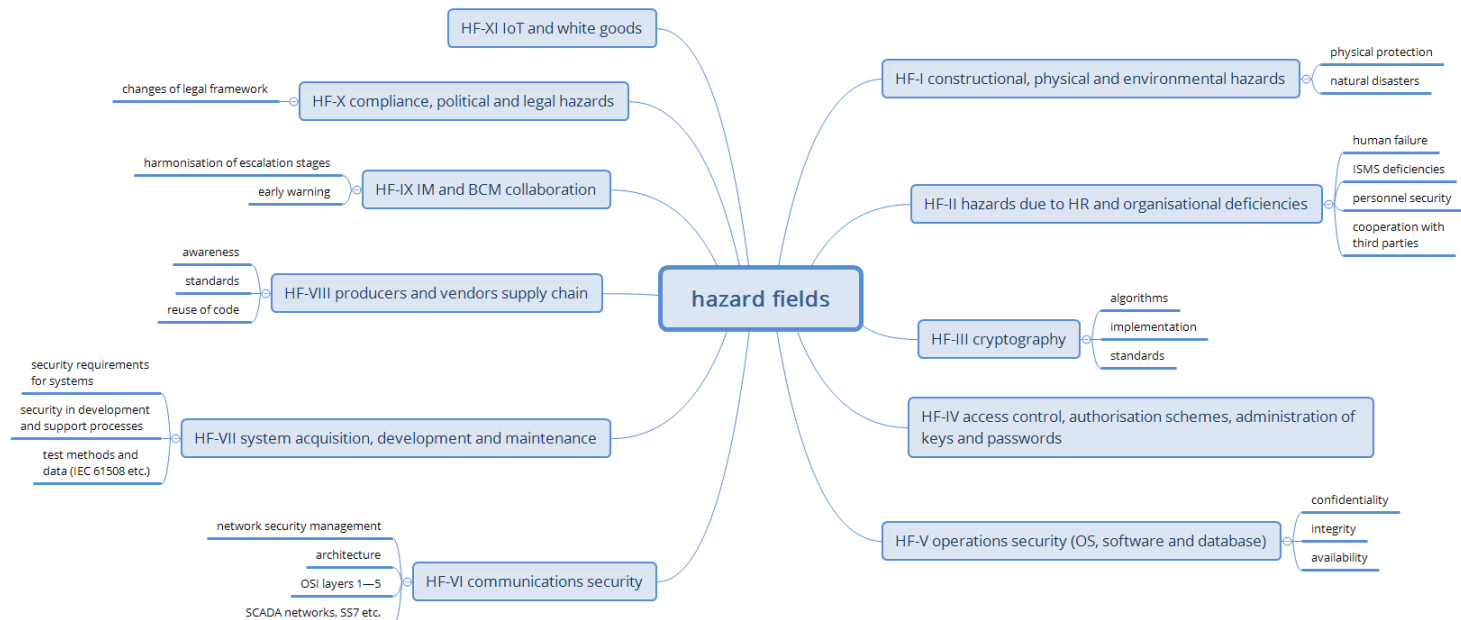
## **Steering committee**

- Interface to Austrian Cyber Security Strategy and Austrian Programme for Critical Infrastructure Protection
- Approval of results
- Four sessions of two hours each

## **Technical expert group**

- Twelve workshops of six hours each (within ten months)
- Additional expert talks

# Threats and vulnerabilities (1)



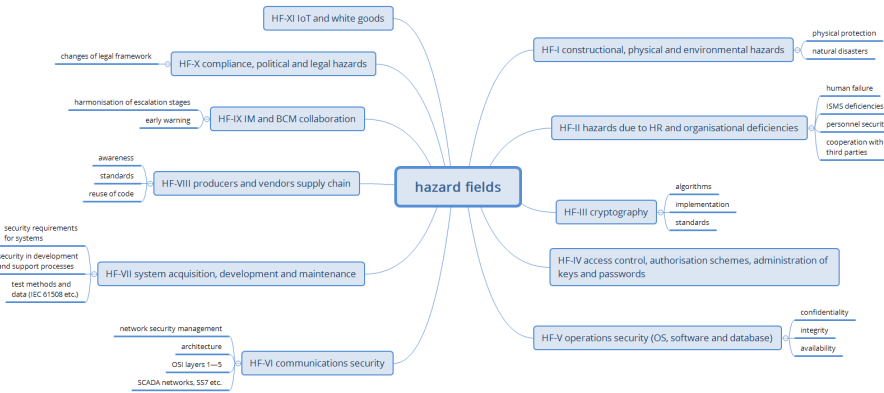
## Catalogue of threats and vulnerabilities

(collected from well-known sources – no need for reinventing the wheel)

- Technical guidelines by ENISA
- Standards and catalogues by BSI, NIST etc.
- National and international standards by ISO, ITU, ETSI etc.
- Completion by involved organisations



# Threats and vulnerabilities (2)



- I. Physical hazards
- II. Organisational deficiencies
- III. Cryptography and software
- IV. Access control
- V. Operations security
- VI. Communications security
- VII. Life cycle of systems
- VIII. Supply chain
- IX. Information security and continuity management
- X. Compliance
- XI. Internet of things, white and brown goods

Hazard field I: constructional, physical and environmental hazards

Subcategory	Number	Hazard	Reference	Comment
	HF-I-01	Fire raising	ENISA GL 4.1.7	
	HF-I-02	Hardware theft	ENISA GL 4.1.13	
	HF-I-03	Cable theft	ENISA GL 4.1.14	
	HF-I-04	Cable cut (due to construction etc.)	ENISA GL 4.1.15	
	HF-I-05	Power cut	ENISA GL 4.1.16	
	HF-I-06	Intrusion into security areas	ISO 27002 11.1	



# Criteria of risk assessment

487 threats and vulnerabilities  $\Rightarrow$  125 individual risks  
(technical threats, natural disasters, intentional threats etc.)

Risk = probability (feasibility) x impact

Impact assessment from 1 (low) to 5 (disastrous)

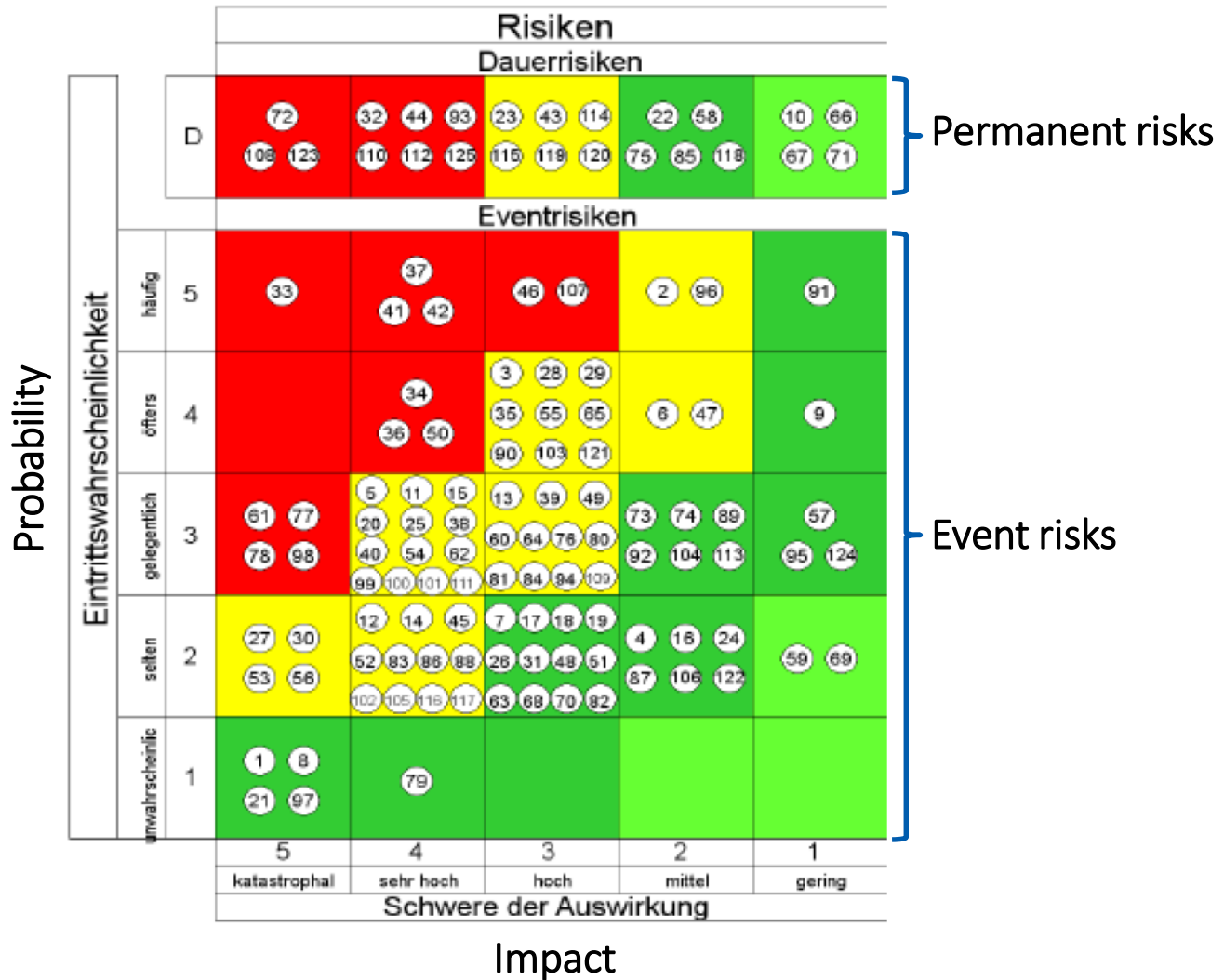
- Quantitative (percentage of annual turnover)
- Qualitative based on security objectives
  - Availability (duration of interruption x number of affected subscribers)
  - Confidentiality
  - Integrity

Assessment of probability (feasibility) from 1 (unlikely) to 5 (frequent)

- Frequency
- Difficulty (complexity, cost) of causing an incident

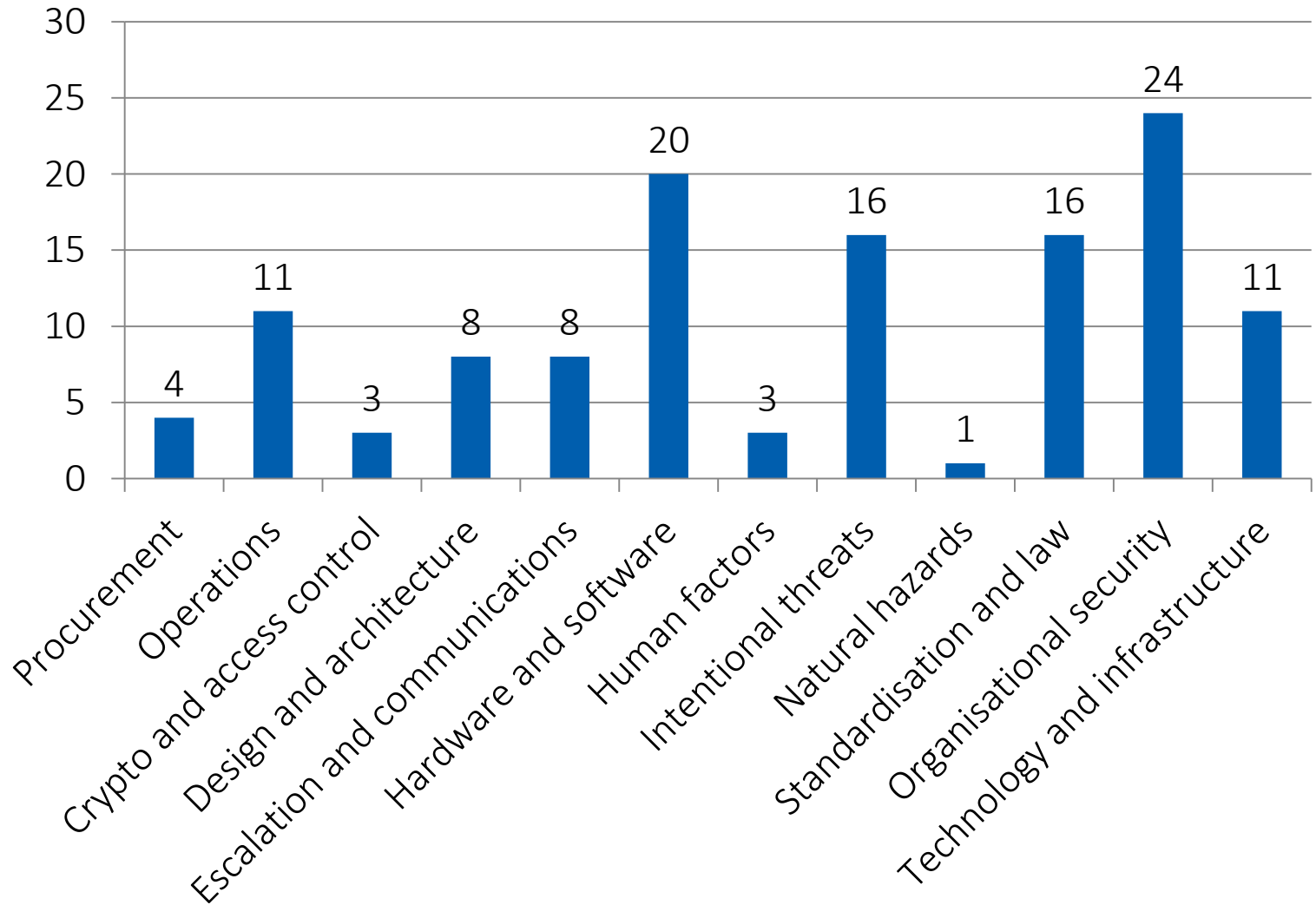


# Individual risks in the worst case

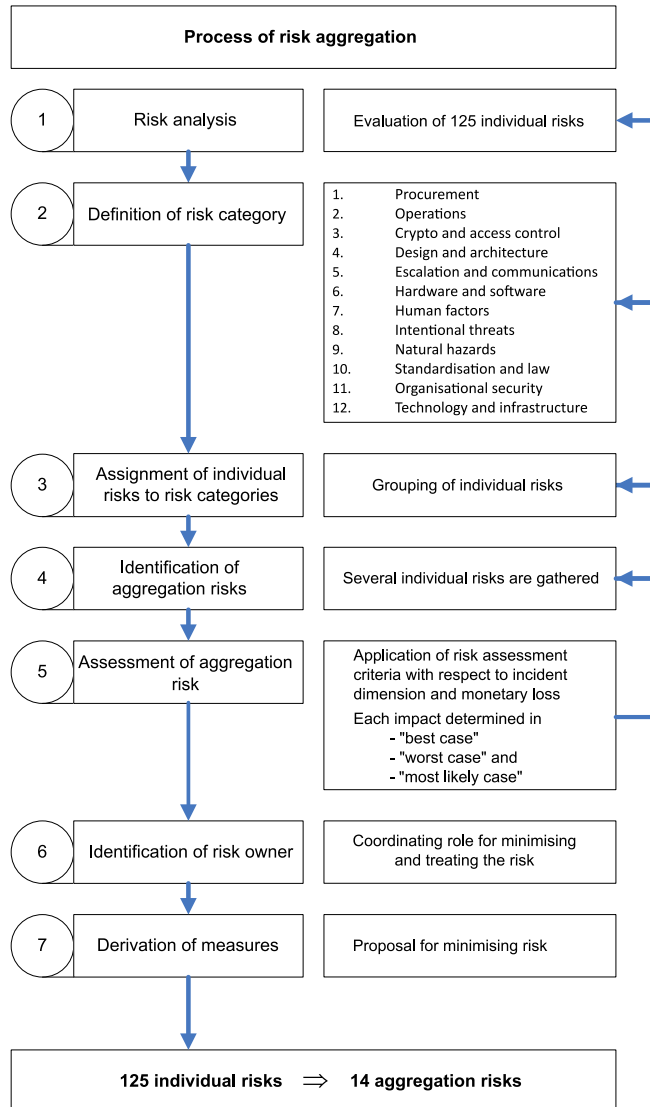




## Distribution of individual risks



# Risk aggregation



125 individual risks  $\Rightarrow$  14 aggregation risks

- Failure of essential infrastructures
- Intentional damaging or theft
- Criminal activities from cyber space
- Deficiencies in ICT design and system architecture
- Negative impact of political and legal framework
- Deficiencies in procurement process
- Poor emergency, crisis and business continuity management
- Problems with patch and update process
- Deficiencies in identity and access management (IAM)
- Loss of confidentiality
- Failure of singular ICT suppliers
- Deficiencies in management
- Vulnerabilities in hardware and software
- Lack of compliance

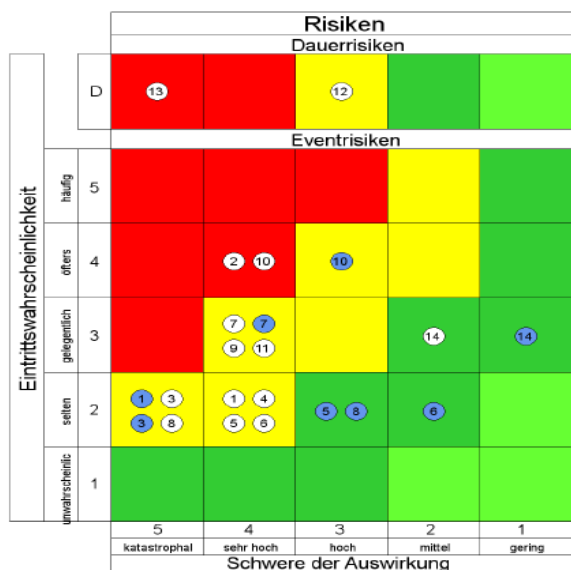


# Results and recommendations

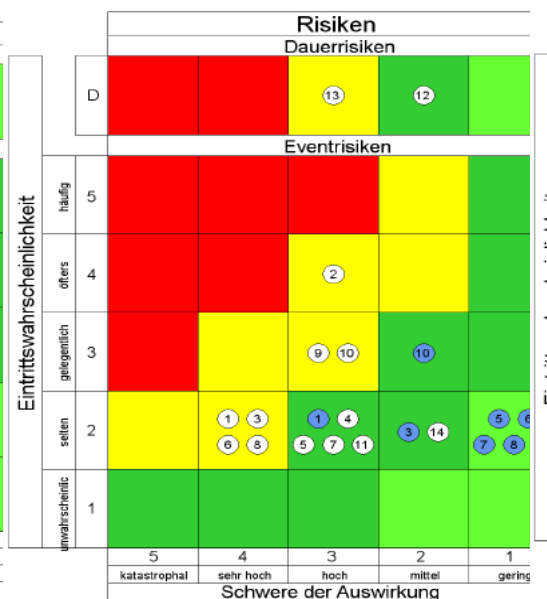


# Risk matrix for aggregation risks

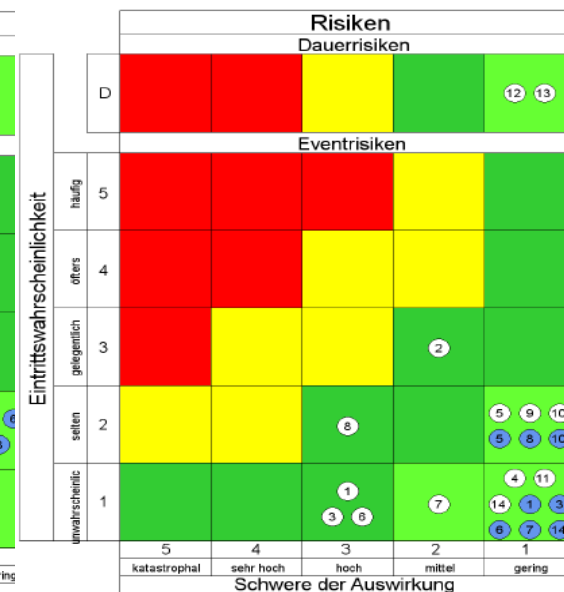
Worst case



Most likely



Best case



X-axis: Impact (from “disastrous” to “low”)

Y-axis: Probability (from “unlikely” to “frequent”)



## High risks in the “worst case”

		Risiken				
		Dauerrisiken				
Eintrittswahrscheinlichkeit	D	13		12		
	Eventrisiken					
	häufig	5				
	öfters	4	2 10	10		
	gelegentlich	3		7 7 9 11	14	14
	selten	2	1 3 3 8	1 4 5 6	5 8	6
unwahrscheinlich	1					
		5	4	3	2	1
		katastrophal	sehr hoch	hoch	mittel	gering
		Schwere der Auswirkung				

- 13 Vulnerabilities of hardware and software
- 2 Intentional damaging or theft of important operational resources or equipment
- 10 Loss of confidentiality of protected information





## Medium risks in the “worst case”

- 7 Deficient emergency, crisis and continuity management
- 12 Deficiencies in operational management
- 9 Deficiencies in identity and access management (IAM)
- 11 Failure or significant service restrictions with singular ICT suppliers
- 3 Criminal activities from cyber space
- 8 Significant problems with patch and update process
- 1 Failure of essential infrastructures
- 4 Possible significant deficiencies in ICT design and system architecture
- 5 Negative impact of political and legal framework
- 6 Deficiencies in procurement process



# Recommendations

- 12 risk categories  $\Rightarrow$  37 recommendations
- 3 groups of process owners
  - Operators of critical infrastructures
  - System-relevant operators
  - Authorities
- Priority from 1 to 3



## Recommendations from three perspectives

- Proposals and recommendations directed to organisations
- Suggestions contributing to the definition of a “state of technology” regarding the implementation of information security
- Proposals for future national and international standardisation and legislation which should create a market-neutral framework for implementing information security in the ICT sector



# Outlook



# Risk management as a permanent process

## Ongoing changes

- Technology
- Infrastructure
- Management

⇒ Risk assessment **to be updated regularly** (about every two years )

⇒ Meetings of the technical expert group for **discussing highly topical security issues** even outside the institutional risk assessment process



# Extension of the risk assessment's subject

## **Risk identification (scoping)**

- So far mainly risks affecting the ICT sector
- In the future stronger consideration of interdependencies among different sectors (“cascade effects”)
- Possibly also risks affecting society as a whole

## **Resources**

- Assessment of human and financial resources required for implementing the recommendations



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