

Improving Resilience in Public eCommunication Networks

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Key Facts

eEurope 2005 Action Plan → set up in 2004 by EU Regulation

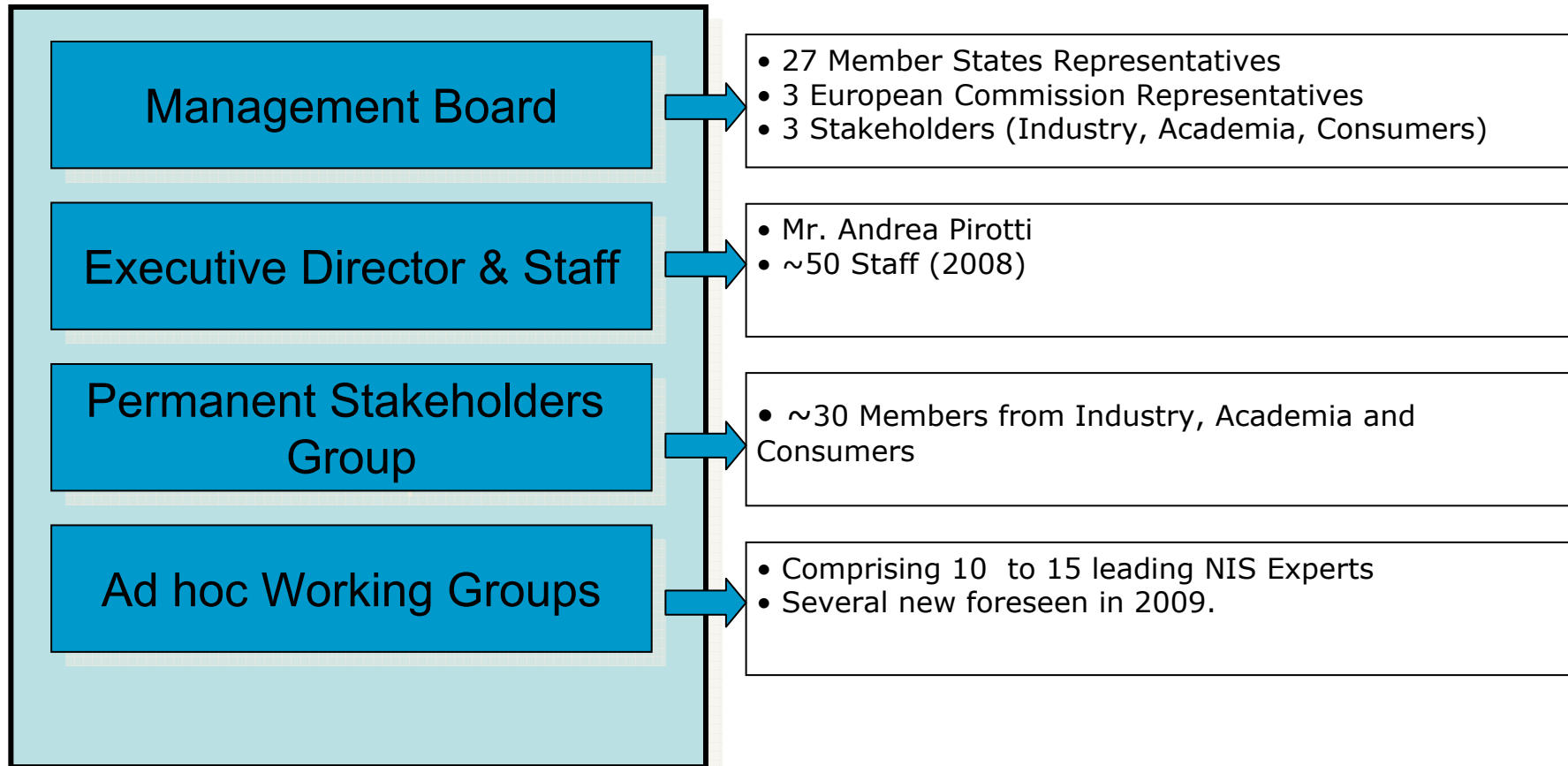
Operational since September 2005 in Heraklion, Greece

~50 Staff

~34.8 M€ for 5 years



ENISA Structure

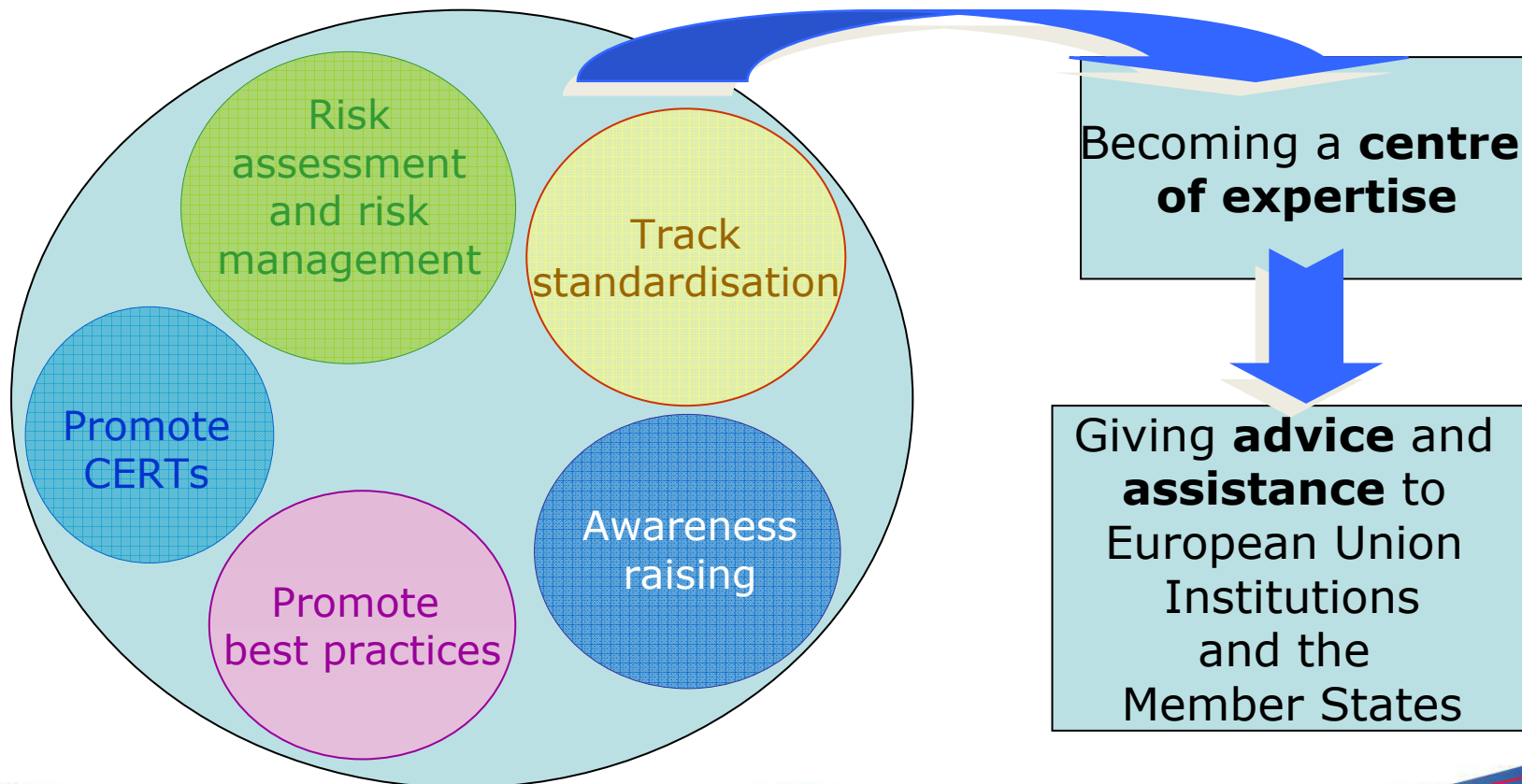


ENISA Objectives

- ➔ To **enhance** the **capability** of the Commission, other EU bodies and the Member States to **prevent**, **address** and **respond** to NIS problems
- ➔ To provide **assistance** and deliver **advice** to the Commission and the Member States on issues related to NIS falling within its **competencies** as set out in its establishing Regulation
- ➔ To **develop** a high level of **expertise** and use this expertise to **stimulate** broad **cooperation** between actors from the public and private sectors
- ➔ To **assist** the Commission, where called upon, in the technical preparatory work for updating and developing **Community legislation** in the field of NIS

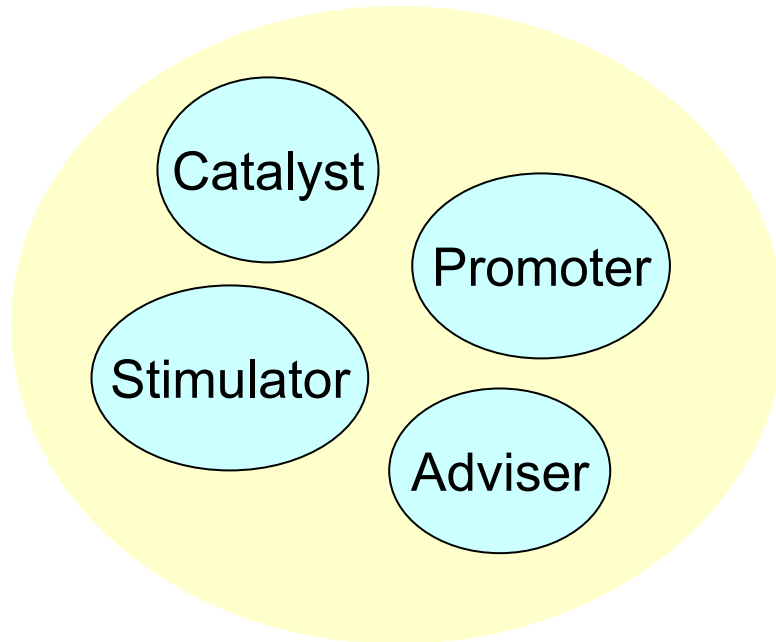
ENISA's main tasks

- to promote stakeholder cooperation

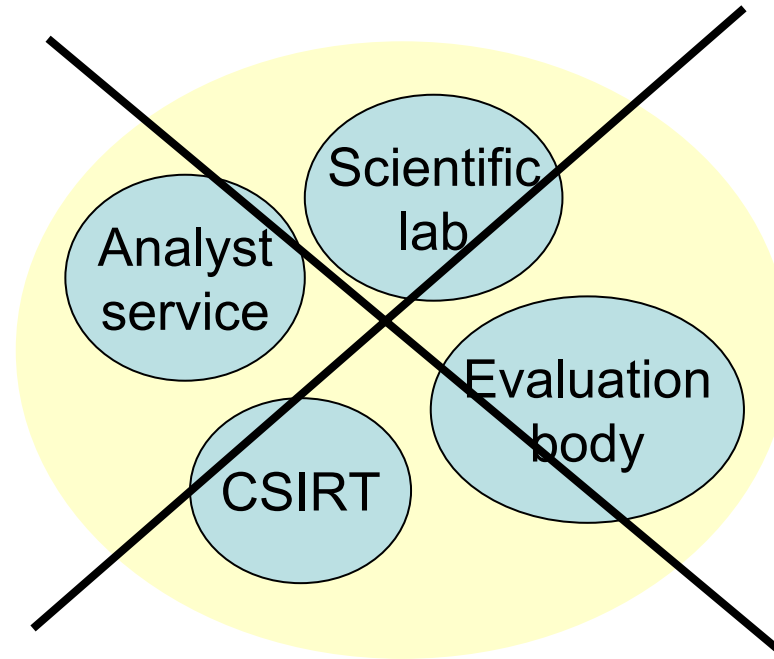


Scope of activities

- to be a...



- and not a...



... maintain internal expertise, at **the disposal for EU and Member State competent bodies**
(respond to Requests and Calls for Assistance)

ENISA's Role



Activities for 2008 and beyond

- ★ Multi-annual Thematic Programmes
 - ★ Strategic priorities for ENISA
 - ★ Implemented through a number of Work Packages
- ★ Current focus on:
 - ★ Improving Resilience in European e-Communication Networks
 - ★ Developing and Maintaining co-operation between Member States
 - ★ Identifying Emerging Risks for creating trust and confidence
 - ★ Building information confidence with Micro Enterprises (Preparatory action)

Resilience



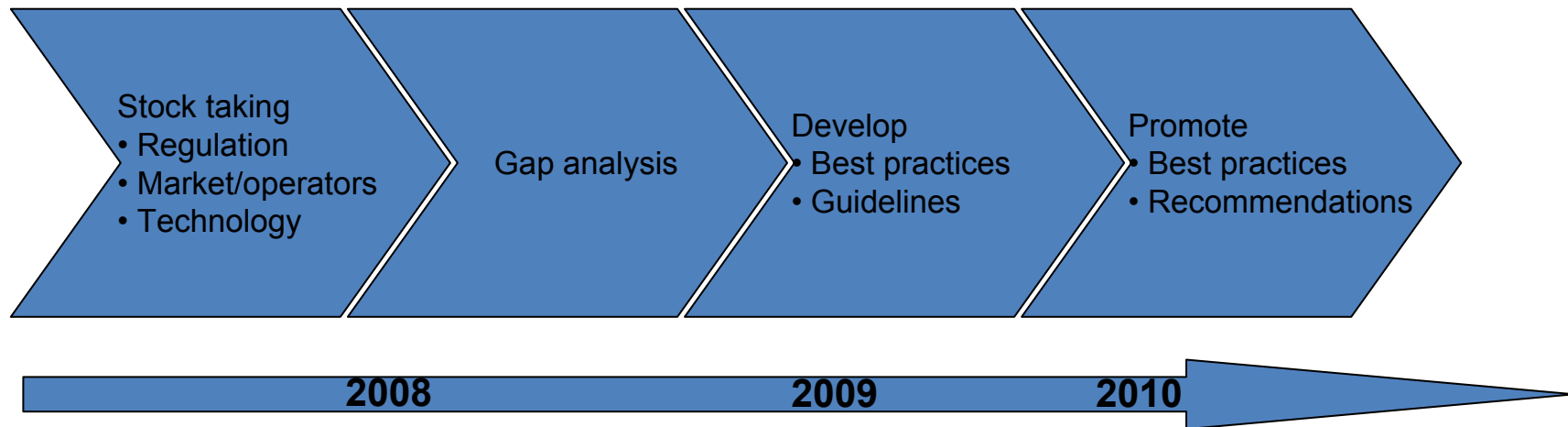
The ability of a system to provide & maintain an **acceptable level of service** in face of faults (*unintentional, intentional, or naturally caused*) affecting normal operation

Network resources resilience

- ★ A resilient network design aims to remove single points of failure in switching/routing equipment;
- ★ The main aim of resilience is for fault to be invisible to users;
- ★ Network availability is an issue of risk management and involves technical measures such as:
 - ★ Resilient design;
 - ★ Resilient transmission media;
 - ★ Resilient equipment;

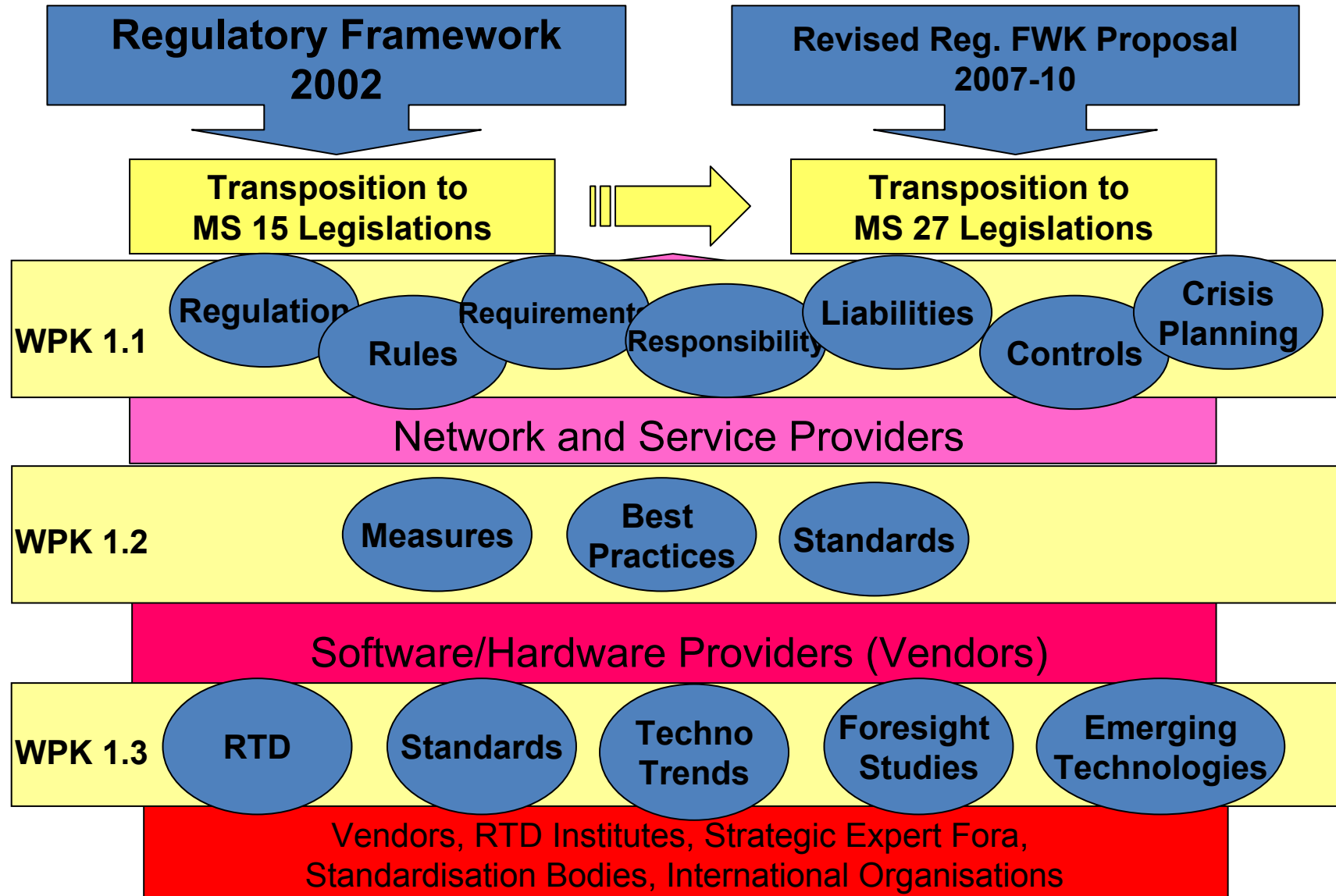
MTP1 - Improving Resilience in European e-Communication networks

Collectively evaluate and improve resilience in European e-Communication networks



By 2010, the Commission and at least 50% of the Member States have made use of ENISA recommendations in their policy making process

MTP 1 Overview



WPK 1.3 – Background Info

★ Objectives

- ★ Analyze current and emerging technologies used by network and service providers to enhance the resilience of their operations

★ Scope

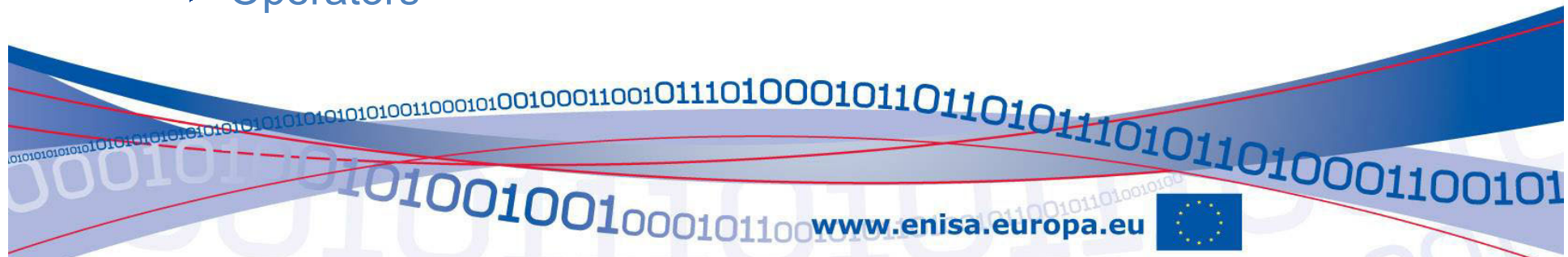
- ★ IP backbone technologies

★ Stakeholders

- ★ Equipment vendors, network operators, services providers
- ★ Research institutes and standardization bodies
- ★ Policy makers

★ Target Group

- ★ Regulators and Policy Makers
- ★ Operators



Approach - Status

- ★ Selection of topics & stakeholders
 - ★ Consultation workshop, Q1 08, Brussels
- ★ Consultation with stakeholders
 - ★ Interviews, Expert groups (Q3 & Q4 08)
- ★ Analysis of resilience enhancement of existing and emerging technologies
 - ★ (Q4 08)
- ★ Validation of findings with experts and stakeholders
 - ★ Consultation workshop Q4 08 to Q1 09

Virtual Working Group

- ★ Group of leading experts
- ★ Scope
 - ★ Validate the questionnaire
 - ★ Validate the stock taking and analysis methodology
 - ★ Analyse the received input
 - ★ Draft guidelines
- ★ Deliverables
 - ★ Draft guidelines on the effectiveness of the selected technologies in improving the resilience of public e-Communication networks

Selected Technologies

★ IPv6

- ★ OSI Layer 3 technology replacing IPv4
- ★ Action Plan for the deployment of Internet Protocol version 6 (IPv6) in Europe

★ MPLS

- ★ OSI Layer 2.5 technology
- ★ Used by operators in IP backbones, replacing Frame Relay and ATM

★ DNSSec

- ★ A technology improving the security of Domain Resolution Service



IPv6

- ★ More addresses available
- ★ No need for Network Address Translation
- ★ Site Multihoming
- ★ IP Host Mobility
- ★ IPsec
 - ★ Authentication Header
 - ★ Encapsulating Security Payload

MPLS - Multiprotocol Label Switching

- ★ IP Based networks routing
 - ★ Each node makes its own routing decision
 - ★ Use IP routing protocols to maintain consistent routing tables
 - ★ The per-hop nature of IP routing decisions provides resiliency
- ★ IP routing fundamental constraints
 - ★ Traffic always uses the shortest path to the destination
 - ★ Critical links can get overloaded
 - ★ Convergence time is too long for Real Time Applications



MPLS - Multiprotocol Label Switching

- ★ Provides a Layer 2 connection-oriented transport mode through a Layer 3
- ★ Enables class of service (CoS) tagging and prioritization of network traffic
- ★ Features that enhance Resilience
 - ★ Traffic Engineering (TE)
 - the shortest path with available bandwidth will be chosen
 - ★ TE - Fast Reroute
 - About 50ms
 - ★ MPLS DiffServ - TE

DNSec

- ★ DNS is a critical service for IP Based Networks
- ★ DNS Known Threats (RFC 3833)
 - ★ Packet Interception - monkey-in-the-middle attacks
 - ★ ID Guessing and Query Prediction
 - ★ Name Chaining - Cache Poisoning
 - ★ Betrayal By Trusted Server
 - ★ Denial of Service
 - ★ Wildcards

DNSSEC

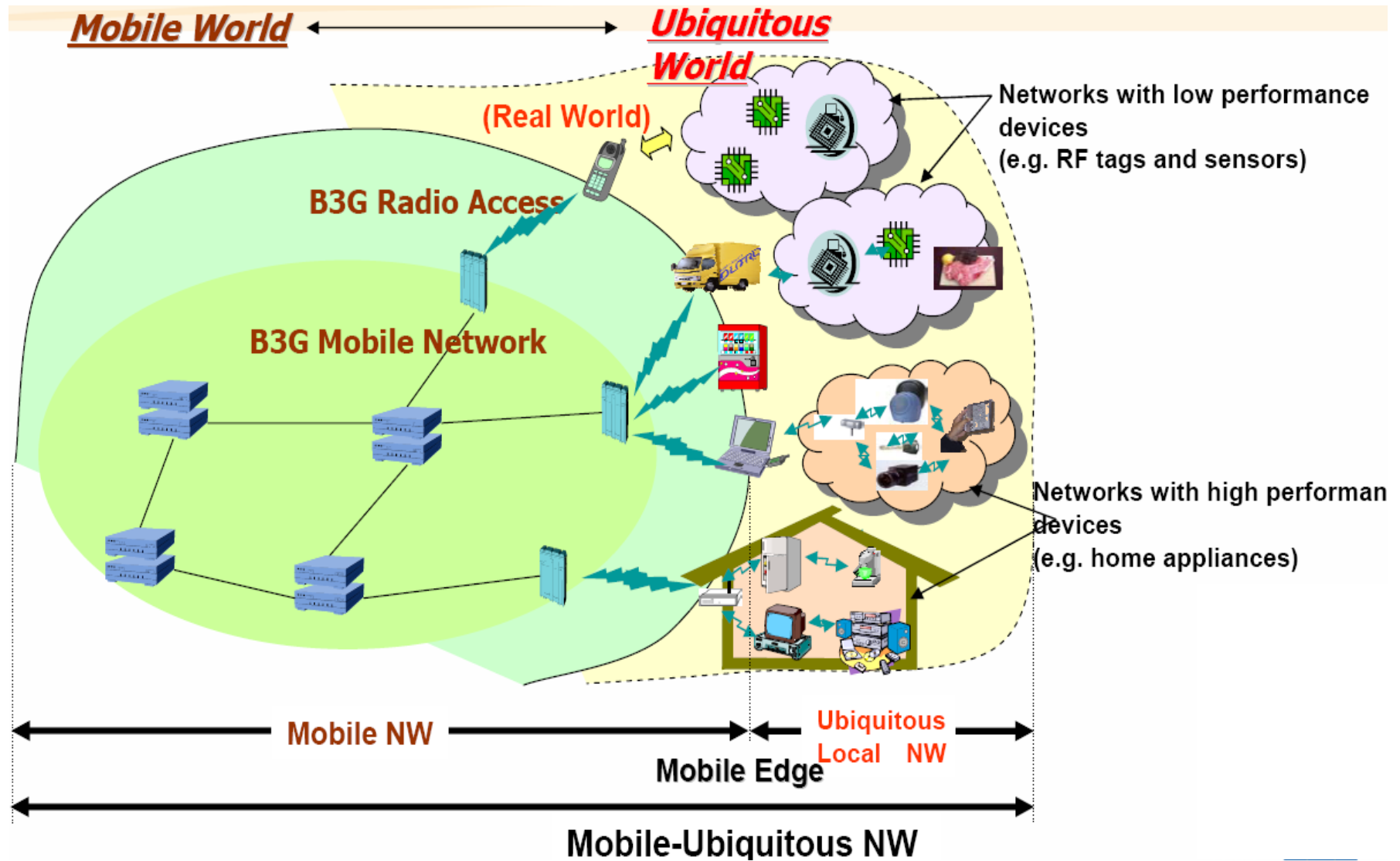
★ DNSSEC resilient features

- ★ End-to-end data integrity check
- ★ Use TSIG to ensure the integrity with a recursive name server

★ Weaknesses

- ★ Answer validation increases the resolver's work load
- ★ Denial of Service
- ★ Trust model is almost totally hierarchical
- ★ Key rollover at the root is really hard
- ★ Betrayal By Trusted Server still exists as threat

Future Networking Trends



MTP1 – Perspectives 2009

- ★ WPK 1.1 : Gap analysis on regulatory measures
 - ★ Analysis of common approaches and gaps
 - ★ Large consultation of stakeholders and authorities
- ★ WPK 1.2 : Gap analysis of implemented measures
 - ★ Clustering of implemented measures and resilience approaches
 - ★ Gaps analysis and best practice identification
- ★ WPK 1.3 : Analysis and recommendations on how to enhance resilience
 - ★ Recommendation on resilience enhancing methods and tools
 - ★ Business impact analysis and incentive proposals
 - ★ Networking trends and impact

Summarizing

- ★ Importance of the Resilience of public eCommunication networks
- ★ ENISA is working with all sector actors
 - ★ Key target audience are Policy Makers, NRAs and Operators
- ★ Technologies benefits are well recognized however the economical / political incentives have to be made

Thank You

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