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Insights From CS-AWARE NEXT, DYNABIC, & AI4CYBER

CS-AWARE CYBERSECURITY NEXT · AI4CYBER · DYNABIC

Join us

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16:00 - 17:30 CEST

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Agenda

16:00 – 17:00 – AI Solutions supporting Cyber Risk Management

Design-Science and AI harnessed for improving ´Cybersecurity on infrastructure ecosystems
Prof. Juha Röning, Professor at the University of Oulu, CS-AWARE NEXT Coordinator
- Q&A

Smart Risk Management for Business Continuity in Critical Infrastructure
Victor Muntés-Mulero, Co-founder and CEO at Beawre, Exploitation and Innovation Manager at DYNABIC
- Q&A

Trustworthy AI for cybersecurity solutions
Erkuden Rios, AI4CYBER and DYNABIC Project Manager, TECNALIA
- Q&A

17:00 – 17:30 - Roundtable with speakers

Chair – Nicholas Ferguson, Trust-IT & ECCO

Housekeeping

- The webinar is being recorded. A link to the full recordings will be shared with participants afterwards
- You're welcome to ask questions! Please use Q&A panel to ask your questions: we will activate your microphone.
- You can also raise your hand during the dedicated Q&A time
- Roundtable at the end for further questions!

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Design-Science and AI Harnessed for Cybersecurity Infrastructure Ecosystem

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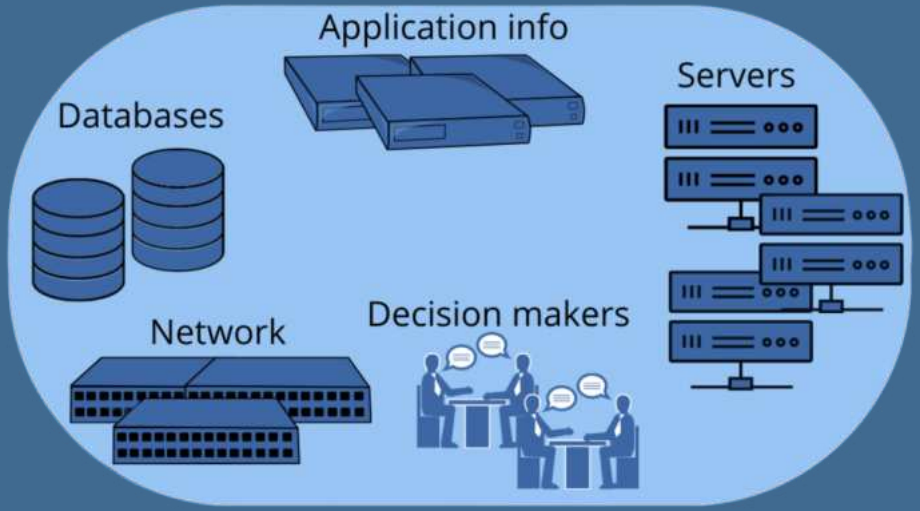
CS-AWARE CYBERSECURITY NEXT

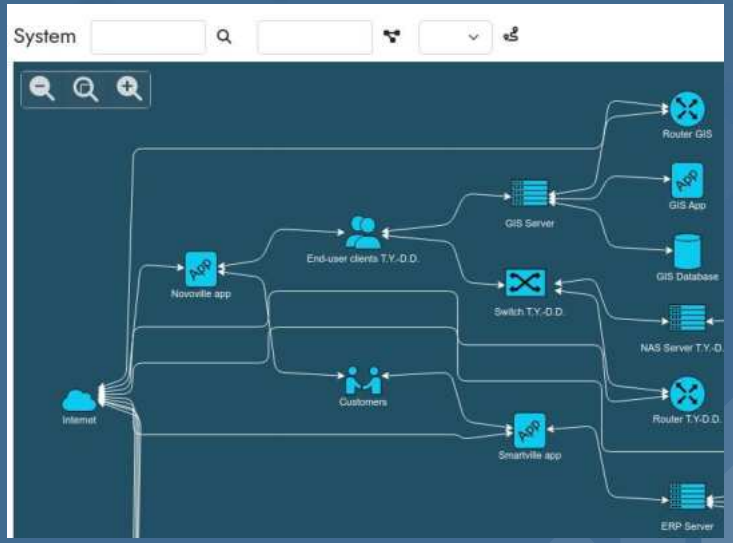
The CS-AWARE H2020 project

- A socio-technical systems based approach to cybersecurity management in organisations based on awareness
  - Humans are a central factor in any complex system
  - CS-AWARE enables humans to be part of the solution in solving cybersecurity issues

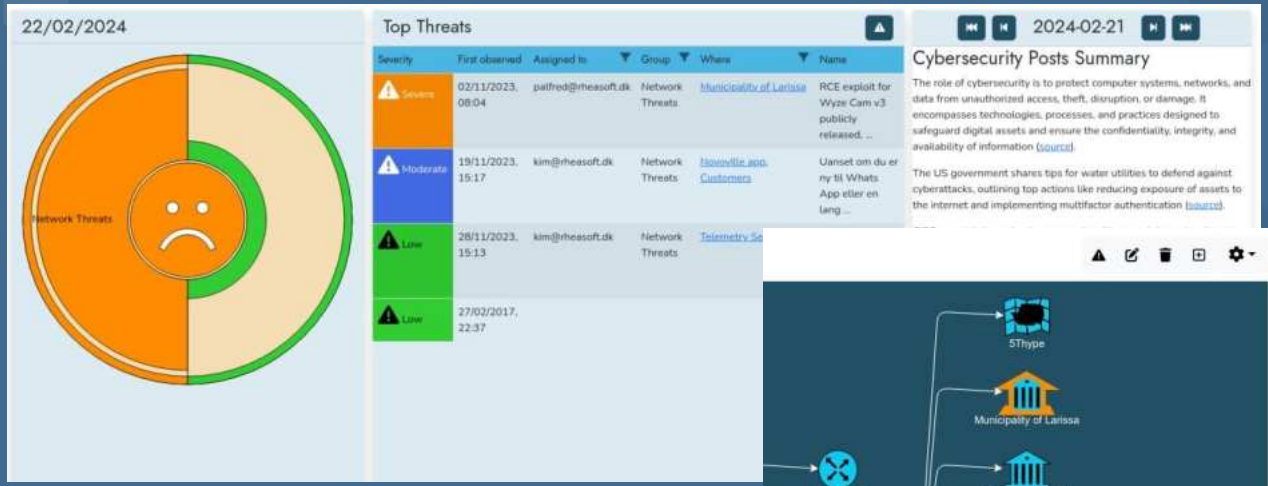
- 2 pillars
  - **Analysis**: Socio-technical workshops allow the people working in an organisation to specify their systems, and how they work in practice (co-design)
  - **Monitoring:** Provide the technical capability for data-driven real-time monitoring and managing the system as specified by the people of an organisation

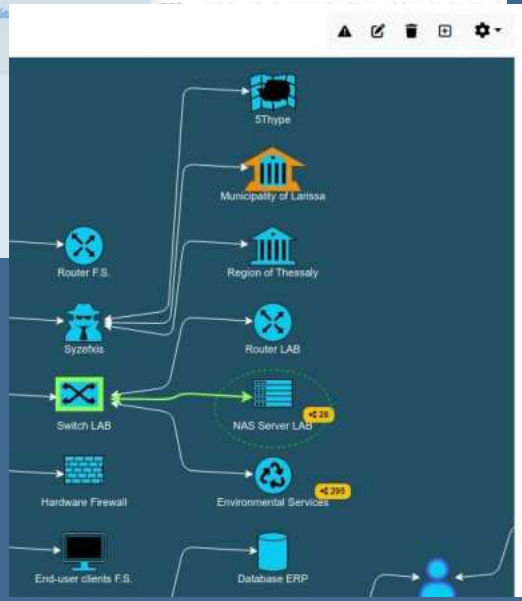
CS-AWARE process – Analysis

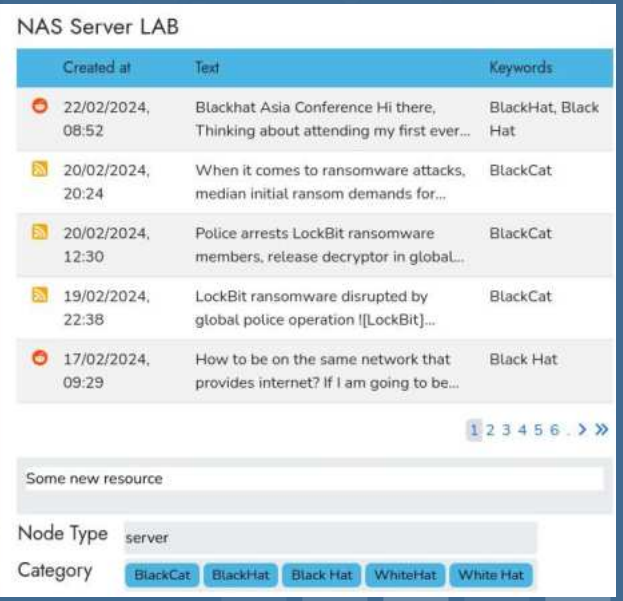




CS-AWARE process – Monitoring







CS-AWARE CYBERSECURITY NEXT

CS-AWARE commercialization

- A start-up was founded by core partners of the CS-AWARE project
  - Common exploitation of IP developed during project
  - Common exploitation allows establishing strong branding
  - Development to market readiness
  - Establishing sales channels
- Challenges
  - A TRL7 pilot demonstrator is not a market ready product, additional funding is required for commercialisation
  - Attracting funding at such an early commercial state is challenging
  - We are trying to fundamentally change how organisations manage cybersecurity. Not easy to convince customers, even if offering may be superior.
- We are now in a market ready state with the CS-AWARE lite platform, and are hopeful to have our first customers in 2024

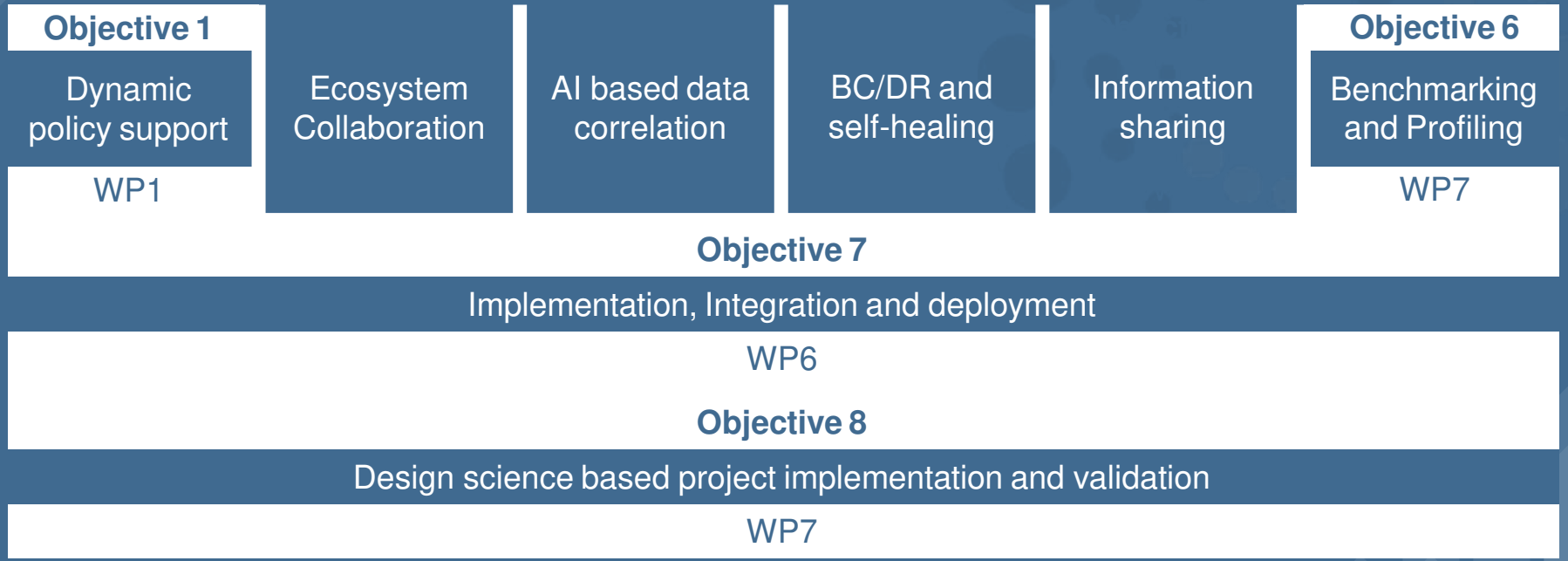
Why CS-AWARE-NEXT?

- Core insight from CS-AWARE project
  - Improving cybersecurity within an organisation is not enough, as organisations are part of ecosystems
- Inter-organisational collaboration
  - Using the CS-AWARE platform as the basis for organisational cybersecurity management, how can we support collaboration among organisations (e.g. supply chain), with a focus on improving regional collaboration
  - Collaboration does not simply happen because it is required, it needs support and focus to develop norms and practices

CS-AWARE-NEXT Objectives

- The project has 8 objectives, clearly linked to the project work plan
  - Data-driven inter-organisational collaboration as the overarching theme
  - Enabling dynamic and pro-active cybersecurity management

CS-AWARE-NEXT Objectives



Design-science based project implementation

> In the design-science paradigm, knowledge and understanding of a problem domain and its solution are achieved in the building and application of the designed artifact
>
> -- Hevner et. al., Design Science in Information Systems Research

Design-science based project implementation

- Design and implement information system artifacts
- **Co-design:** build around user needs, together with the users
- **Iterative design and validation:** Validate various states from conceptualisation to implementation with end users, and adopt according to insights gained

Tools for supporting regional cybersecurity collaboration

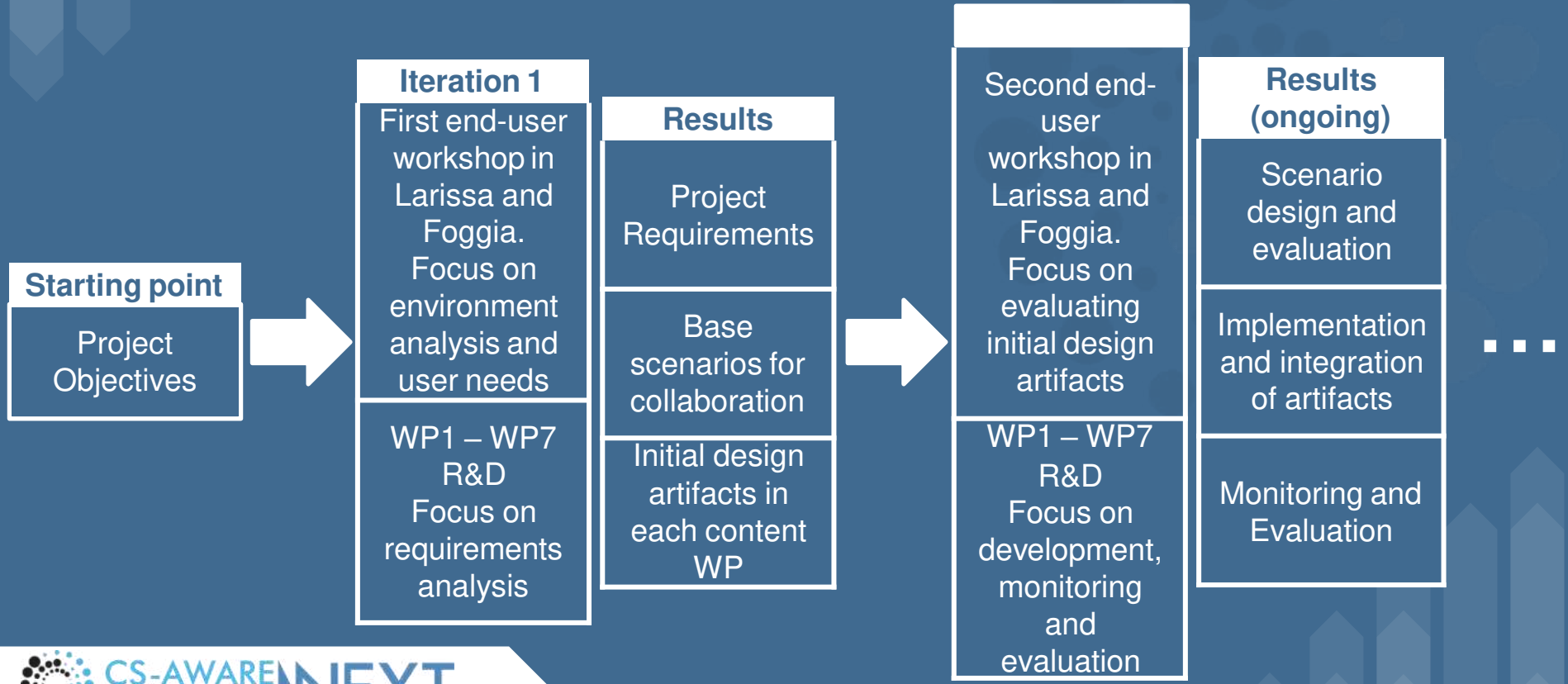
CS-AWARE PLATFORM for information and awareness

- Organisational level
  - Policy support
  - New AI-based data and information engine
  - BC/DR support, self-healing
  - Information sharing with authorities

CS-CONNECT as collaborative interface

- Ecosystem level collaboration
  - Mattermost-based
  - Co-designed collaboration scenarios
- Data-driven
  - Integration with data from
  - CS-AWARE platform Availability of AI-based contextualized data

Project implementation overview



Two representative pilot regions

Pilot regions reflect current state in Europe well

- Larissa region
  - NIS sectors focus
  - Medium to high cybersecurity maturity
  - Pre-existing collaborations (e.g. health sector)
  - **Driver:** European legislation
  - High understanding of benefits of collaboration, and high motivation work together
- Foggia region
  - Industry focus
  - Low technology use and thus low cybersecurity maturity
  - **Driver:** customer demands
  - Reservations about inter-organisational collaboration (e.g. competitor rivalry)

Smart Risk Management for Business Continuity in Critical Infrastructure

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The Challenge

Unforeseen **cascading impacts** within critical infrastructures, and inadequate management of business interruptions, leads to **financial losses in the millions and reputational damage**

Ineffective risk management due to lack of business awareness results in misguided risk mitigation efforts and diminishes decision-makers' control.

Lack of standard-based technical security testing makes training of Business disruption risk managers long and expensive.

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RISKM4BC

RISKM4BC is a dynamic business risk management framework. Designed to offer both design and operational support, this tool is specifically tailored for cascading impact assessment and real-time risk quantification within the chain of Critical Infrastructures (CIs).

Cascading Effects

Control risks related to **cascading effects** among multiple interrelated CIs.

Prediction on workflows

Prediction of unwanted incidents and risk to meet deadlines in your **workflows** to mitigate business disruptions.

Continuous Risk Control

Bowtie Smart Center to automate risk identification and predict threats.

NL-enabled

Automated **link between business goals and lower-level system risks** leveraging LLMs.

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Technology

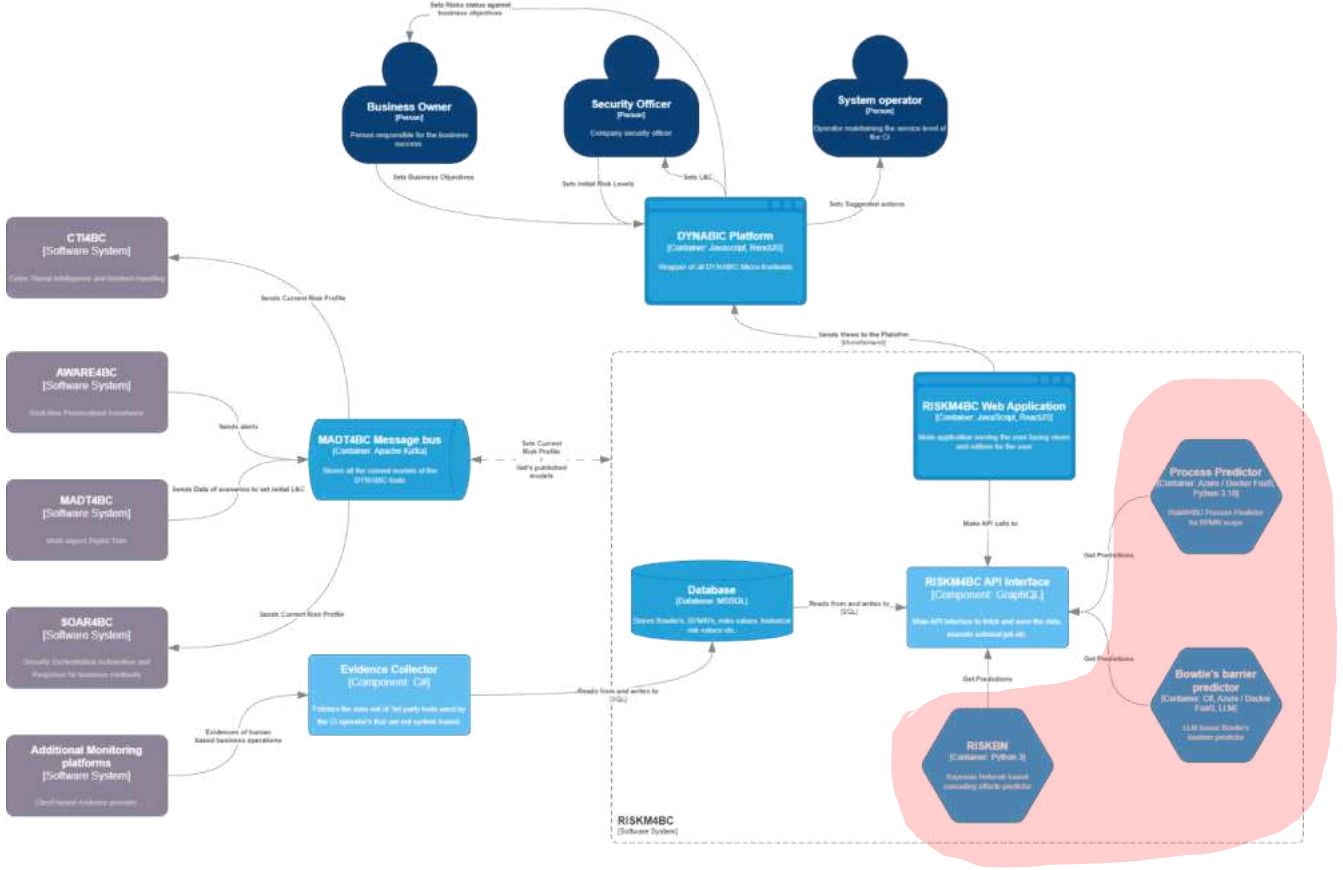
Key technical features:

- Automated **risk likelihood and impact learning**.
- Risk propagation through **cascading effects** calculation.
- Workflow digital twins for **workflow execution prediction**.
- Live preventive and mitigative action **recommendation in natural Language**.
- Automated link of **business goals** with system risks.

Proprietary predictive AI algorithms (transformers, LSTM, …)

Advanced use of the latest innovations in generative AI (LLM)

RISKM4BC Context within DYNABIC



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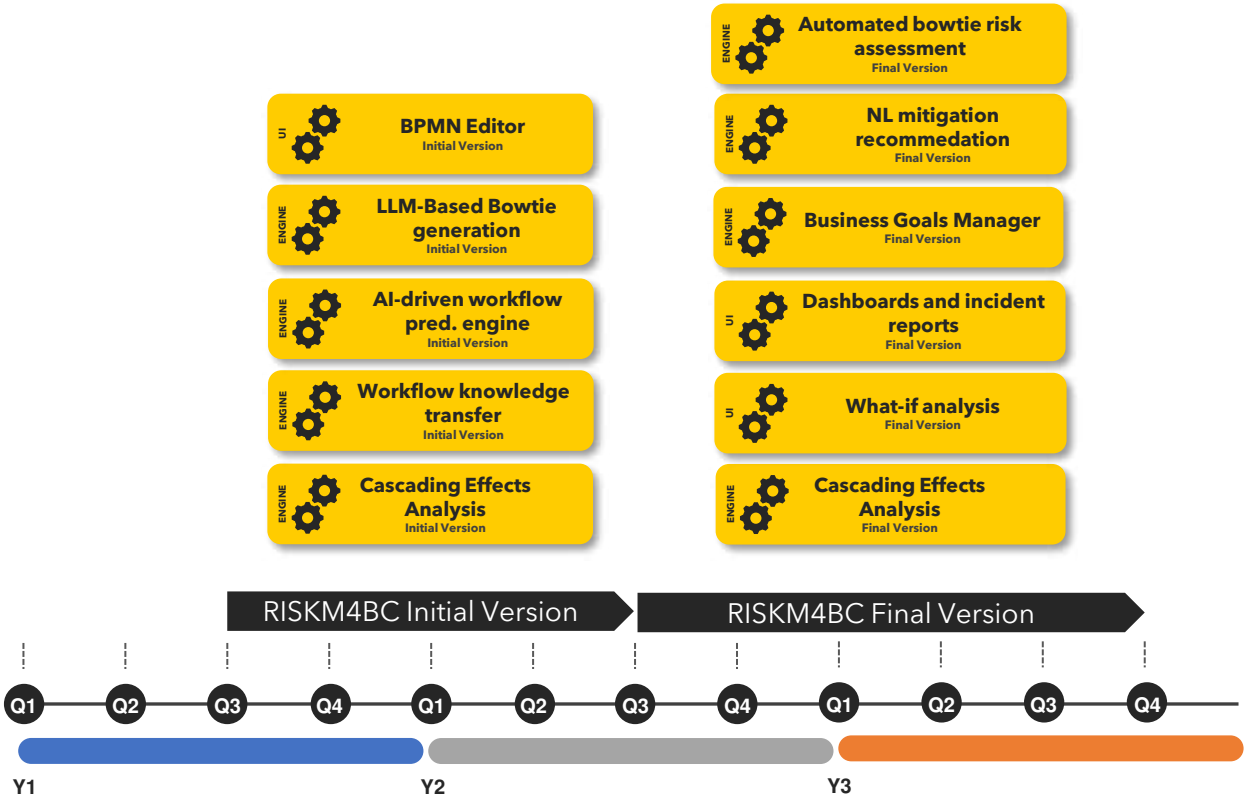
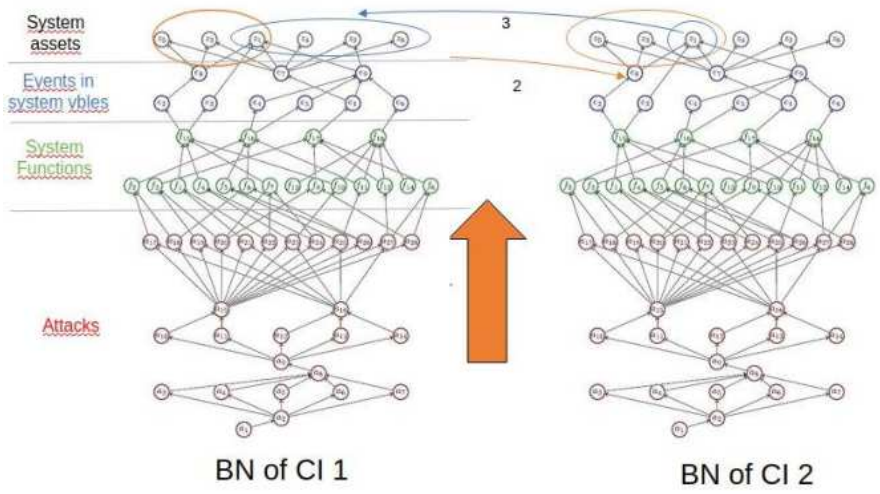


RISKM4BC Research goals

Research Objective 1: Create a system to control risks related to cascading effects among multiple interrelated CIs.

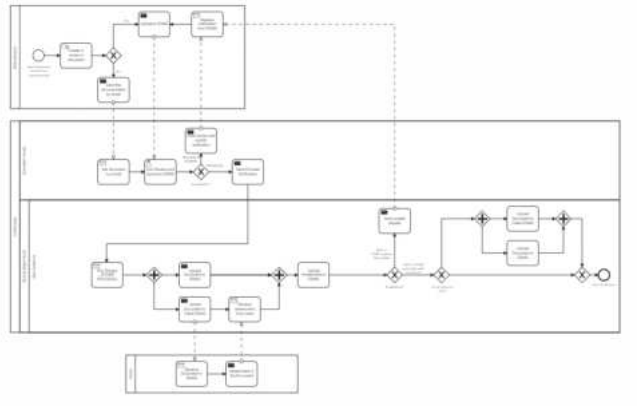


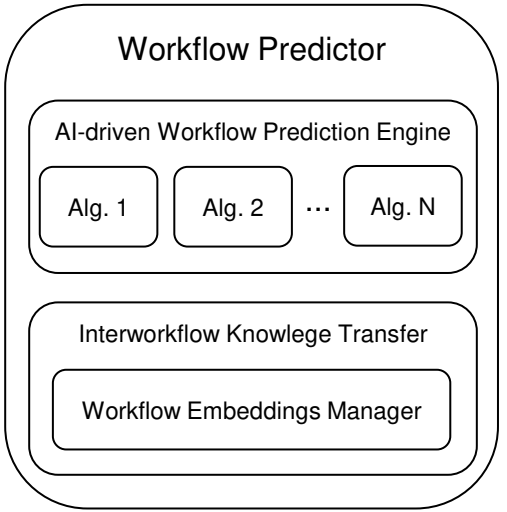
- Targeting CI interdependencies and Cascading Effects with other CIs.
- High degree of granularity on each CI, effects on different parts on connected CIs.
- CIs do not share their risk models (and live with it)

RISKM4BC Research goals

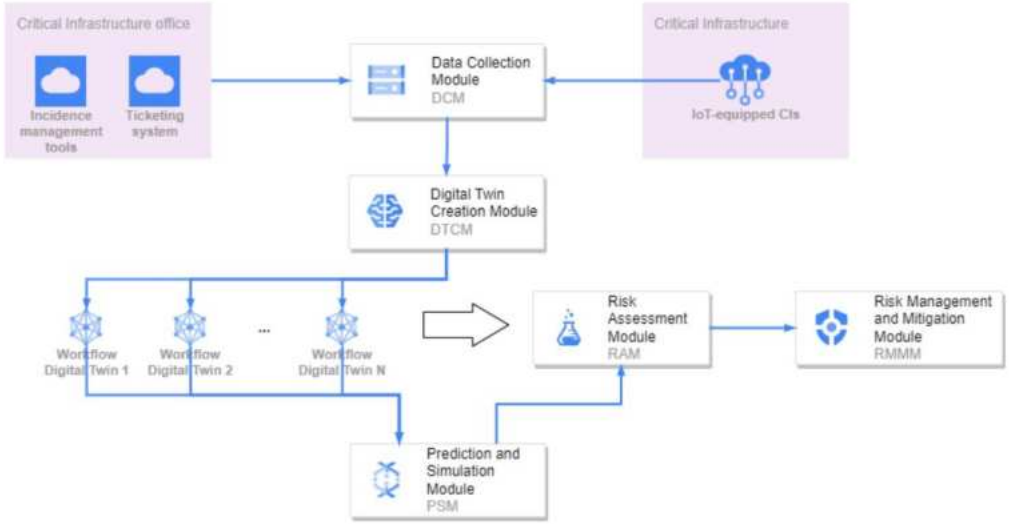
Research Objective 2: Create a live risk matrix leveraging AI-driven workflow digital twins to predict workflow evolution probability distributions

- Create and compare different AI-driven predictive algorithms to forecast current workflows evolution
- Create an ensemble approach with weighted algorithms
- Enable prediction capacity in non-observed workflows through knowledge transfer from different past observed workflows





Continuous Risk Management Concept



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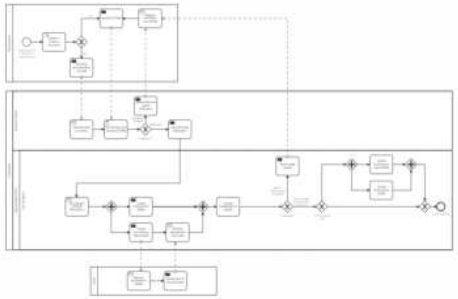

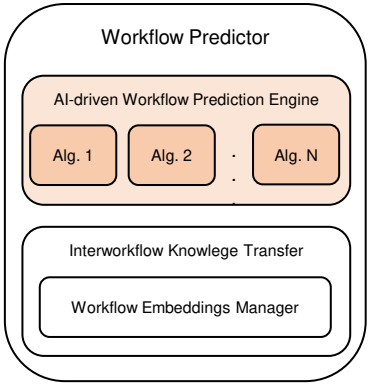

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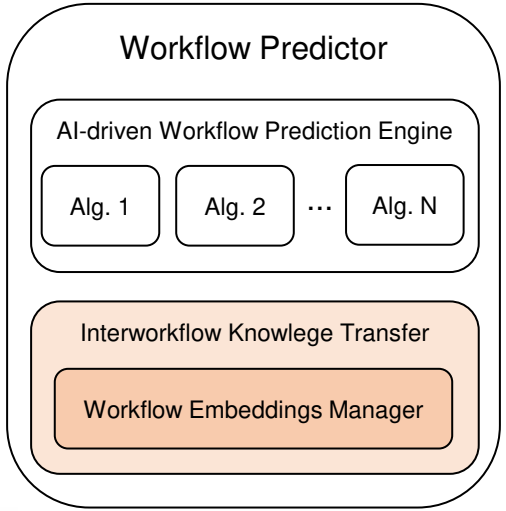

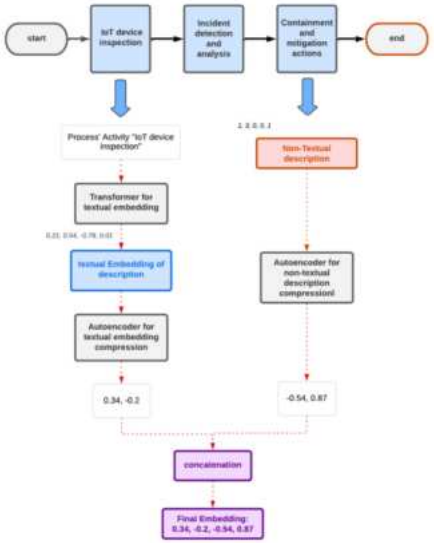

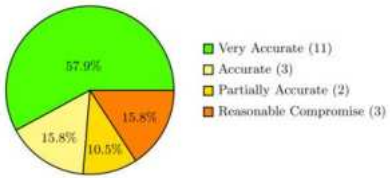

Fig. 9. Summary of Process Embedding Evaluations

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- Create mechanisms to automatically create bowties out of existing workflows, initial textual descriptions or partially defined bowties
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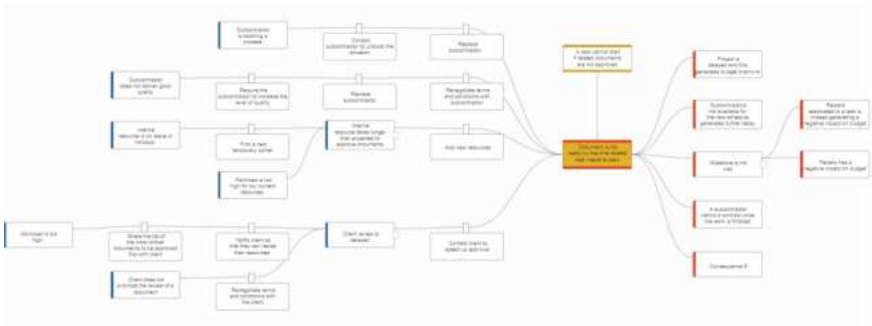

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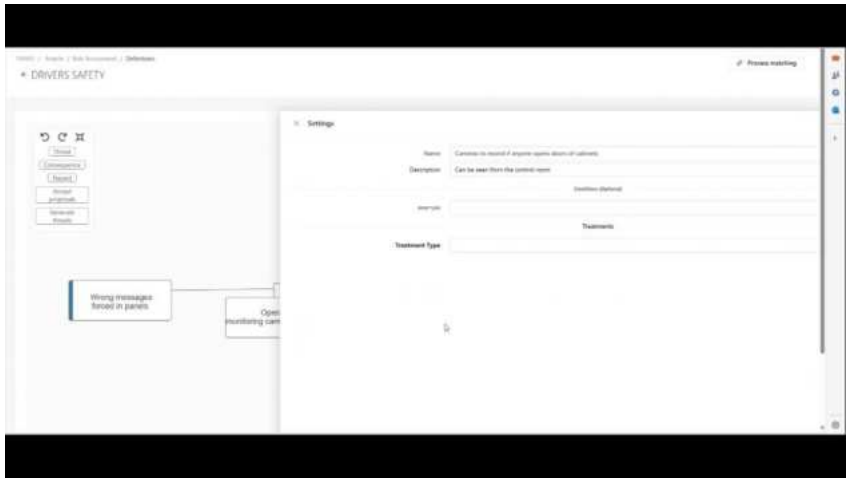

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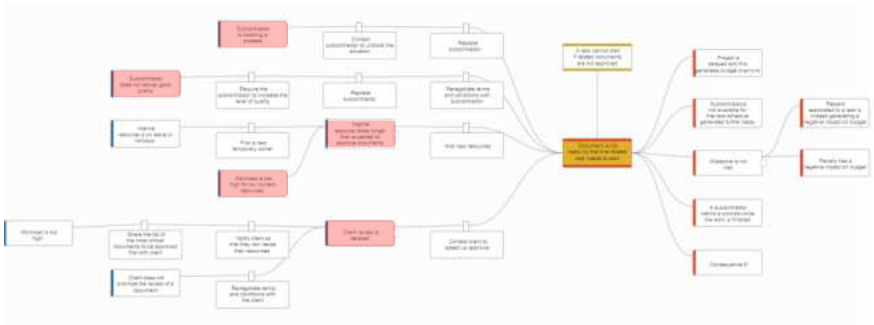

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Bowtie activations predictor

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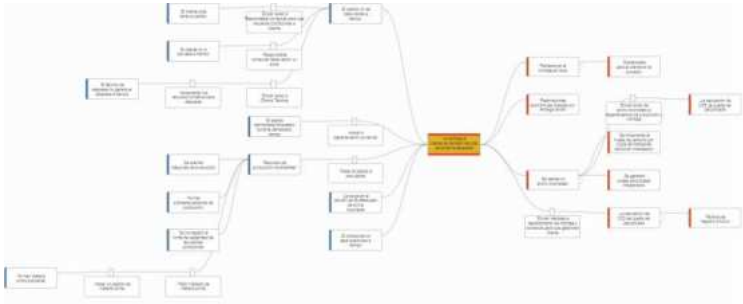
Bowtie embeddings for knowledge transfer



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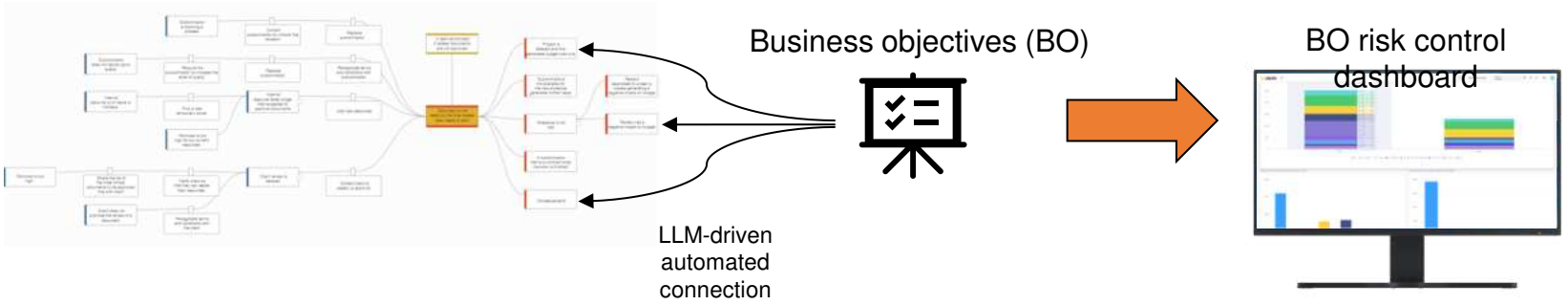


Q&A
ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS

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TRUSTWORTHY ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE FOR CYBERSECURITY REINFORCEMENT AND SYSTEM RESILIENCE

Trustworthy AI for cybersecurity solutions

Webinar “AI supporting Cyber Risks and Resilience of Critical Infrastructures”

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AI4CYBER

Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence for Cybersecurity Reinforcement and System Resilience

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- Project Type: RIA
- Project Coordinator: Tecnalia
- Consortium: 13 partners
- Budget: € 3.998.413,00 €
- Start Date: 01/09/2022
- Duration: 3 years

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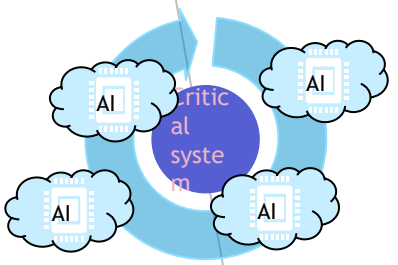
Key objectives

To establish an **Ecosystem Framework of next generation AI-based services** for supporting critical system developers and operators to **efficiently manage** system **robustness**, **resilience**, and appropriate **response** in the face of **advanced and AI-powered cyberattacks**.

Continuum of care



O1

AI4CYBER Ecosystem Framework of next-generation trustworthy cybersecurity services.

O2

AI-driven software robustness and **security testing services** for **flaw identification** and **code fixing automation.**

O3

Services for **detection** and **analysis** of **advanced** and **AI-powered attacks** to prepare the critical systems to be resilient against them.

O4

Mechanisms to **optimize the orchestration of security protections**, and continuously learn from system status and defences' efficiency.

O5

Ensure European **fundamental rights and values-based AI technology** in AI4CYBER, ensuring **explainability, fairness** and **security**

O6

Foster open innovation and **business opportunities** through **demonstration of AI4CYBER services** integrated into **critical services.**

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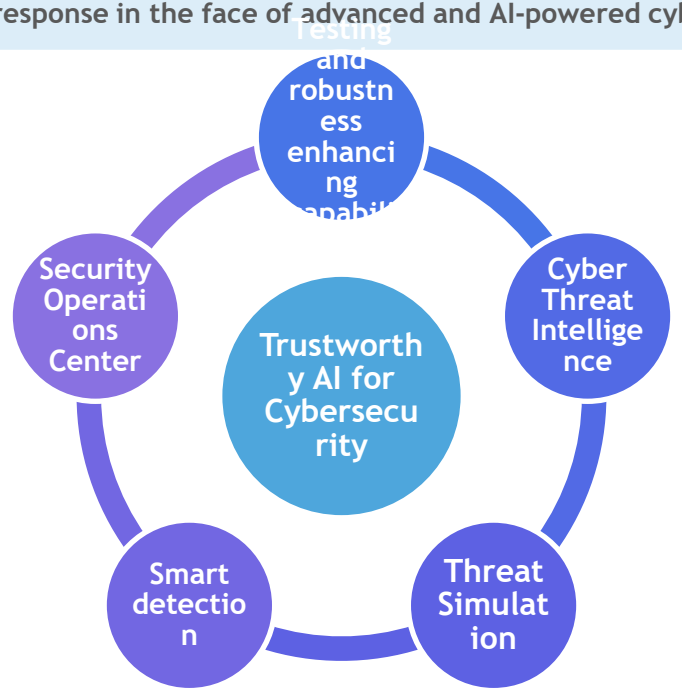
AI4CYBER in a nutshell

Establishing an **Ecosystem Framework** of next generation **AI-based services** for critical system **robustness, resilience**, and appropriate **response in the face of advanced and AI-powered cyberattacks.**

11 Key Results that cover **6 cybersecurity areas**



3 Demonstrators that foster **innovation**

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- Banking
- Health

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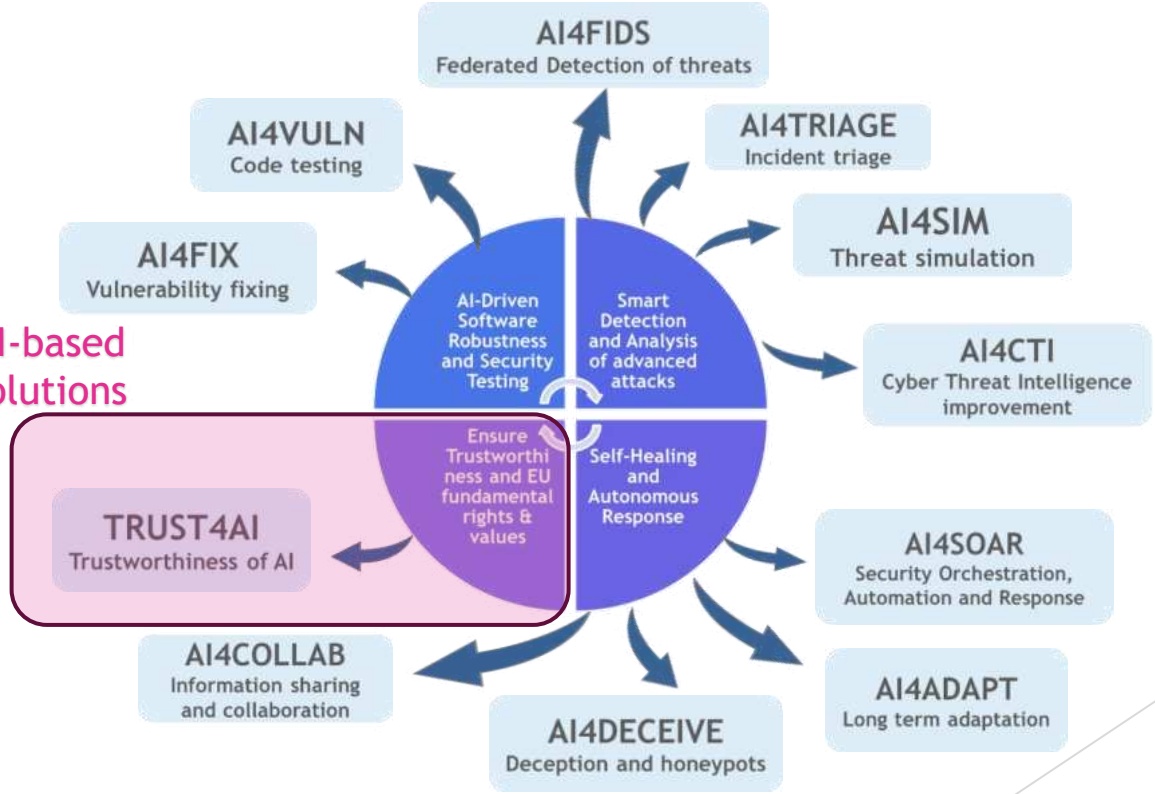
AI4CYBER Framework

TRUSWORTHY AI-based cybersecurity solutions



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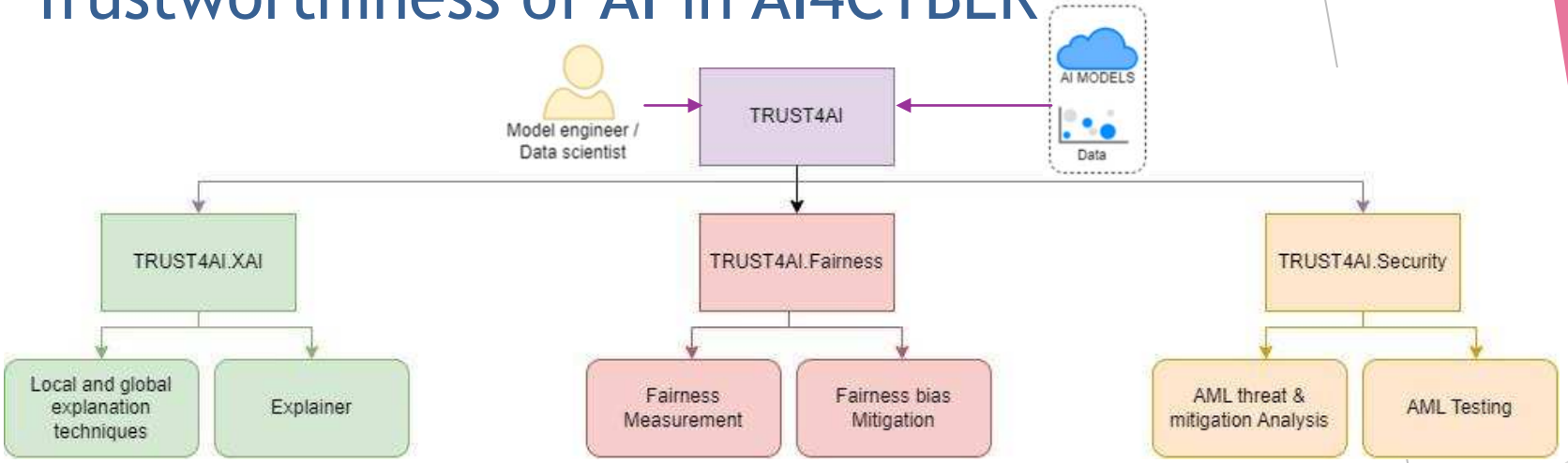
Trustworthiness of AI in AI4CYBER



Explainability – XAI (i.e. Interpretability) of ML/AI models, to allow better understanding of the model to the data scientist who develops the ML model or to a potential end-user.

Fairness of the ML/AI models, to allow to correct potential bias against some sensitive attributes or against sub-populations.

Security of the ML/AI models, to allow to learn potential Adversarial Machine Learning attacks and to protect against them.

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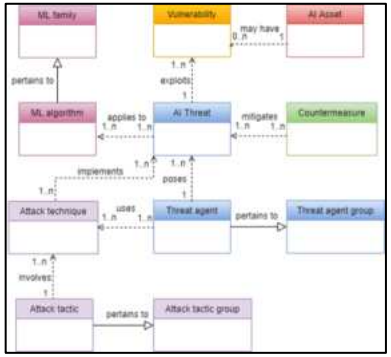
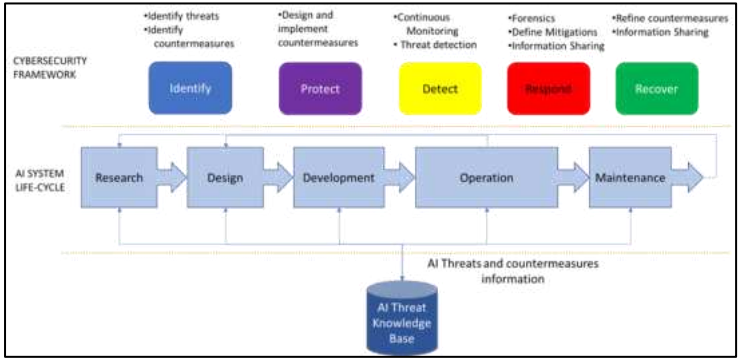
AI Security landscape

AI4CYBER AI Threat model



SPARTA AI Threat KB



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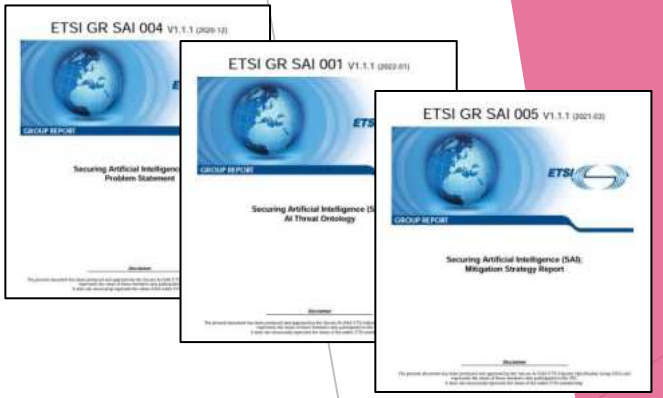

ENISA

MITRE ATLAS

NIST AI 100-2e2023 ipd AML taxonomy

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TRUST4AI.Security Objectives

- Security of AI as part of Robustness of AI.
- Protect models from Adversarial Machine Learning (AML) attacks, including: ***data protection***, ***poisoning***, ***evasion***, and ***oracle (privacy) attacks***.
- Offer mechanisms for **countering** attacks to the AI-based cybersecurity tools, e.g., intrusion and anomaly detection tools based on AI models.
- Builds on top of the *AI Threat and Countermeasure Knowledge Base* from H2020 SPARTA project and MITRE ATLAS.
- Leverages CISA's Decider tool.

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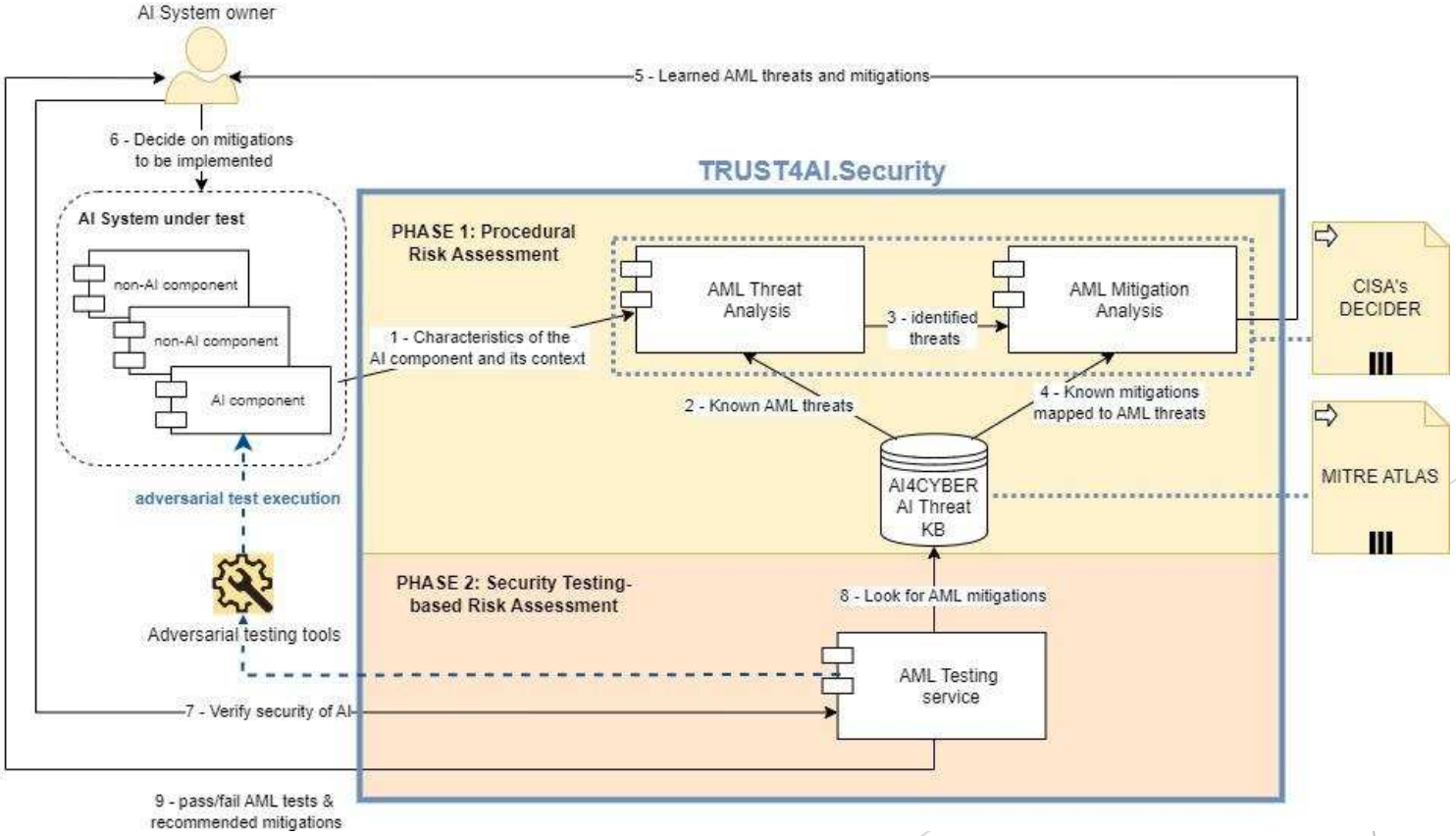
AI system risk assessment with TRUST4AI.Security



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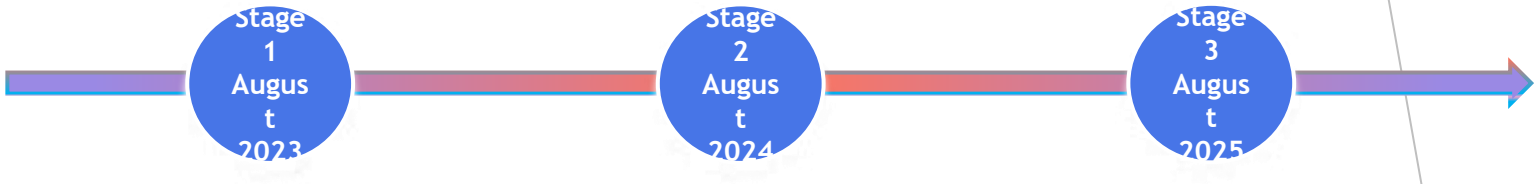

Stage 1 - Design
Initial architecture of the AI4CYBER Framework

Stage 2 – First release
First release of the AI4CYBER Framework services and tools

Stage 3 – Final release
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