

ATLANTIS approach to CI dependencies modelling and risk assessment

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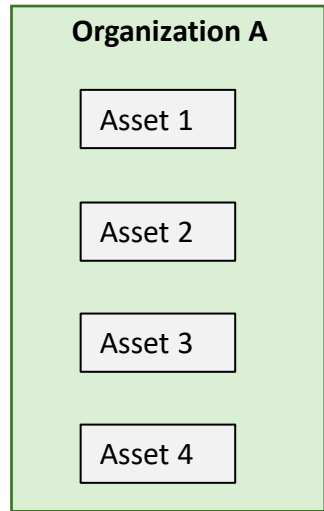


Dependencies modelling

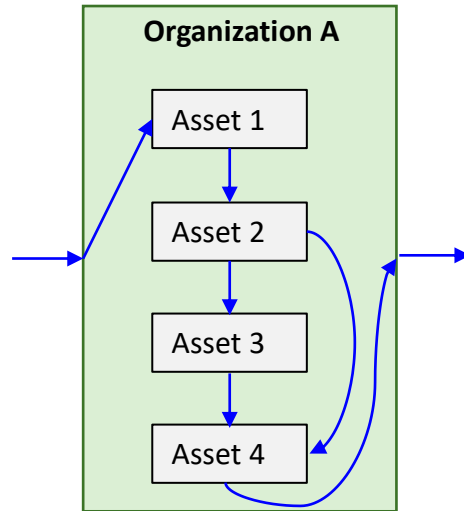
Topics

- CI – Critical Infrastructure
 - Composed of: assets that define CI and perform its function(s)
 - Assets (equipment, installations, ...) are usually hierarchically organized (see e.g., ISO 14224:2016)
 - Assets are connected in order to perform CIs function(s)
- Group of CIs
 - That is how the society uses/depends on them – foundations!
 - A given CI is usually connected (dependent) in some way to other CIs
 - It may be a dependency at the input (suppliers)
 - It may be a dependency at the output (users)
 - **Consider complexity in a network of CIs and their assets**

What constitutes a complex organization?

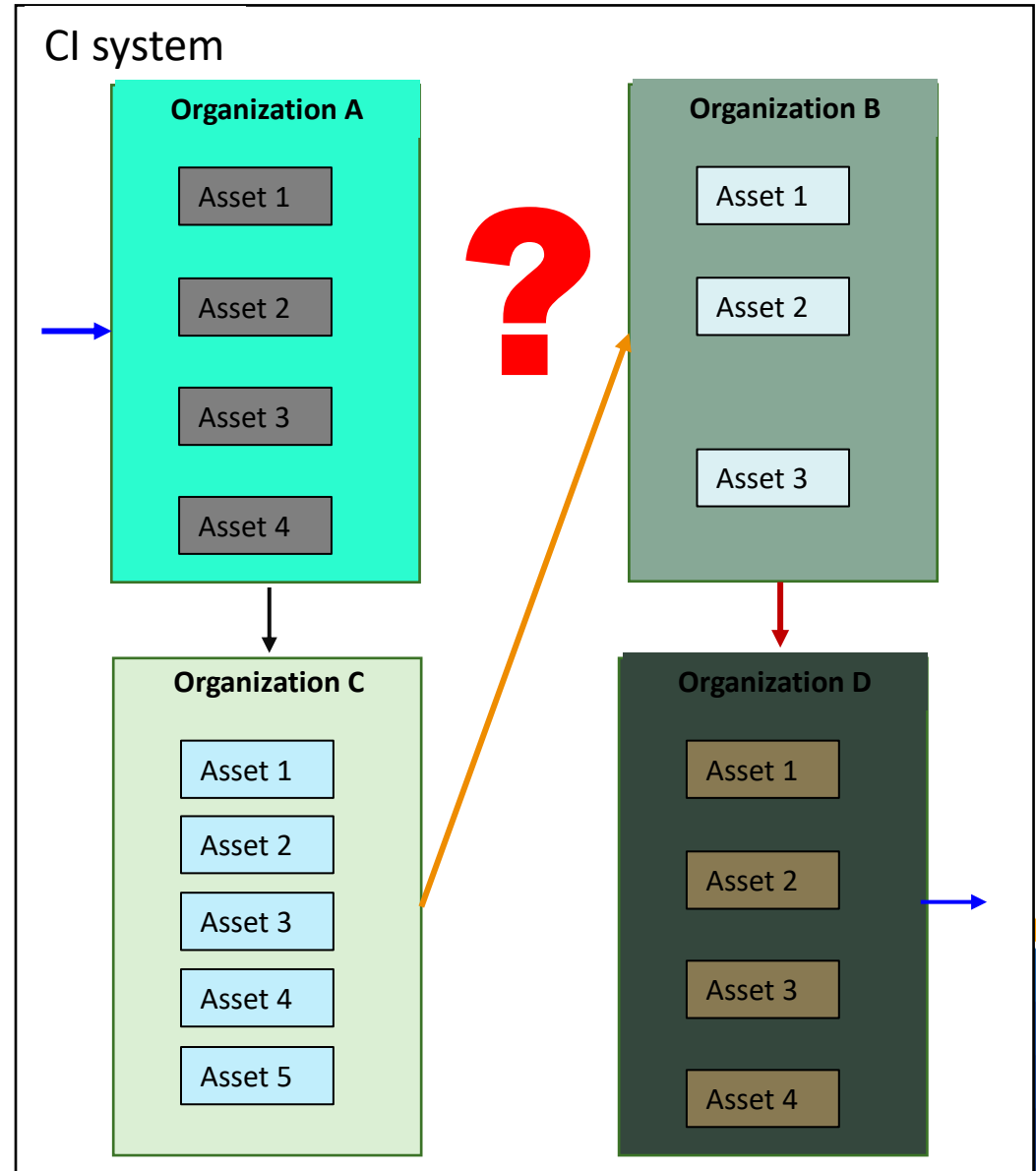


Organizations consist of assets (e.g., agents, technical systems) to realize their missions



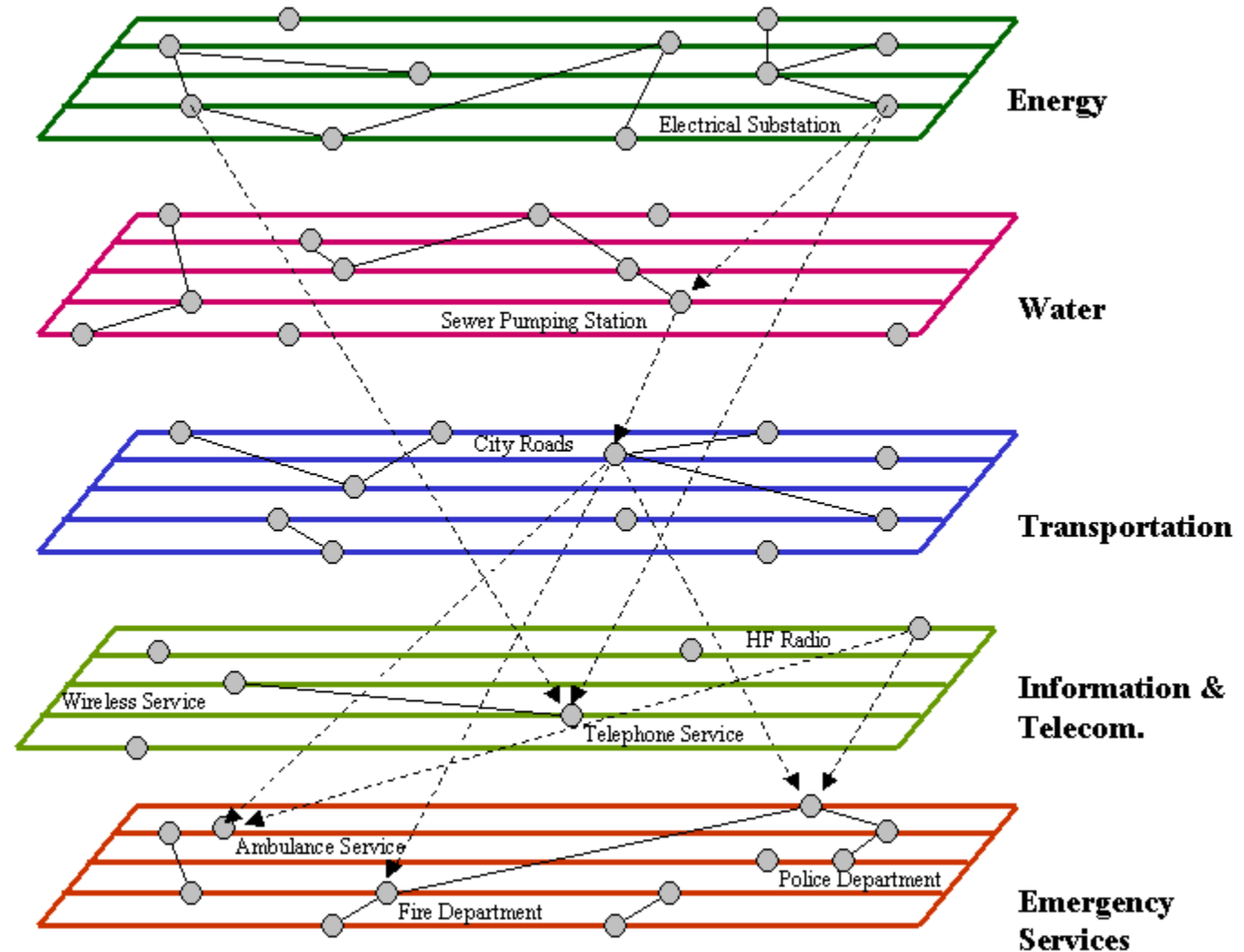
How are assets related (dependent) while realizing their mission?

How to understand (analyze) complex system of organizations and their assets (relations, functions)?



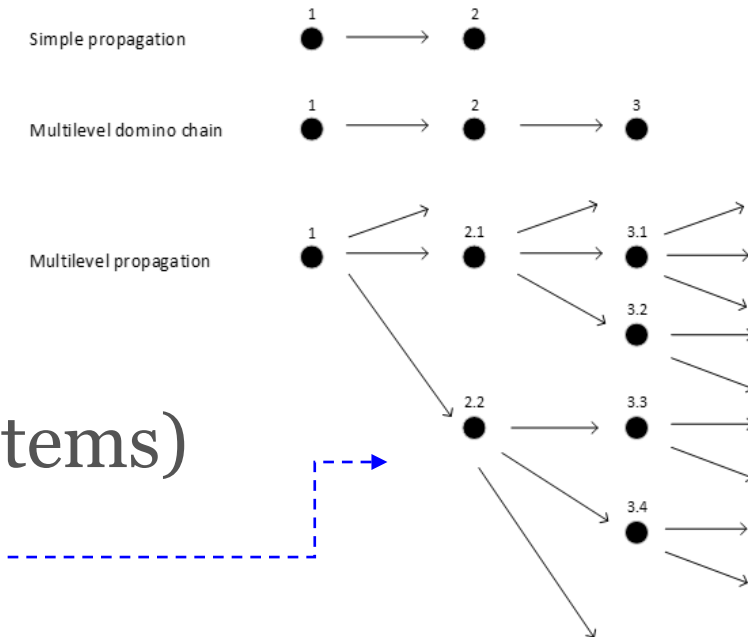
It is more complex as it looks ...

- Infrastructure interdependencies
- How many of them your CI uses?



Relations (interdependencies)

- 1) It is about the arrows on the previous slide
- 2) One needs a list of all assets/organizations
- 3) Need to find if each pair is somehow related
 - "Related": child is dependent on parent
 - Might be also bidirectional
- 4) List of relations can be very long (=complex systems)
- 5) Branching can develop (escalation)

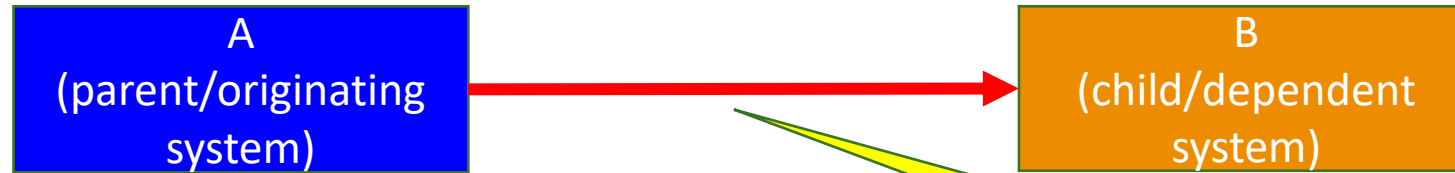


What is the purpose:

thus we can map how the system (a set of CIs) logically works!

Types of arrows (interdependencies)

“the term interdependencies is conceptually simple; it means the connections among agents in different infrastructures in a general system of systems” (Rinaldi et al., 2001).



Dimensions					
Infrastructure characteristics	State of operation	Types of interdependencies	Environment	Coupling and resp. behavior	Type of failure
Organizational Operational Temporal Spatial	Normal Repair/ Restoration Stressed/ Disrupted	Physical Cyber Logical Geographic Logical Functional Policy Shared Economic	Economic Legal Technical Social/Political	Adaptive Inflexible Loose/Tight Linear/Complex	Common cause Cascading Escalating

- If A affects B:**
- Some property of A has effect on B
 - Which property of B will be affected?
 - How strong the effect on B will be?
 - Is it for sure?

Types of arrows (interdependencies)

Type		Description	Potential overlap with
I	Physical	The state of one infrastructure system depends on the material, i.e., physical output of other systems. The prime example for these interdependencies is electricity loss and power outages.	V, VII, VIII
II	Cyber	The state of the considered infrastructure depends on information that is broadcasted through the information infrastructure system. Events caused by a disruption of telecommunication services belong to this class.	V, VII, VIII
III	Geographic	A geographically localized event might affect the state of infrastructure systems that are in proximity, such as the case of flooding events.	VI, VII, VIII
IV	Logical	This category summarizes cases where the state of one infrastructure system depends on another system via a mechanism that is not of a physical, cyber, or geographic type. For example, a disruption of public transport system might lead to congestion in other modes of transportation.	V-VIII
V	Functional	One might define functional interdependencies as those where the operation of one infrastructure system is necessary for the operation of another system. This might include physical or cyber interdependencies.	I-IV, VII, VIII
VI	Policy	Infrastructure systems might be connected due to policy or high-level decisions that directly affect several CIs. For instance, outages in power system might trigger a change of food and oil prices.	III, IV, VIII
VII	Shared	Physical components or activities are shared between several different CI systems (as opposed to being transmitted between them, as it is the case for physical interdependencies). For instance, the breakdown of a shared information service at a transportation hub might impact several CI systems.	I-V, VIII
VIII	Economic	Infrastructure systems interact with each other in a market (economic system) or provide services and goods to the same end users that in turn determine the final demand and consumption of a particular commodity or service. Typically, economic systems also experience budget constraints that might introduce additional interdependencies. Economic interdependencies may also encapsulate interactions due to a shared regulatory environment, such as taxation and investments.	I-VIII

Adopted from Rinaldi et al., 2001

Modelling starting points (1)

- CI-to-CI (inter)dependency modelling level can be:
 - **Macro**: only CI-to-CI dependencies are studied
 - **Micro**: one consider specific asset at a given CI and dependency to the specific asset at the other CI
- **Macro** level is quicker
- **Micro** level is much more informative, but much more work, necessary if risk assessment is the goal.

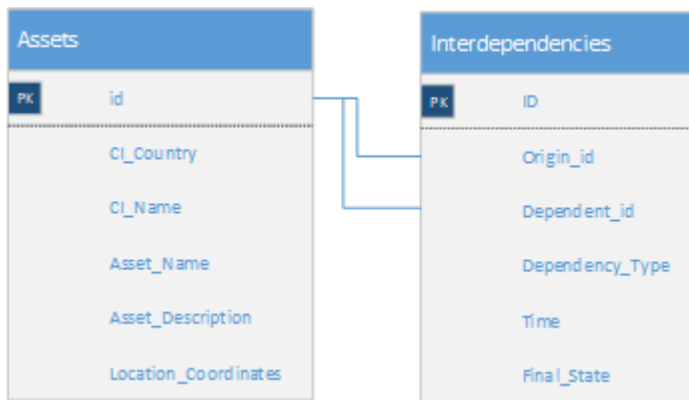
Modelling starting points (2)

1. Define the modelling domain (which CIs to consider)
2. Define for each CI which assets are meaningful:
 - Assets/level should be detailed enough to reflect the operations
 - Do not get lost in details (issues: utilities, redundant systems, etc.)
3. For each CI & asset define also its basic data and explanations (somebody will read your analysis in some time ...)
4. With a list of CI-assets study how they are:
 - **Related** (dependent) one-to-one (type of dependency, choose the most important one).
 - If a parent fails, **what happens to the child (severity)?**
 - If a parent fails, **how soon (time) the child will experience the severity?**

Assets and dependencies data model prepared

Data	Purpose
id	identifier of the asset (number)
Country	Country short name where the CI is located
CI	Critical infrastructure short name
Asset	Name of the CI's asset
Description	Explain the purpose of the asset
Latitude	Coordinates
Longitude	Coordinates

Data	Purpose
ID	Interdependency identifier (number)
OriginAssetName	Name of the origin asset in a case origin-dependent pair
DependentAssetName	Name of the dependent asset in a case origin-dependent pair
OriginID	Related id of the OriginAssetName
DependentID	Related id of the DependentAssetName
Category	Assigned dependency type (separate list)
Time	Assigned TimeCategory if origin fails
Final state	Text explanation on how to understand the dependent asset's final state



#	Time	Explanation
5seconds		Dependent asset reaches final state within few seconds
4minutes		Dependent asset reaches final state within few minutes
3hours		Dependent asset reaches final state within hours
2days		Dependent asset reaches final state within days
1weeks		Dependent asset reaches final state within weeks

Examples (we compiled data in MS Excel)

id	Country	CI	Asset Title	Description	Latitude	Longitude
1	SLO	SZ	CVP	CVP - Traffic management centre (Center vodenja prometa - CVP) (including data and communications centre, etc.)	45.55458	13.76598
2	SLO	SZ	Diesel	Diesel - Backup Diesel generator for electrical power at CVP
3	SLO	SZ	Main tracks	Main tracks - Main group of the railway tracks at Koper cargo station		
4	SLO	SZ	Switch 501	Switch 501 - railway switch 501 to acces the industrial tracks of Petrol's TIS site		
5	SLO	SZ	SNEV	SNEV - Stable equipment for electrical drive supply at Koper cargo station (Stabilne naprave električne vleke - SNEV)		
6	SLO	SZ	SVN	SVN - Entry/Exit signal safety devices at cargo station Koper (Uvozne/izvozne Signalno varnostne naprave - SVN)		
7	SLO	SZ	Transformer	Transformer - Transformer station delivering electrical power for cargo station Koper		
8	SLO	ELES	ELES grid	ELES - national electrical power grid operator		
...						
28	SLO	TS	BON	BON - Backbone Optical Network		
29	SLO	TS	EN	EN - Electrical power supply stations (from ELES power lines)		

"Id" is used
further

Allows
presentation
on the map



Example dependency mapping

ID	OriginID	DependentID	Category	Time	Final state
1	2	1	Physical	seconds	Completely non operational
2	3	1	Functional	seconds	Almost completely non operational
3	6	1	Functional	seconds	Almost completely non operational
4	7	1	Physical	minutes	Completely non operational
5	7	2	Logical	seconds	Diesel takes over
6	1	3	Functional	seconds	Completely non operational
7	2	3	Functional	seconds	Completely non operational
8	4	3	Shared	seconds	No access to the Petrol's tracks (passage).
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"Id"s of the
assets

It is good practice to
actually enter the asset
name and use Lookup()
function to assign its "id"

How to approach dependencies mapping?

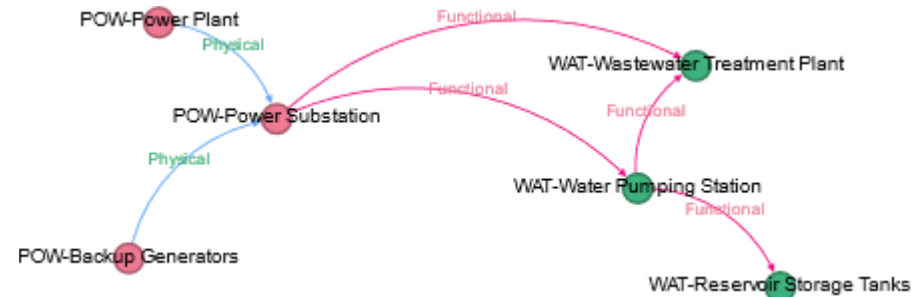
Filling up the dependencies table on the previous slide might be error prone (some dependencies forgotten, double counting, etc. ?).

Simple intuitive solution (**but extra work**) is **to first transpose list of assets** to the matrix and assign one-to-one dependency type in cells – see example:

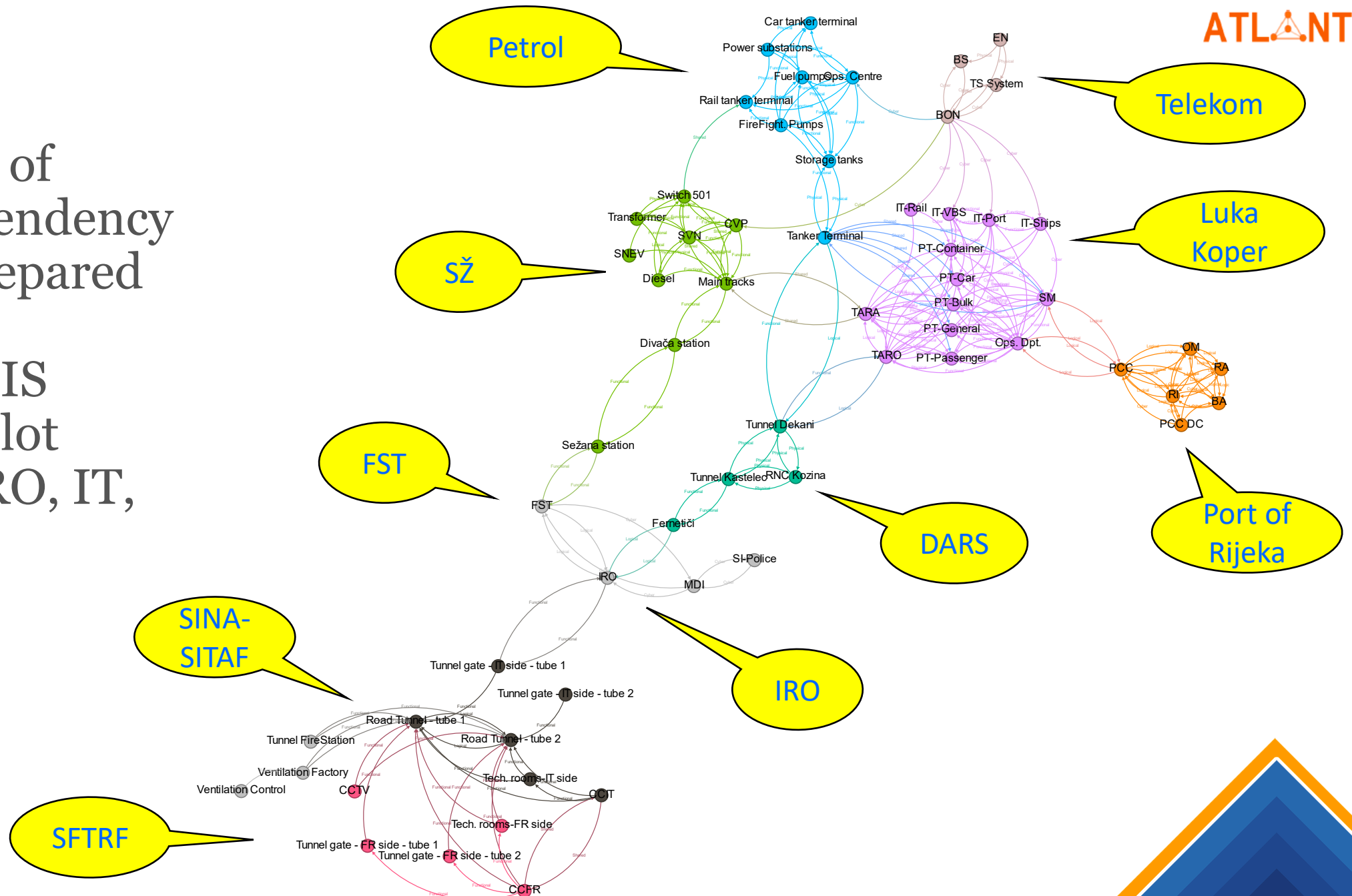
		Origins							
		TARO	TARA	SM	PT	IT	Ops. Dpt.	LUR PCC	SZ Main tracks
Dependent	TARO		Logical		Physical	Cyber	Functional		
	TARA	Logical			Physical	Cyber	Functional		Shared
	SM				Physical	Cyber	Functional		
	PT	Logical	Logical	Physical		Cyber	Functional		
	IT								
	Ops. Dpt.	Functional	Functional	Functional	Physical	Cyber		Logical	
	LUR PCC						Logical		
	SZ Main tracks		Shared						

Graphical results and checks

- It is a good idea to check for logical errors in relations using graphs
- Tables can be easily imported in graphing free tools like Grafana, Gephi, etc.



- Example of interdependency graph prepared within ATLANTIS LSP#1 pilot (SLO, CRO, IT, FR)



Why ATLANTIS Risk Assessment method?

- CIs are exposed to diverse hazards/threats
 - NaTech, industrial accidents, attacks (physical, cyber, hybrid)
- Conventional RA considers only an individual CI and its parts
- **There is a need:** to understand relations among CIs, CI sectors, national and international levels
- Previous EU projects (SmartResilience, DEFENDER, InfraStress, ...) set the foundations.
- ATLANTIS offers an approach to CI-CI risk evaluation

Methods used

- ATLANTIS approach:
 1. Identify critical parts of each CI
 2. Identify (inter)dependencies among a set of CIs
 3. Identify sources of hazards/threats (→risks)
 4. Develop technology for data processing for decision support

6 Methodological steps



- **Previous analyses**
- CI management involvement
- Actual exposure
- Types of hazards/ threats

- Severity level criteria
- Relevance for CI
- Relevance for other CIs

- Sources for CI
- CI is a source for ...?
(see next slides)

- Probabilities analysis:
 - Hazard occurrence
 - Hazard → Failure
 - Failure → Consequences

- $\text{Risk} = [\text{probability}] \times [\text{consequences evalu.}]$
- Risk interpretation

- Analysis of the severity of the consequences
- 7 evaluation categories

Step 1: Define the scenario

Hazard/threat must impact at least one CI operator, potentially other CI(s).

For each CI involved in each stage, we analyse the following:

- What happened, and what caused this step?
- What actions are being taken by CIs in response?
- What cascading effects can be observed, and what could happen next?

Step 2: Identify Key Assets


- Key assets are directly impacted by identified hazard/threat, or indirectly via interdependencies.
- For each asset we provide brief description and analysis:
 - What is the role and purpose of this asset?
 - What inputs does the asset require to operate?
 - What does the asset provide to support other assets?
- This assures consistent consideration of assets and analysis of dependences (see also tables at the slides 10 and 11).

Step 3: Identify Interdependencies

- The interdependency analysis for the modelled domain of CIs is performed as shown on slides 3 to 14.
- In addition, possible alternatives (spares) for failed/incapacitated assets and utility systems are considered.

Step 4: Analyse Threats

Consist of 3 sub.-steps:

1. Linking sensor data to **asset states** (e.g. working/not working).
 2. Asset's states are linked to the failed state(s) **cause(s)** (e.g., "not working" to "no power")
 - Asset's states probabilities are assigned based on the available historical data
 3. Causes of failures are related to **hazard/threat categories** (=probabilities can differ!)
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Adopted threat/hazard categories

Threat/hazard category	Brief description
Technology-Human-Organizational (THO)	Unintentional industrial site failures due to human error, technological faults, or hazardous substance releases. May include nuclear and radiological events.
NaTech and climate-related	Natural hazards (e.g., floods) that trigger failures in CI due to weakness in THO measures. Also includes extreme weather phenomena linked to climate change.
Physical attack	Intentional human-caused disruption, such as unauthorised access or direct attacks on CI sites (e.g., terrorist attack, sabotage).
Cyber-attack	Malicious cyber intrusions or conditions that lead to asset loss or operational failures, including hacking, malware, data breaches, and system disruptions.
Technology trends related	Emerging disruptive technologies that could create vulnerabilities or security concerns within CI systems.
Foreign Direct Investments (FDI)	Security risks associated with foreign ownership or investment in CI, including potential denial of access, espionage, and technology leakage.
Critical supplies (non-EU)	Risks related to supply chain dependencies on non-EU countries, potentially causing disruptions in essential materials, technology, or expertise.

Example of the table at this stage

Note that we do not consider "Normal state"

Asset (CI)	Sensor Value	Value Interpretation	Origin Asset (CI)	Asset State	State Prob.	Event	Threat Category	Threat Prob.
Power Plant (POW)	Working	Normal state	/	Normal	/	Normal	/	/
	Not working	Power failure	External	Electricity unavailable	100%	Threat	THO	70%
						Threat	NaTech	30%
Power Substation (POW)	Working	Normal state	/	Normal	/	Normal	/	/
	Not working	Power disruption	Power Plant (POW)	Electricity unavailable	90%	Threat	THO	100%
			Backup Generators (POW)	Backup power failure	10%	Threat	Physical attack	100%

Decision was that the sum of ALL asset's failed state probabilities is 1 (100 %)

All threat cat. sum up to the 100 % for a given state.

Step 5: Analyse Impacts

- In this step, we analyse the potential impacts of the CI failures across multiple impact categories.
- The structured approach, adapted from Bennett, 2007, ensures that all relevant categories are semi-quantified, aggregated, and weighted to appropriately reflect the scenario's real-world implications.
- For each failure scenario (i.e., for each row), we score impacts using a scoring scale from 0 to 4 across the categories and scoring criteria:

Impact Category	Score and criteria
1. People Exposed: The number of individuals affected.	0: None exposed. 1: 1-50 people exposed. 2: 51-250 people exposed. 3: 251-1000 people exposed. 4: 1001+ people exposed.
2. Economic Impact (Repair or replacement costs): The financial burden of restoring services.	0: No significant economic effect. 1: Restoring cost is less than 250.000 €. 2: Restoring cost is between 250.000 and 1.000.000 € 3: Restoring cost is between 1.000.000 and 10.000.000 €. 4: Restoring cost is greater than 10.000.000 €.
3. Economic Impact (Contribution to economy): Wider economic consequences.	0: No significant economic effect. 1: Impact on the individual critical asset's profitability is >10%. 2: Impact on the organisation's profitability is >10%. 3: Impact on the regional economy. 4: Impact on the national economy.
4. Business or Service Interruption: Duration and severity of operational downtime.	0: Critical assets could operate with minimal operational changes or repair. 1: Critical assets could partially operate. 2: Critical asset is shut down or unable to operate for <6 months. 3: Critical asset is shut down or unable to operate for >6 months. 4: Critical asset is not expected to be restored.
5. Interdependencies: Effects on interconnected infrastructure.	0: No effect on the critical asset's normal operations. 1: Critical asset is a stand-alone facility and is not interdependent on other assets; adverse effects would not extend beyond this single asset. 2: Critical asset is part of a larger system; however, adverse effects would not extend beyond this single asset 3: Critical asset is part of a larger system, and at least one other asset depends on its outputs. 4: Critical asset is part of a larger system, and many other assets depend on its outputs.
6. Criticality: The importance of the asset in maintaining essential services.	0: No adverse effect. 1: Minor adverse effects would occur, limited to a local environment. 2: Significant adverse effects would occur, limited to a local environment 3: Significant adverse effects would occur in a wider environment. 4: Significant adverse effects would occur nationally or worldwide.
7. Environmental Impact: Potential damage to water, air, soil, and biodiversity.	0: None. 1: Limited damage. 2: Short-term damage to limited extension of surrounding environment. 3: Long-term damage to limited extension of surrounding environment or short-term damage to significant extension of surrounding environment. 4: Permanent or long-term damage to significant extension of surrounding environment.

Use of weights

- In addition to Bennett, 2007, we apply weights per impact category that should be applied at the CI level:

Weight	Grade	Description
1	Low priority	The category has minimal influence on risk mitigation decisions.
2	Moderate priority	The category is important but balanced with other high-priority factors.
3	High priority	This category is a critical factor in risk mitigation; failure would have severe implications on the business process.

Use of weights

Calculations:

TI = Total impact

$$TI = \sum_{\text{Sum Across all Impact Categories}} (\text{Category Weight} \times \text{Impact Score})$$

TI_N = Total impact normalized [0,1]

$$TI_N = \frac{TI}{\sum_{\text{For all Impact Categories}} \text{Category Weight} \times 4}$$

Step 6: Calculate Risk Scores

- Final *Risk Score* is calculated considering total normalized impact and conditional probabilities of the specific asset's state.
- Risk value is between [0-100]

$$\text{Risk Score} = \text{State Probability} \times \text{Threat Probability} \times TI_N \times 100$$

- Risk Score is presented as percentage.
- Possible risk levels (interpretation) on *Risk Score* are:
 - <25%: Low Risk
 - 25-50%: Medium Risk
 - 50-75%: High Risk
 - >75%: Critical Risk

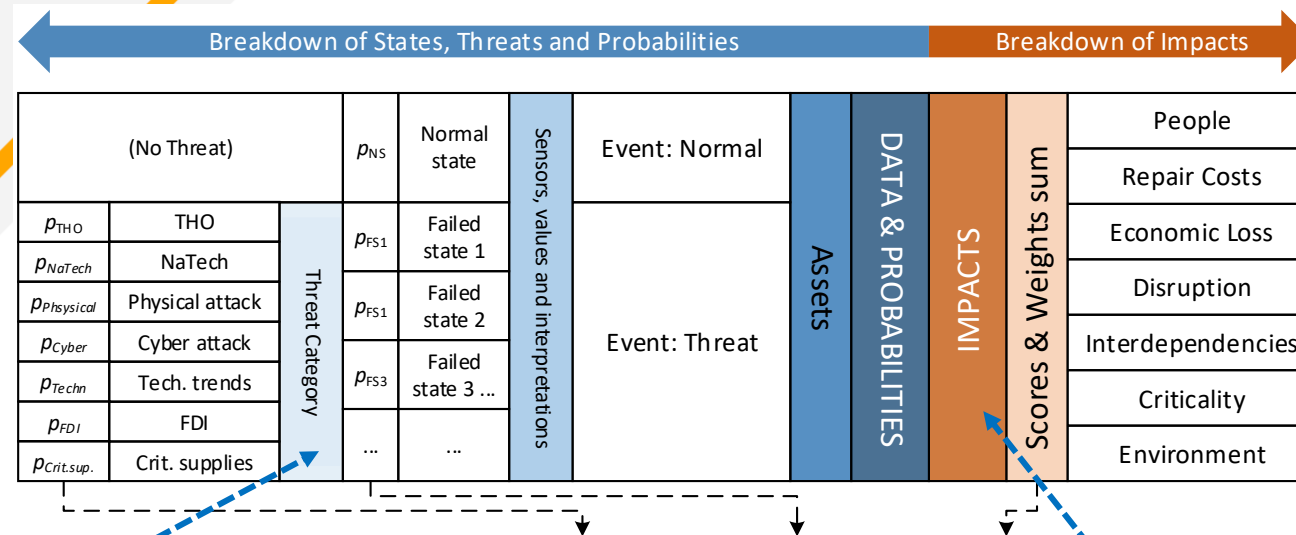
Example of simplified view of the overall table

Asset	Asset State	State Prob.	Threat Category	Threat Prob.	People	Repair Costs	Economic Loss	Disruptions	Interdependencies	Criticality	Environment	(Normalised, Weighted) Total Impact
Power Plant	Normal	100%	/	100%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
	Electricity unavailable	100%	THO	70%	3	4	4	4	3	4	2	0.88
			NaTech and Climate Change	30%	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	0.70
Power Substation	Normal	100%	/	100%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
	Electricity unavailable	90%	THO	100%	3	4	3	4	4	4	1	0.88
	Backup power failure	10%	Physical Attack	100%	1	2	2	3	2	2	0	0.46
Backup Generators	Normal	100%	/	100%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00
	Physical damage	80%	NaTech and Climate Change	95%	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	0.63
			Physical Attack	5%	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	0.63
	Fuel supply disruption	20%	THO	100%	1	2	1	2	2	2	1	0.41

Example of simplified view of the overall table

Asset	Asset State	State Prob.	Threat Category	Threat Prob.	Impact Score	Risk Score	Risk Level
Power Plant	Normal	100%	/	100%	0.00	0.00	Low Risk
	Electricity unavailable	100%	THO	70%	0.88	61.25	High Risk
			NaTech and Climate Change	30%	0.70	6.27	Low Risk
Power Substation	Normal	100%	/	100%	0.00	0.00	Low Risk
	Electricity unavailable	90%	THO	100%	0.88	78.75	Critical Risk
	Backup power failure	10%	Physical Attack	100%	0.46	4.64	Low Risk
Backup Generators	Normal	100%	/	100%	0.00	0.00	Low Risk
	Physical damage	80%	NaTech and Climate Change	95%	0.63	47.50	Medium Risk
			Physical Attack	5%	0.63	2.50	Low Risk
	Fuel supply disruption	20%	THO	100%	0.41	8.21	Low Risk

Overall model, considering categories



$$Risk\ Score = p_{Threat\ Category} \times p_{Failed\ state} \times Total\ Impact_N \times 100$$

Threat/hazard category
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NaTech and climate-related
Physical attack
Cyber-attack
Technology trends related
Foreign Direct Investments (FDI)
Critical supplies (non-EU)

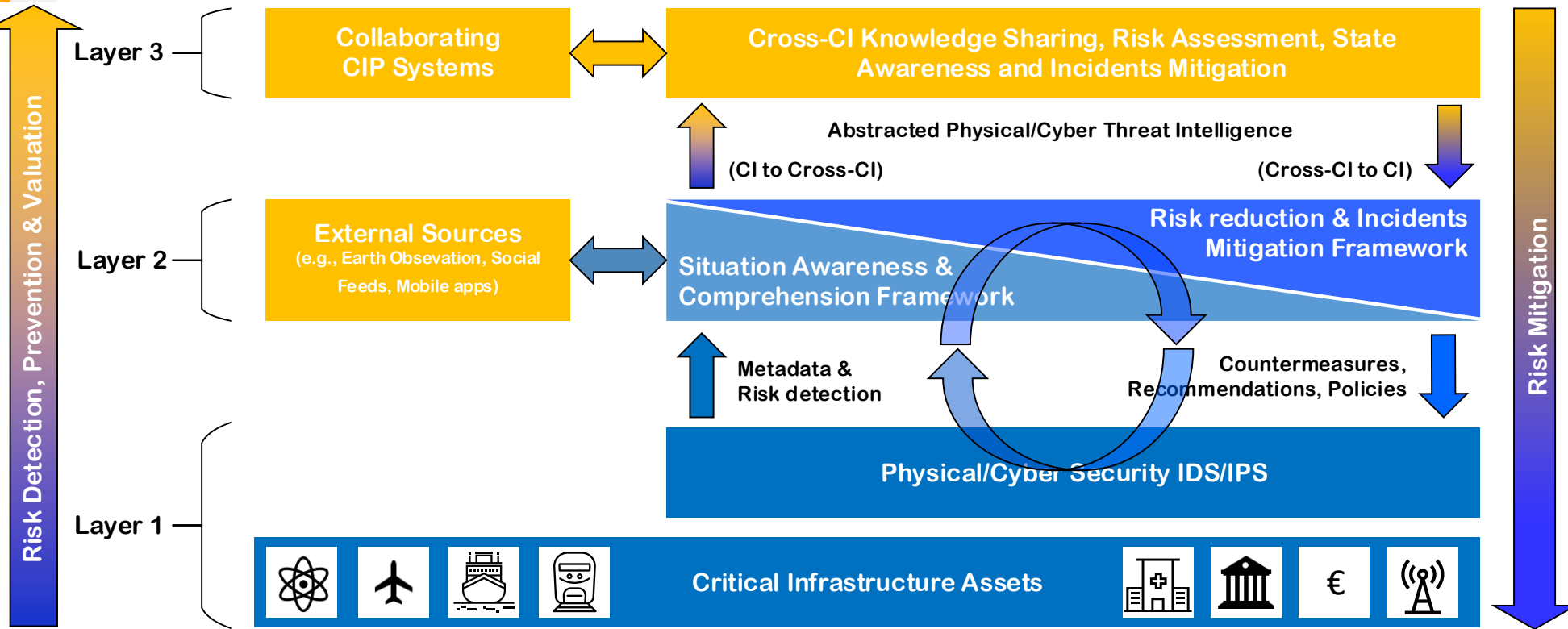
Impact Category	Topic (0-4 score applies)
1. People Exposed:	The number of individuals affected.
2. Economic Impact (Repair or replacement costs):	The financial burden of restoring services.
3. Economic Impact (Contribution to economy):	Wider economic consequences.
4. Business or Service Interruption:	Duration and severity of operational downtime.
5. Interdependencies:	Effects on interconnected infrastructure.
6. Criticality:	The importance of the asset in maintaining essential services.
7. Environmental Impact:	Potential damage to water, air, soil, and biodiversity.

Information processing – source: sensors

- Joint "CIs group" information sharing system

- CI's local incident response system

- CI's system of incident detection



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Questions?

