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DORA and the changing regulatory landscape of cybersecurity requirements for crypto and financial institutions

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Cybersecurity – EU regulatory landscape

Purposes of the legal acts

- Counteracting the increasing cyber threats
 - Protecting Critical Infrastructure
 - Safeguarding personal data
 - Digital Single Market
 - Enhancing trust
 - Regulating emerging technologies
 - Improving international cooperation
 - Creating framework for incident response
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- EU cybersecurity legislation aims to create a secure, resilient, and trustworthy digital environment essential for modern society and economic stability.

Cybersecurity – EU regulatory landscape

The legal acts

- **GDPR*** (*applicable from 2018*)
- **NIS2 Directive** (*to be implemented by Oct 2024*)
- **CER Directice** (*to be implemented by Oct 2024*)
- **CRA** (Cyber Resilience Act) (*not yet adopted*)
- **DORA** (*applicable from 17 Jan 2025*)
- **EU Cybersecurity Act** (effective from 2019; amendment in 2024?)
- **Cyber Solidarity Act** (not yet adopted)
- +Other relevant acts like the Data Act, AI Act, DSA
- +Sector based legal acts & other instruments, standards

- *Expanding scope (more sectors in scope)*
- *Expanding extraterritorial effect*

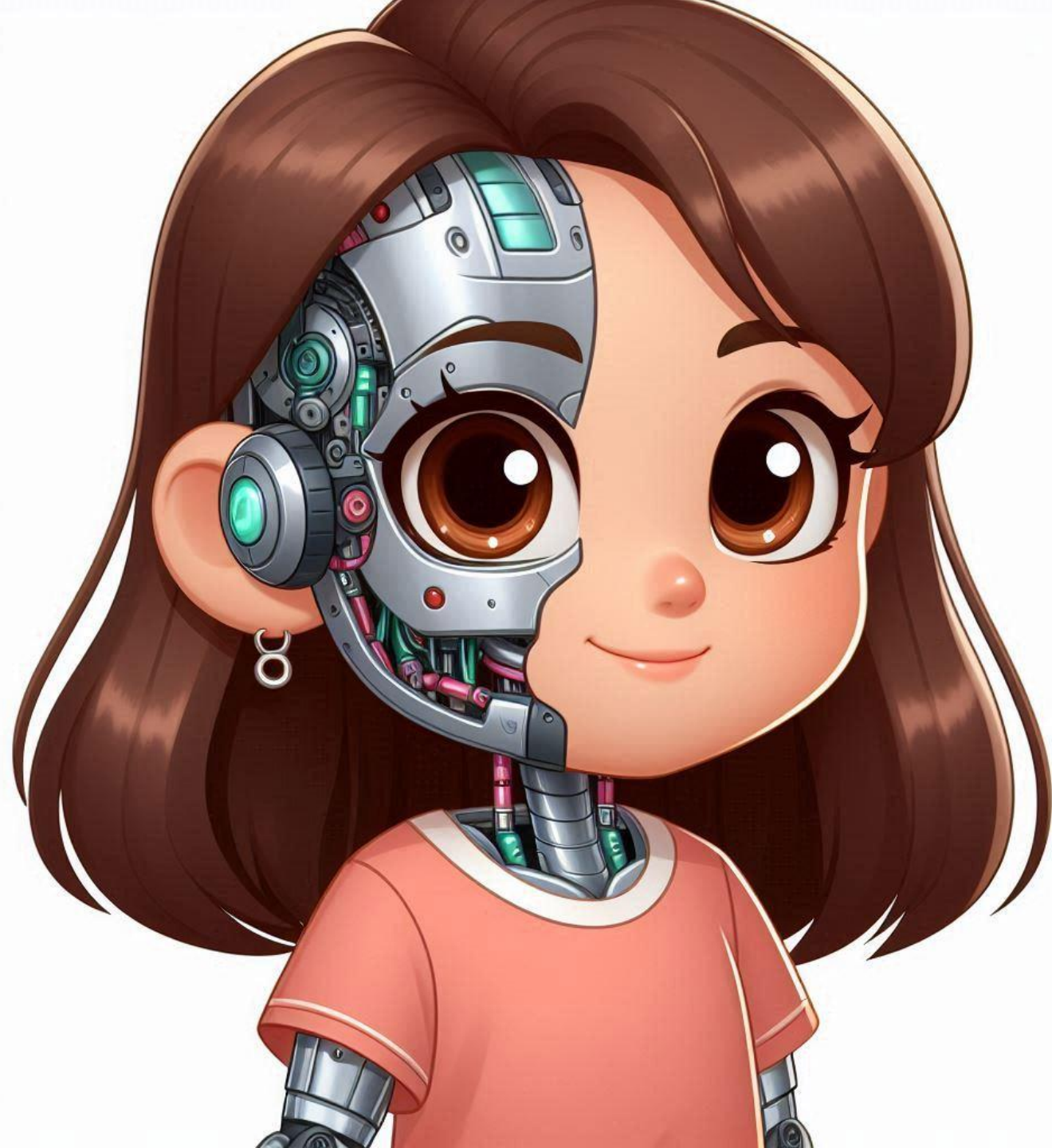
Cybersecurity – EU regulatory landscape

The legal uncertainties.
Overlapping and
conflicting requirements.

- DORA vs GDPR
 - Effective in parallel. No derogations in DORA
- DORA vs NIS2
 - DORA is *lex specialis*
- *Cybersecurity Act and certifications*
- Challenge: Navigating the regulatory complexity and avoiding siloed approach.

How DORA changes the game for FIs, incl. CASPs

- Digital Operational Resilience Act ([Regulation \(EU\) 2022/2554](#) + [Directive \(EU\) 2022/2556](#))
- **Digital operational resilience:** ability to ensure operational integrity and reliability, directly or via ICT third-party service providers



Scope

- **Most financial institutions**
 - Banks
 - payment institutions
 - account information service providers
 - electronic money institutions
 - **CRYPTO ASSETS SERVICE PROVIDERS, ISSUERS OF ASSET-REFERENCED TOKENS**
 - crowdfunding service providers
 - and many more....
- **ICT providers** to said FIs:
 - critical ones
 - others

Building block	Main elements of the building block	EU financial services Level 1 and Level 2 legislation													
		Payments (PSD2)	Banks (CRD/CRR)	Investment firms (MIFID)	Trading Venues (MIFID)	CCPs (EMIR)	CSDs (CSDR)	Trade Repositories (EMIR)	Insurance (Solvency II)	Asset Management (UCITS/AIFMD)	CRA	Data Reporting Service Providers (DRSPs)	Audit	IORPs	
ICT risk management	Arrangements (policies, procedures and systems) on risks to which the entity is exposed to		art. 74(1)	art. 16(4), (5)	art. 47 (1)	art. 26(1)	L2 - art.48(1)	Art 79		L2 - art. 40(1) - both art. 15(2) - A	Annex I - Section A, (4)			art. 28(3)	
	Operational risk framework / policy	art. 95(1)				Art. 28 (risk committee)	L2 - art. 70(1)			L2 - art. 13(1) - A					
	Risk management policy			L2 - art. 23(1)		L2 art.4			art. 41(3)	L2 - art. 38(1) - U				art. 25(1)	
	Information security framework/strategy	art. 95(1)		L2 - art. 18 (AT)		L2 - art. 9(3)	L2 - art. 70(9), art. 75(5)								
	Appropriate IT tools, reliable, resilient and secure systems (to ensure security / integrity / confidentiality)	art. 95(1), art. 97(3) L2 - chapter II, IV, V		art. 16(5) L2 - art. 21(2)	art. 48(1) L2 - art. 23(1),(2)	art. 26(6) and L2 art.9	art. 45(1) L2 - art. 75	L2 - art. 79(1)	L2 - art. 258(1)	L2 - art. 57(2) - A			art. 64 (4), 65(5), 66(3) + L2 - art. 9(1)		
	Business continuity policy		art. 85(2)	art. 17 (1) and L2 - art. 14(1) - (AT) L2 - art. 21(3)	art. 48(1)	art. 34(1) L2 - art. 19	L2 - art. 70(1)	art. 79(2)	L2 - art. 258(3)	L2 - art. 57(3) - A	L2 - art. 11 (2)		art. 24a 1(h)	art. 21(5)	
	Contingency plans		art. 85(2)		art. 47(1)	part of BCP as referred to in art. 34			art. 41(4)					art. 21(5)	
	Crisis management and communications					L2 - art. 22	L2 - art. 78(4)								
	Disaster recovery plan					art. 34(1) L2 - art. 19	L2 - art. 76(1), art. 78	art. 79(2)							
	2h RTO				L2 - art. 15(2)	L2 - art. 17(6)	L2 - art. 78(2)								
Incident reporting	Reporting of operational incidents to CAs	art. 96(1)			L2 - art. 23(3) L2 - art. 81(1)		art. 45(6) L2 - art. 41(h)								
	Procedures to record, monitor and resolve operational incidents						L2 - art. 71(4)					art. 24a 1(i)			
	Breaches in physical and electronic security measures	art. 96(1)		L2 - art. 18(3) (AT)							L2 - art. 9(4)				
Testing	Testing of IT tools, systems and procedures	L2 - art. 3(1)				partly relevant by general provisions art. 49	art. 45(5) L2 - art. 75(6)								
	Penetration testing			L2 - art. 18(4) (AT)											
Third party risk	Outsourcing - the entity remains fully responsible	art. 19(6) art. 20(2)		L2 - art. 4(1) (AT) L2 - art. 31(1)	L2 - art. 6(1)	art. 35(1)	art. 30(1)		art. 49(1)			L2 - art. 6(4)	art. 31(2)		
	Outsourcing is governed by a written agreement			L2 - art. 31(3)	L2 - art. 6(4)		art. 30(2)	L2 - art.16		L2 - art. 25			art. 31(5)		
	Outsourcing - report to CAs on the outsourcing	art. 19(6)			L2 - art. 6(5), (7)	art. 35 approval by CA required			art. 49(3)	art. 20(1) - A			art. 31(6)		
	Identify critical service providers (CSPs) and manage dependencies					L2 - art. 18(3)	L2 - art. 68(1), (2)								
	Inform CAs on dependencies with CSPs						L2 - art. 68(5)					L2 - art. 6(6)			
	Robust arrangements for the selection and substitution of IT third party service providers						L2 - art. 75(9)								
	Due diligence when outsourcing to third party service providers			L2 - art. 31(2)											
	Outsourcing to third party service providers located in a third country			L2 - art. 32											



Timeline

- In force as of 16.01.2023
- Applies as of **17.01.2025**.
- Underlying documents (standards, guidelines):
 - [1st batch 17.01.2024.](#)
 - 2nd batch 17.07.2024.

[Further info on the European Commission's website for DORA](#)

DORA pillars

ICT Risk
Management

ICT Incident
Management,
Classification,
Reporting

Digital
Operational
Resilience
Testing

Managing ICT
3rd Party Risk
(incl. CTTPs)

Information
sharing

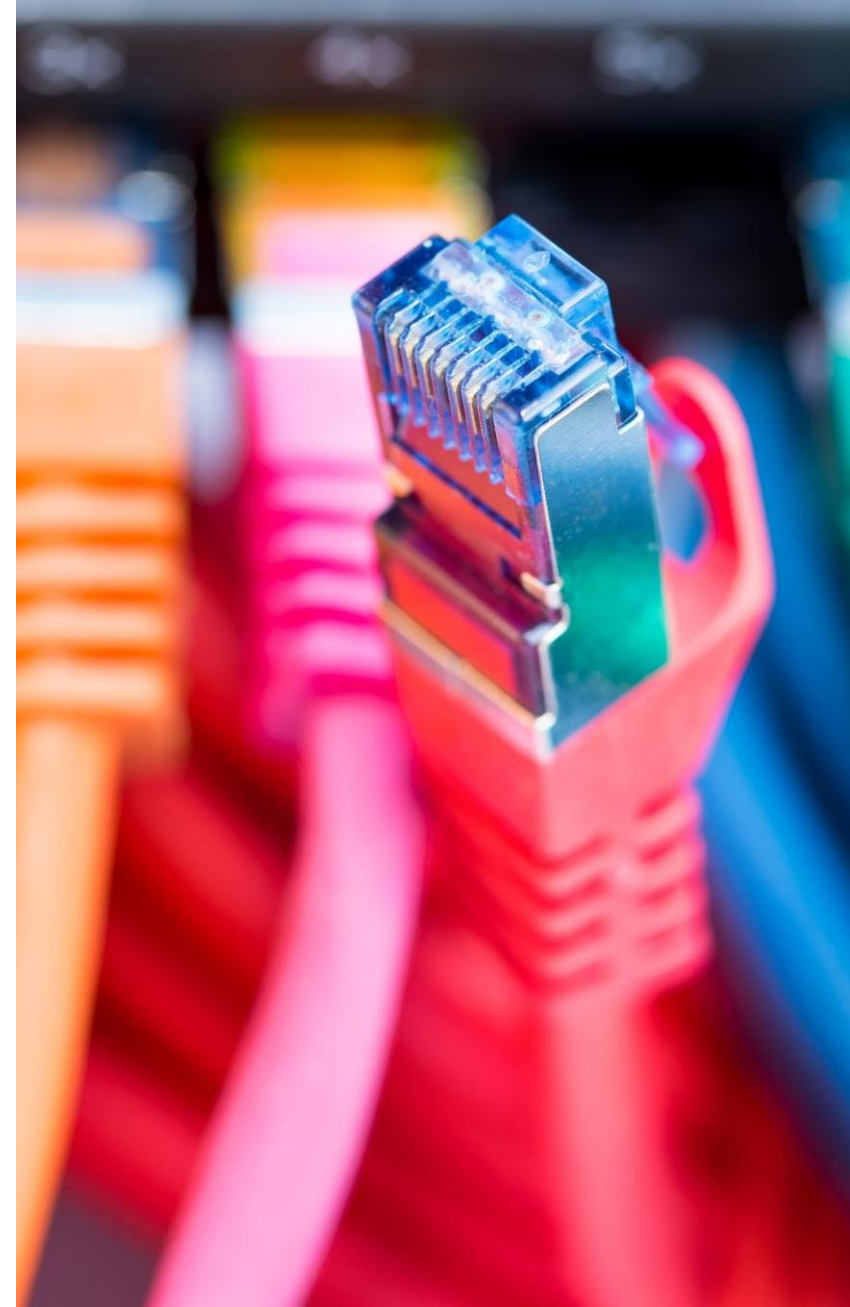
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+ PROPORTIONALITY

ICT Risk Management

- **Documents, systems, tools**
- **Risk management**
 - DOR strategy
 - In line with business strategy
 - Risk tolerance
 - Detection, protection, prevention
- **Governance**
 - Responsibility: on the management

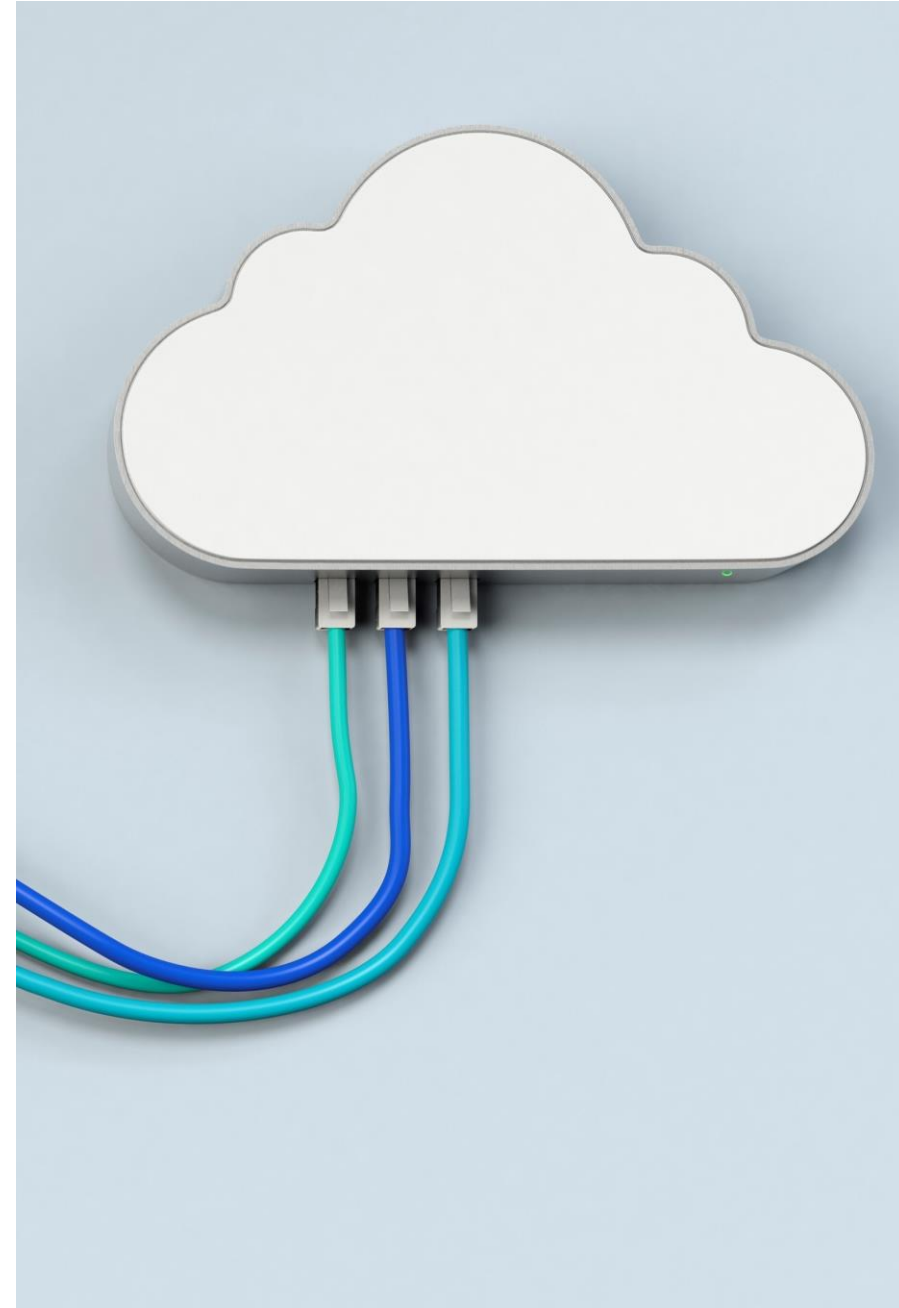
[Draft RTS \(Delegated Regulation\) on ICT Risk Management Framework](#)



ICT Incident Management, Classification, Reporting

- **System for incident:**
 - monitoring
 - managing
 - logging
 - classifying
 - reporting
- **Reporting of major incidents to:**
 - Clients
 - Competent authorities

Draft RTS (Delegated Regulation) on classification of major incidents and significant cyber threats



Digital operational resilience testing

- **Basic testing**
 - All
 - Testing programme
 - ICT tool testing
- **Advanced testing**
 - For significant FIs

RTS TBA

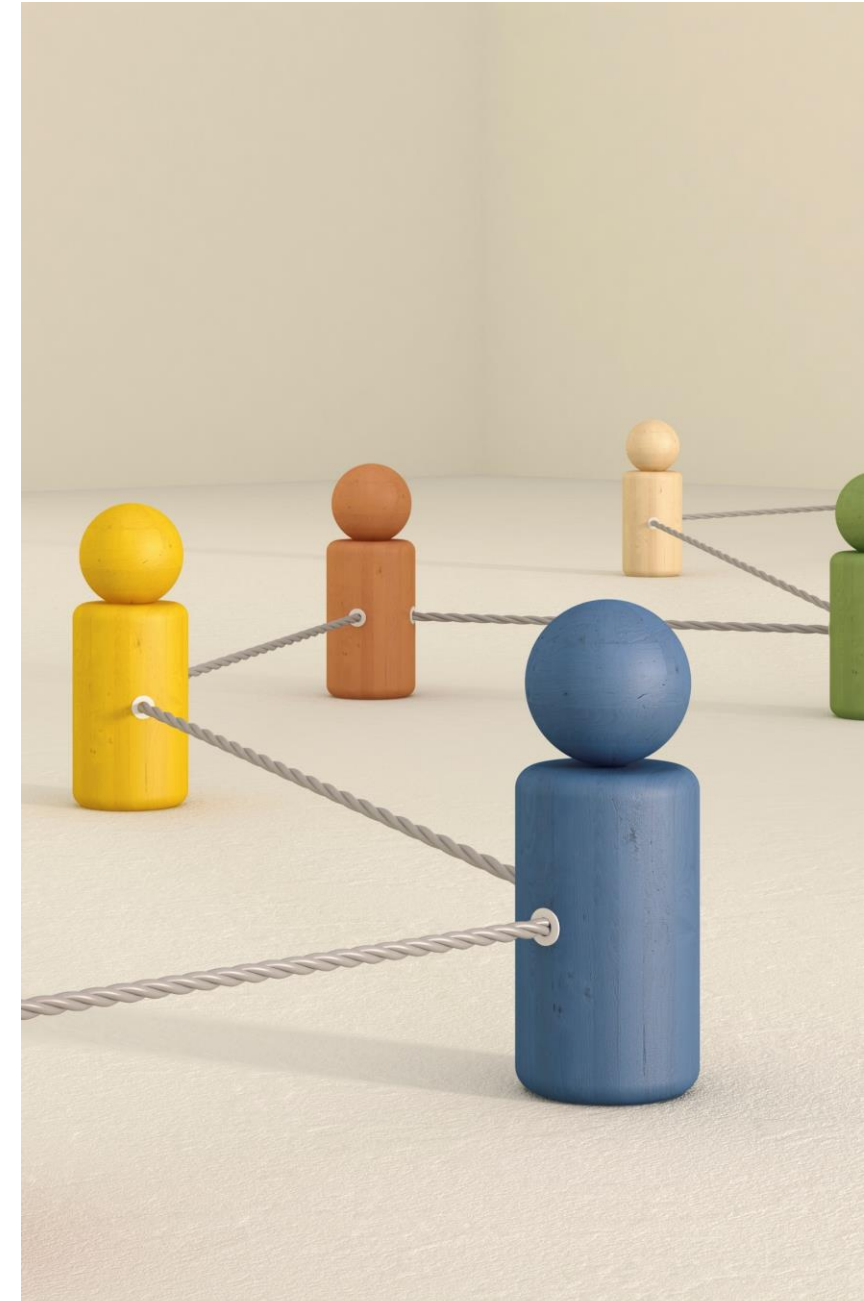


Managing ICT 3P risk

- **Outsourcing-> All 3P arrangements**
- **Principles**
 - Strategy for 3P risk
 - Register contract information
 - Monitor
 - Criteria for contracts
- **Contractual provisions**
 - Minimum required conditions
 - Especially for critical functions
- **Special oversight for Critical Third Party Providers**

[Draft RTS \(Delegated Regulation\) on criteria for designating ICT service providers as critical](#)

[Draft RTS \(Delegated Regulation\) to specify the policy on ICT services supporting critical or important functions](#)



Information Sharing

- Learning from the incidents
- Exchange of information and intelligence on cyber threats



Supervision



- Access to documents/data
- On-site inspections & investigations
 - Summoning representatives
 - Interviewing any persons
- Require corrective/remedial measures

Sanctions



- Order to cease conduct (temp/perm)
- Fines
- Public notices
- Administrative (and criminal?) penalties
- Determined locally



Takeaways

Phase A

- 1. Internal Audit**
- 2. Educate, Follow**
- 3. Compare 1+2**
- 4. Prepare & Introduce**

Phase B

- 1. Protect & Prevent**
- 2. Recover & Evolve**

Leverage & Monetize

Turn to our Sorainen team for legal advice:

On DORA:

- Gap analysis between the existing and required ICT security arrangements
- Develop ICT framework
- Assist in preparing the policies & procedures
- Audit of third-party provider registers and arrangements (contracts)
- Incident reporting
- Assessment of proportionality

On other matters:

- Financial institution regulatory advice from licencing to assisting with regulator's inspections
- Regulatory advice on cybersecurity compliance
- Privacy and data protection advice
- Regulatory advice on emerging technologies (AI, IoT)



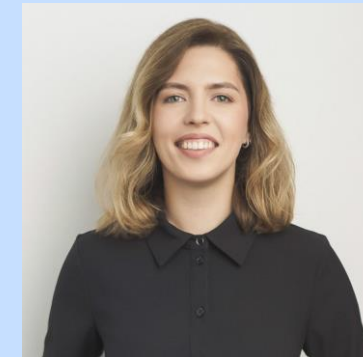
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