

NIS2 Day by Pylones

What is The NIS2 Directive – Should I do something about it?

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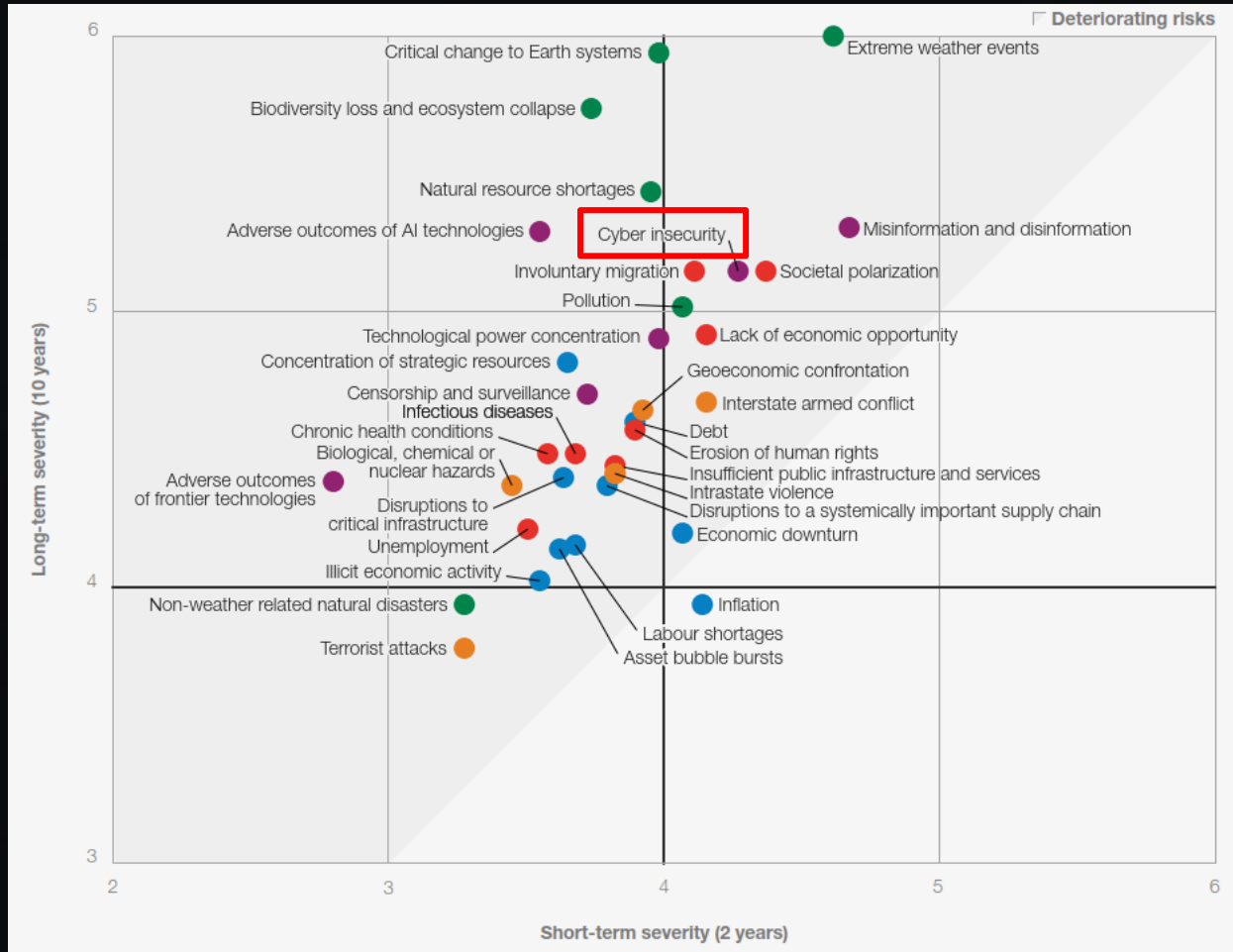
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Setting the scene

Cybersecurity is now considered a top risk while being at the forefront of global developments



World Economic Forum: Global Risks Report 2024 - Relative severity of risks over a 2 and 10-year period



The regulatory landscape is becoming broader and more complex

Timeline for adoption of different regulations in the EU (non-exhaustive)



August 2016

NIS

Requirements for cybersecurity critical sectors



May 2018

GDPR

Regulation for protection of personal data



February 2024

Digital Services Act

Rules to protect the rights of digital services users



March 2024

Cyber Resilience Act (CRA)

Requirements for products/services with digital elements



March 2024

AI Act

Requirements for Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications



October 2024

NIS2

Requirements for cybersecurity in critical sectors



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Critical Entities Resilience (CER)

Rules for ensuring the resilience of critical entities



January 2025

DORA

Requirements for cybersecurity in the financial sector

Transition from NIS to NIS2

NIS2 looks to expand the goals and scope of NIS

Goals set out by NIS Directive (2016)



To improve the overall level of cybersecurity in EU



To promote cooperation among EU Member States



To ensure a common level of preparedness



To enhance the security of critical infrastructure



To establish a culture of risk management

... **The NIS Directive fell short of expectations ...**

Renewed goals set out by NIS2 Directive (2022)



To cover a larger share of the economy and society by including more sectors



To strengthen specific domains, such as resilience and security in the supply chain



To increase requirements and reporting obligations



To harmonize penalty and supervision regimes

NIS2 in-scope entities

From OESs & DSPs to Essential & Important entities

Essential Entities



Energy



Transport



Financial
Market Infr.



Banking



Healthcare



Providers of public
electronic comm.
networks & services



Waste
Water



Digital
Infrastructure



Public
Administration



Drinking
Water



Space



Stricter supervisory and penalty regimes including:

- ✓ **Ex-ante and ex-post supervision**, regular, targeted and ad-hoc audits etc.
- ✓ A maximum of at least **10,000,000 EUR** or up to **2%** of the total worldwide annual turnover (whichever is higher).

Important Entities



Digital providers



Postal & courier
services



Waste mgmt.



Chemicals



Manufacture



Food



Research



Lighter supervisory and penalty regimes including:

- ✓ **Ex-post supervision**, targeted audits etc.
- ✓ A maximum of at least **7,000,000 EUR** or up to **1,4%** of the total worldwide annual turnover (whichever is higher).

Cybersecurity risk management is a main focus of NIS2

NIS2 imposes new cybersecurity risk management requirements for in-scope entities



Risk analysis & information system security



Incident handling



Business continuity



Supply chain security



Security in system acquisition, development and maintenance

Essential and Important entities must take **appropriate and proportional technical, operational and organizational measures** to manage the risks posed to the systems which underpin their services.



Cyber hygiene practices and cybersecurity training



Cryptography & encryption policies



HR security, access control & asset management



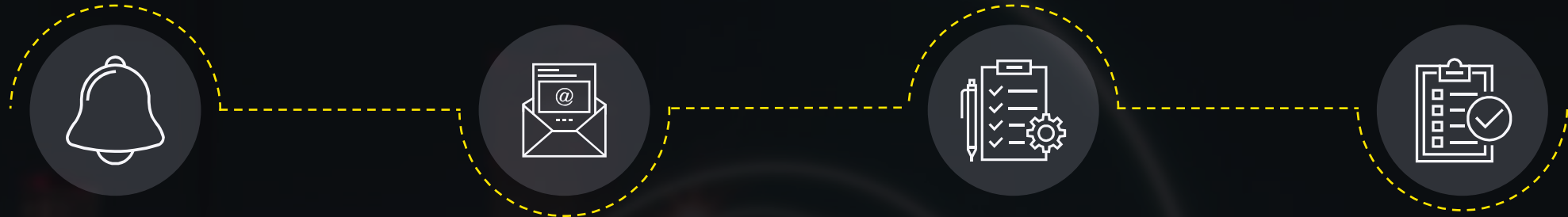
MFA and continuous authentication solutions



Policies & procedures to assess risk management measures effectiveness

Incident reporting obligations become much stricter under NIS2

A phased notification obligation to CSIRT / competent Authorities for incidents with significant impacts



Early Warning

...within **24 hours** of becoming aware of a significant incident*

Official Notification

...within **72 hours** providing update on the early warning along with an incident assessment

Intermediate Report

...upon request, indicating a **status update** on the incident handling progress

Final Report

...no later than **1 month** after the submission of the official notification



Under Article 23 (3), an incident shall be considered to be significant if:

- ✓ It has caused or is capable of causing **severe operational disruption** of the services or financial loss for the organization;
- ✓ It has affected or is capable of affecting other natural or legal persons by causing **considerable material or non-material damage**.

Senior management involvement is at the forefront of NIS2 compliance

NIS2 enhances senior management responsibilities over cybersecurity risk management

Key Responsibilities of Important & Essential Entities Management Bodies



Approve the adequacy of cybersecurity risk management measures



Supervise the implementation of the risk management measures;



Follow training relevant to cybersecurity risk management



Ensure relevant training is provided to employees on a regular basis



Be accountable for cases of non-compliance

Failure by management to comply with NIS2 requirements could result in:

- Liability
- Temporary bans
- Administrative fines

...as provided for in the implementing national legislation



Key challenges posed by NIS2 that we observe across the market

Achieving consistency within the EU cybersecurity regulatory framework can be quite challenging



Ensuring senior management commitment and accountability



Companies with multinational EU presence need to adjust to the requirements of different implementing acts



Converging different incident notification requirements deriving from different regulations



Management of direct suppliers / service providers relationships to ensure effective management of risks

Next Steps

Key actions to kickstart NIS2 compliance journey

- 1** | Establish a robust cybersecurity risk management framework, infusing supply chain security elements.
- 2** | Enhance incident handling, escalation and reporting capabilities.
- 3** | Safeguard operational resilience and establish proactive crisis management capabilities.
- 4** | Focus on Senior Management engagement and foster a cyber aware culture across the organization.



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