

CYBER SECURITY MATURITY MODEL IN ENERGY SECTOR

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Agenda

- The Duties and Strategies of EMRA in the Cyber Security of the Energy Sector of Türkiye
- Future Projects
- Cyber Threats in the Energy Sector
- Conclusion



Responsibilities of EMRA in Energy Sector Cyber Security

- Decision on the Execution, Management and Coordination of National Cyber Security Studies
- Establishment of National Computer Emergency Response Team TR-CERT(Sectoral and Institutional CERTs)
- Entry into force of National Cyber Security Strategy and 2013-2014 Action Plan
- Introduction of 2016-2019 National Cyber Security Strategy and Action Plan
- Establishment of Digital Transformation Office of the Presidency of the Republic of Türkiye
- Publication of Information and Communication Security Guide
- Entry into force of National Cyber Security Strategy and Action Plan (2020-2023)
- Entry into force of National Cyber Security Strategy and Action Plan (2024-2028)
- Establishment of Cybersecurity Directorate



Critical Infrastructure Sectors

- Energy
- Telecommunications
- Water Management
- Finance
- Transportation
- Critical Utilities



• 2013-2014 Action Plan

 Action No. 1.3: Making ISO/IEC 27001 Information Security Management System(ISMS) standard mandatory for public institutions and private entities in critical infrastructure sectors

- EMRA Action:
 - Introducing the obligation to comply with the ISO/IEC 27001 ISMS standard in EMRA Licensing Regulations (Electricity, Natural Gas, Oil)



Sector	# of Entities Obliged to Obtain ISO/IEC 27001 Certificate	# of Entities Received Certificates	
Natural Gas Distribution	73	72	
Natural Gas Transmission	1	1	
Electricity Distribution	21	21	
Electricity Transmission	1	1	
Electricity Market Operation	1	1	
Electricity Generation	150	140	
Oil Transmission(by pipeline)	2	2	
Refinery	5	5	
Total	254	243	



EMRA Actions(Establishment of Sectoral CERT and Institutional CERTs)

 Establishment of EMRA Sectoral CERT 2015 • Electricity distribution licence holders (21 companies) • Natural gas distribution licence holders(72 companies) • Electricity transmission license holder (TEİAŞ) Natural gas transmission license holder (BOTAŞ) • Refinery license holder (TÜPRAŞ, SOCAR) • Electricity generation license holder with an installed capacity of 100MWe and above



- 2016-2019 Action Plan
 - Action No. 1.4: Strengthening Cyber Defense Capacity and Protecting Critical Infrastructures
- EMRA Action:
 - Regulation on Information Security in Industrial Control Systems Used in the Energy Sector (2017)
 - Information security audit and review processes in energy sector



- 2016-2019 Action Plan
 - Action No. 1.6: Update of legislation regarding the determination that security testing (penetration testing, APT analysis, etc.) services will be received from natural and legal persons who are document holders.
 - Action No. 1.7: Making penetration tests mandatory in organizations
- EMRA Action:
 - Security Analysis and Testing Procedures and Principles for Industrial Control Systems Used in the Energy Sector (2019)
 - Information security audit and review processes in energy sector



- 2016-2019 Action Plan
 - Action No. 2.1: Making a detailed and real situation analysis
 - Monitoring the losses and causes of cyber incidents in public and private sector critical infrastructure operators
 - Determining the damage, including the financial dimension, in the events that occur
- EMRA Action:





- 2016-2019 Action Plan
 - Action No. 3.4: Organizing cyber security exercises
 - Organizing cybersecurity exercises on a sectoral scale under the leadership of sector regulatory authorities
- EMRA Action:
 - First Ex4S event (May, 2022)
 - Second Ex4S event (October, 2024)



- 2020-2023 Action Plan
 - Action No. 1.3: Preparation of sectoral regulations regarding the minimum cyber security criteria to be followed by legal entities operating in critical infrastructure sectors
 - Action No. 3.2: Preparation of sector-based «IT Products Manufacturer Dependency Analysis Reports»
 - Action No. 10.2: Organization of sectoral cybersecurity exercises
- EMRA Action:
 - Regulation on Information Security in Industrial Control Systems Used in the Energy Sector (2017)
 - Security Analysis and Testing Procedures and Principles for Industrial Control Systems Used in the Energy Sector (2019)
 - First Ex4S event (May, 2022)



- 2020-2023 Action Plan
 - Action No. 7: Measuring and Monitoring Cybersecurity Maturity Levels of CERTs
 - Developing maturity level measurement guide for CERTs
 - Determining maturity levels of CERTs
 - Monitoring the development of maturity levels of CERTs
- EMRA Action:
 - Regulation on Cyber Security Maturity Model in the Energy Sector (2023)

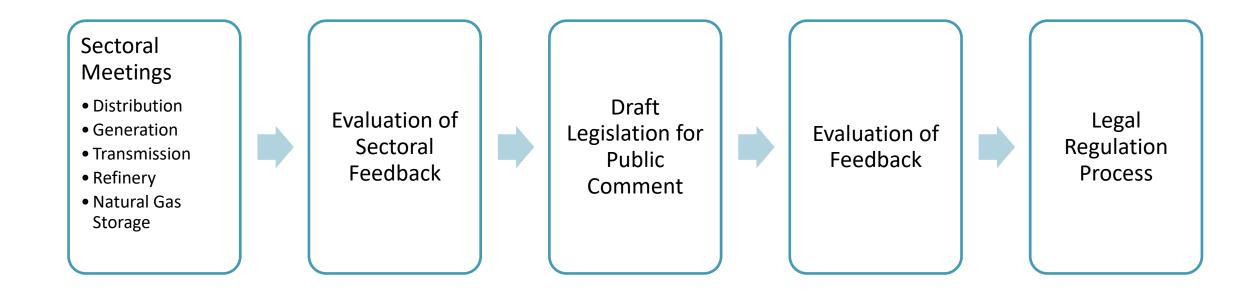


Regulation on Cyber Security Maturity Model in the Energy Sector

Sector	Sub-sector
Distribution	Electricity Distribution Natural Gas Distribution
Transmission	Electricity Transmission Natural Gas Transmission Oil Transmission (by pipeline)
Electricity Generation	Gas-Fired PP Coal-Fired PP HPP WPP GPP SPP NPP
Refinery	Oil Refinery
Natural Gas Storage	Natural Gas Storage (LNG, underground)



Regulation on Cyber Security Maturity Model in the Energy Sector





Regulation on Cyber Security Maturity Model in the Energy Sector

- Review of global regulations
- Review of global best practices
- Review of national regulations and guidelines
- Preperation of sectoral checklists and guidelines



Maturity Model, Maturity Levels

Level	Definition	Time Schedule
Level 1	Basic controls	Sector Specific
Level 2	Mid-level controls	Sector Specific
Level 3	Advanced controls	Sector Specific
Extra Control	Controls that are considered to be highly difficult and useful to implement	



Minimum Maturity Level

- Electricity Distribution
- Natural Gas Distribution
- Electricity Transmission
- Natural Gas Transmission
- Electricity Generation
- Oil Transmission
- Refinery
- Natural Gas Storage

- : Level 2
- : Level 1
- : Level 3
- : Level 3
- : Level 1
- : Level 3
- : Level 3
- : Level 1



Degree of Criticality

Degree of Criticality	Definition	Min. Level
Level A	Obliged entities with the highest criticality degree in the relevant sector	Level 3
Level B	Obliged entities with the mid-level criticality degree in the relevant sector	Level 2
Level C	Obliged entities whose criticality level is at the expected level in the relevant sector	Level 1



Main Control Group Headings

- Industrial Network Security (INS)
- Industrial Client and Server Security (CSS)
- Industrial Threat and Vulnerability Management (TVM)
- Industrial Cybersecurity Risk Management (CRM)
- Industrial Asset and Configuration Management (ACM)
- Industrial Identity and Access Management (IAM)

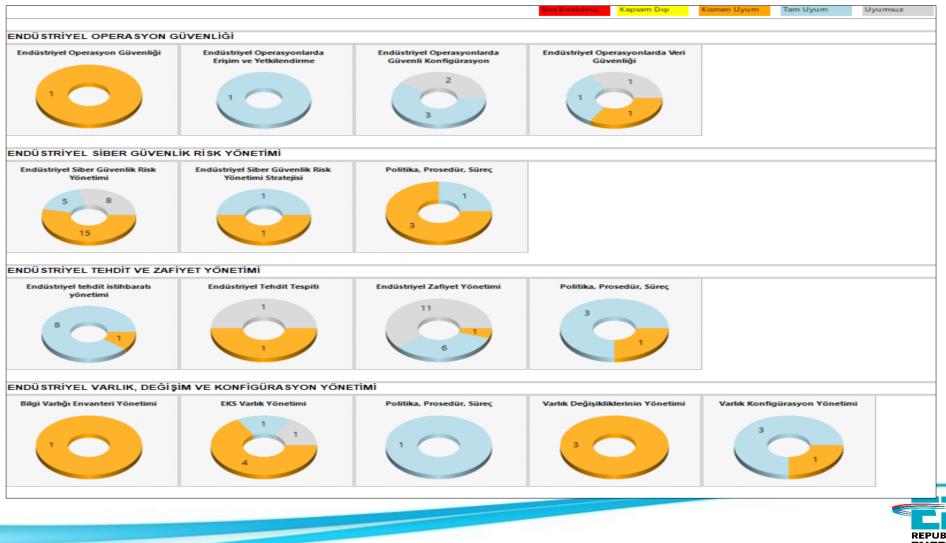
- Industrial Event Management and Continuity (IMC)
- Smart Device Security (Smart Meters, IoT) (SDC)
- Industrial Operations Security (IOS)
- Human Resources Security (HRS)
- Physical Security (PS)
- Supplier Management (SM)
- PLC Security (PLC)



	Electricity Distribution	Natural Gas Distribution	Electricity Generation	Refinery	Electricity Transmission	Natural Gas & Oil Transmission	Natural Gas Storage
INS	61	61	85	74	50	69	69
CSS	42	42	71	67	48	62	67
TVM	33	33	32	32	33	33	32
CRM	34	34	33	33	38	34	33
ACM	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
IAM	19	19	19	20	19	20	20
IMC	84	84	81	81	96	90	81
SDS	37	38	45	45	37	48	45
IOS	10	18	28	30	17	32	34
HRS	16	16	16	16	18	16	16
PS	97	97	90	91	63	111	91
SM	28	28	30	28	29	28	28
PLC		20	20	20		20	20
Total	476	505	565	552	463	578	551

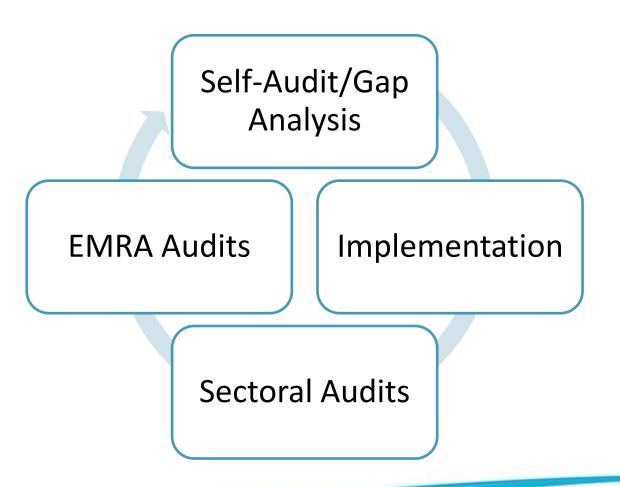


Regulation on Cyber Security Maturity Model in the Energy Sector - Outputs





Audit and Compliance





Future Projects

- Expansion of National Industrial Control System Technologies
- Integration of National Technologies in Industrial Control Systems Cybersecurity



Stuxnet

- Date: June 2010 (date detected)
- Impact: Iran Nuclear Program
- Impact source: USB Memory
- State-sponsored(?)
 wormware
- Bushehr and Natanz nuclear facilities

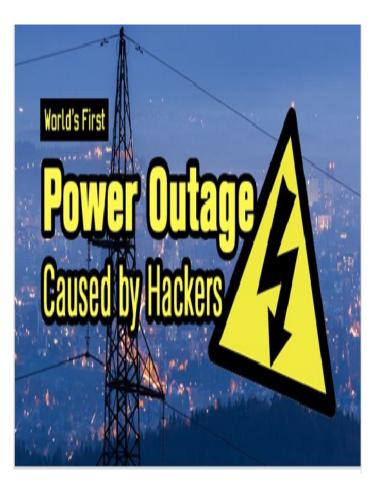




Black Energy

- Date: December 2015
- Impact: Ukraine Electricity Distribution System
- Impact Source: Phishing Email
- 255,000 people in 3 different distribution areas were left without electricity for 6 hours.

Source: https://ozdenercin.com/2018/12/14/hedef-odakli-zararli-yazilim-blackenergy-tarihcesi-ve-gelisimi/





Colonial Pipeline

- Date: May 2021
- Impact: US East Coast fuel supply
- Impact Source: Theft of authorized account credentials
- The largest US pipeline company, Colonial Pipeline, has had its systems attacked by DarkSide ransomware.



It was reported that the company paid \$4.4 million to the ransomware operators.

Source: https://www.techtarget.com/whatis/feature/Colonial-Pipeline-hack-explained-Everything-you-need-to-know



Attack on Iranian Gas Stations

- Date: December 2023
- Impact: Tehran gas stations
- Impact Source: Israel(?)
- 60% of Tehran gas stations were affected by the attack



Source: https://www.aa.com.tr/tr/dunya/irandaki-akaryakit-istasyonlarinin-internet-sistemine-siber-saldiri-iddiasi/3085514





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