

DEFENDER

Defending the European Energy Infrastructures

Critical Infrastructure Protection Topic 1
 Prevention, detection, response and mitigation of the combination of physical and cyber threats to the critical infrastructure of Europe

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DEFENDER identity card

- **Call Identifier:** H2020 CIP-2016-2017-1
- **Title:** *Defending the European Energy Infrastructures*
- **Starting Date:** 1 May 2017
- **Action Type:** *Innovation Action*
- **Duration:** 36 months (Closing Date: 30/4/2020)
- **EU Contribution:** 6.790.837,50 €
- **Partners:** 18 (from 9 countries)
- **Country coverage:** *Italy, Greece, France, Romania, Germany, Slovenia, Portugal, UK, Israel*
- **Website:** <http://defender-project.eu/>






ICT Service & Technology providers

-    (ICT)
-  (Security)
-     (SME - Solution Provider)
-  (Data Privacy/Protection Enforcement)

R&D/Academy



Stakeholders

-  Electricity Network and Distribution Sys Operator
-  Electricity Supplier, Bulk Generation
-  Electricity Supplier, Wind Farm
-  Electricity Network and Transmission Sys Operator
-  Law Enforcement Agency

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What are the problems addressed by DEFENDER?



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Examples of attacks on smart grid infrastructures

Ukrainian grid cyber attack (2015)



Access to the company system(s) via emails infected to stole credentials for controlling SCADAs. Destruction of files stored on servers and workstations causing 27 substations outage affecting about 225,000 customers

European blackout (2006)

More than 15 million clients of the Union for the Co-ordination of Transmission of Electricity (UCTE) did not have access to electricity for about two hours due to an accidental insufficient inter-TSO coordination



Dragonfly attacks on US Power Grid (2018)



Scattered attacks on several facilities in the US, Switzerland, and Turkey using several means of attack (malicious emails and trojanized software) targeting key systems for leaking network security credentials and stealing information

Human and drone attacks (2013; 2019)

Gunmen fired on 17 Metcalf electrical transformers, causing more than \$15 million of equipment damages.

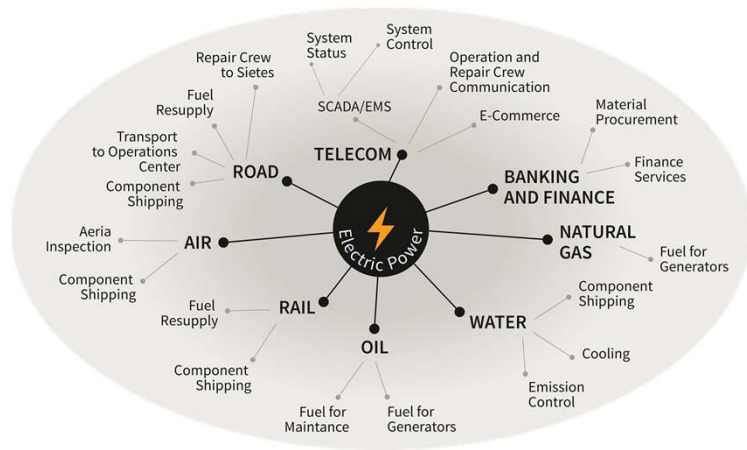


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While recognising the threat from terrorism as a priority, the protection of critical infrastructure will be based on **an all-hazards all-sectors approach**.

Critical Infrastructures depend on each other, but...

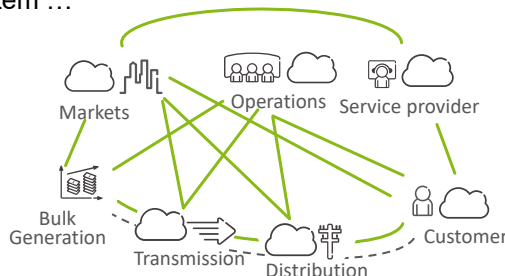
... all the other critical infrastructures have a **strong dependency from Critical Energy Infrastructures**



Source: European Programme for Critical Infrastructure Protection - Council Directive 2008/114/EC
 Source: A new approach to the European Programme for Critical Infrastructure Protection Making European Critical Infrastructures more secure EPCIP (SWD (2013) 318)

Security is fundamental for smart critical energy infrastructures (CEIs)

ICT provides new opportunities to **gather and analyze performance data**, making it possible to preemptively notice and remedy technical vulnerabilities in the system ...



... but the **increased interconnectivity associated with ICT** exposes CEIs to increased **cyber-risks and vulnerabilities**, and global **security** issues that arise in the **interaction between the cyber and the physical, institutional and human layers of the system**

Cyber attacks on the power grid are constantly **increasing in sophistication**

Fragmented landscape of innovative solutions for CEIs

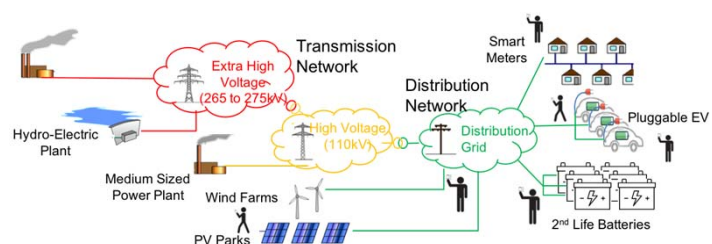
- Limits in the **threat scope** (e.g. either cyber or physical threats)
- Limits in the **coverage of the energy value chain** (from generation to consumer, from operation to market)
- Limits within the **organisation, silos** (e.g. technical, operations, business)
- Rarely involving **human dimension** (citizens or workers)
- **Little systematic relationship** between Power Network Operators and Security Operators/Service Providers and/or Law Enforcement Agencies
- Interaction and underlying procedures for linking **Power Network Operators** with **Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERTs)** and **Information Sharing & Analysis Centres (EE-ISAC)** still challenging at both **governance and technological levels**



DEFENDER Scope

MISSION

DEFENDER aims at safeguarding existing and future European CEI operation over **cyber-physical-social threats**, developing a **new approach** based on **novel protective concept for lifecycle assessment, resilience and self-healing** offering **Security-by-design**, and **advanced intruder inspection and incident mitigation systems**



Physical Security



Natural Disasters



Aging Infrastructure



Cyber Security



Aging Workforce

Achieved results



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DEFENDER (up to date) achieved results #1



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From CEI State of the Environment to Comprehension

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CEI vulnerability analysis

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DEFENDER (up to date) achieved results #2



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Cyber Detectors

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Physical Detectors

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Perception of the current state of the environment

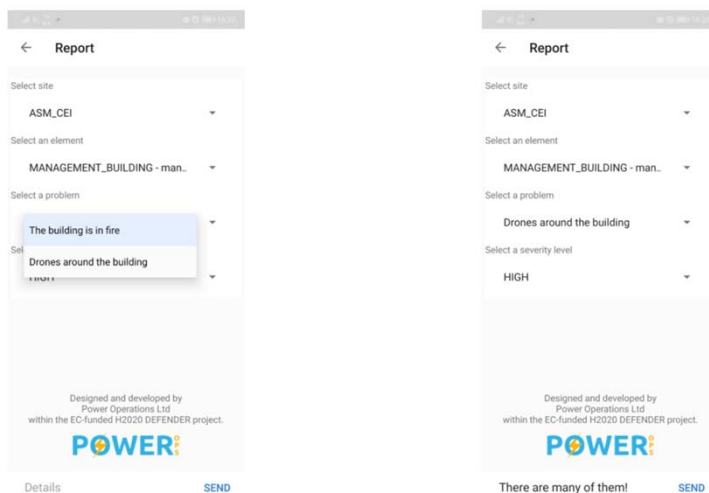
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People acting as cyber security sensors

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Human-In-The-Loop (HITL) mobile app



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Ongoing activities

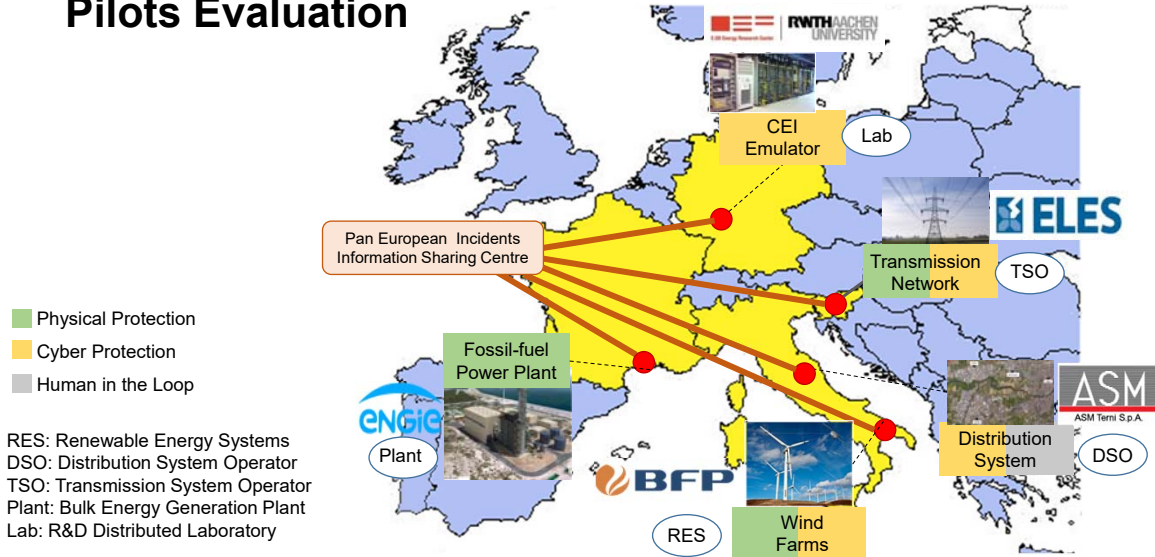


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Pilots Evaluation



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Bulk Energy Generation pilot

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Decentralized RES* Generation pilot

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TSO* Network pilot

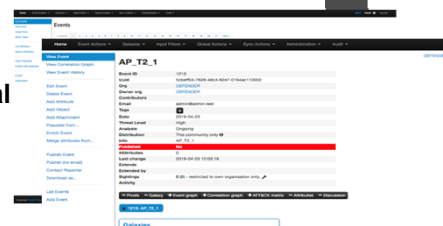
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DSO* Network & Prosumer pilot

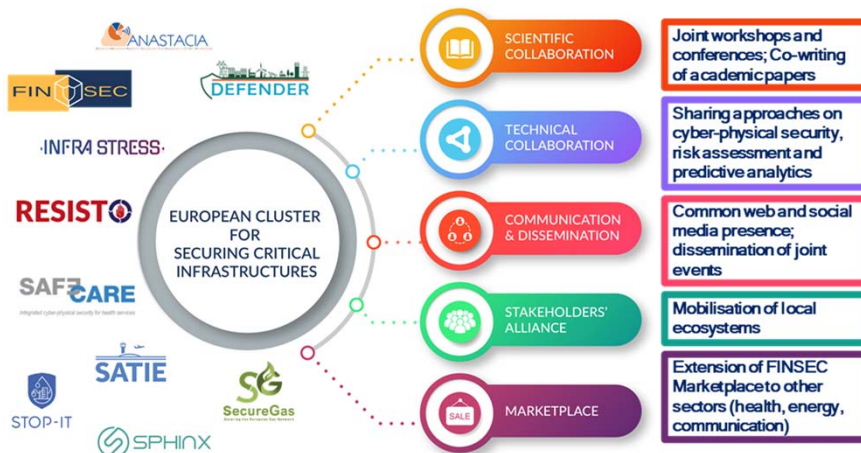
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Other ongoing activities

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CEI Incidents Information Sharing Platform (I2SP) enabling information exchange on **physical and cyber attacks patterns and countermeasures at Pan-European level**
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 Promote learning and information exchange towards a **Culture of Security** via wide audience communication channels, targeted industrial or scientific events
- 
 Initiate and coordinating the Critical Energy Infrastructure Security Stakeholder Group (**CEIS-SG**) as a **pan-European stakeholders' ecosystem** to define the roadmap for next generation **CEI security by design and by default.**



European Cluster for Securing Critical Infrastructures The First ECSCI Workshop, March 26-27, Brussels



DEFENDER contribution to EU policy goals

- Analysis of **new and future** complex threats to CEI
- Analysis of **selected scenarios** of threats to CEI (attack tree method evaluation)
- Analyses of processes and procedures that address certain **security gaps** in the field of physical and cyber security including human in the loop approach)
- Analysis of **interdependency** between CEI and other CI sectors
- Establishment of DEFENDER Critical Energy Infrastructure Security Stakeholders Group (**CEIS-SG**) (exchanging best practices, new knowledge and developments)





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Thank you for your attention

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