

4SECURail

WS2-CSIRT dedicated to rail

A co-designed Model and Platform

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4SECURail – CSIRT Background, Aim and Objectives

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Background

The Shift2Rail programme called for work on defining a European Rail **CSIRT organisational framework**, supported by a draft and **demonstrated CSIRT Platform**, and selected the 4SECURail project to deliver this CSIRT task.

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Objective 1

To **define stakeholder requirements** for a European Rail CSIRT collaborative activity, and to co-design with them a first draft CSIRT model for open consultation.

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Objective 3

To **identify relevant platforms** to support CSIRT collaboration and, based on requirements and CSIRT model, specify and adapt to meet CSIRT needs.



Aim

The main aim is to **deliver a CSIRT model co-designed by the relevant rail stakeholders** along with a **working prototype** (TRL4) also co-designed with those stakeholders.

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Objective 2

To **test and validate the draft CSIRT model**, and to obtain sufficient feedback and co-design input to release the final CSIRT model to support organisational collaboration, as well as collaborative platform design.

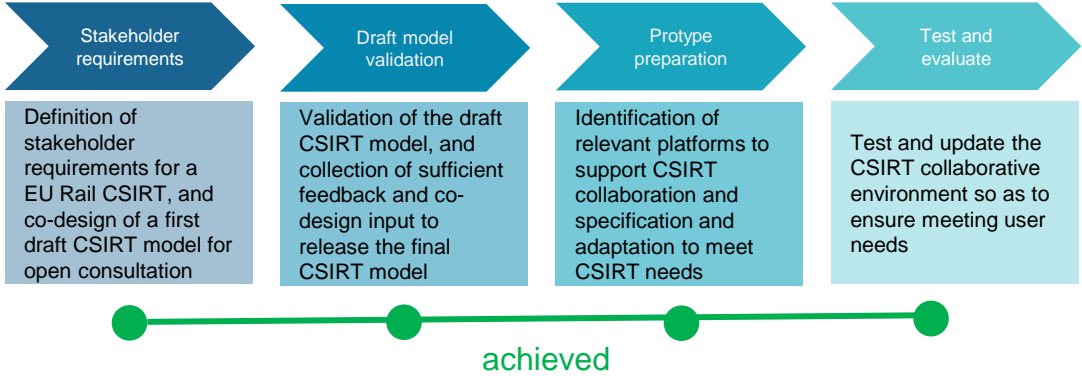
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Objective 4

To **test and updated the CSIRT collaborative environment** to ensure meeting user needs.

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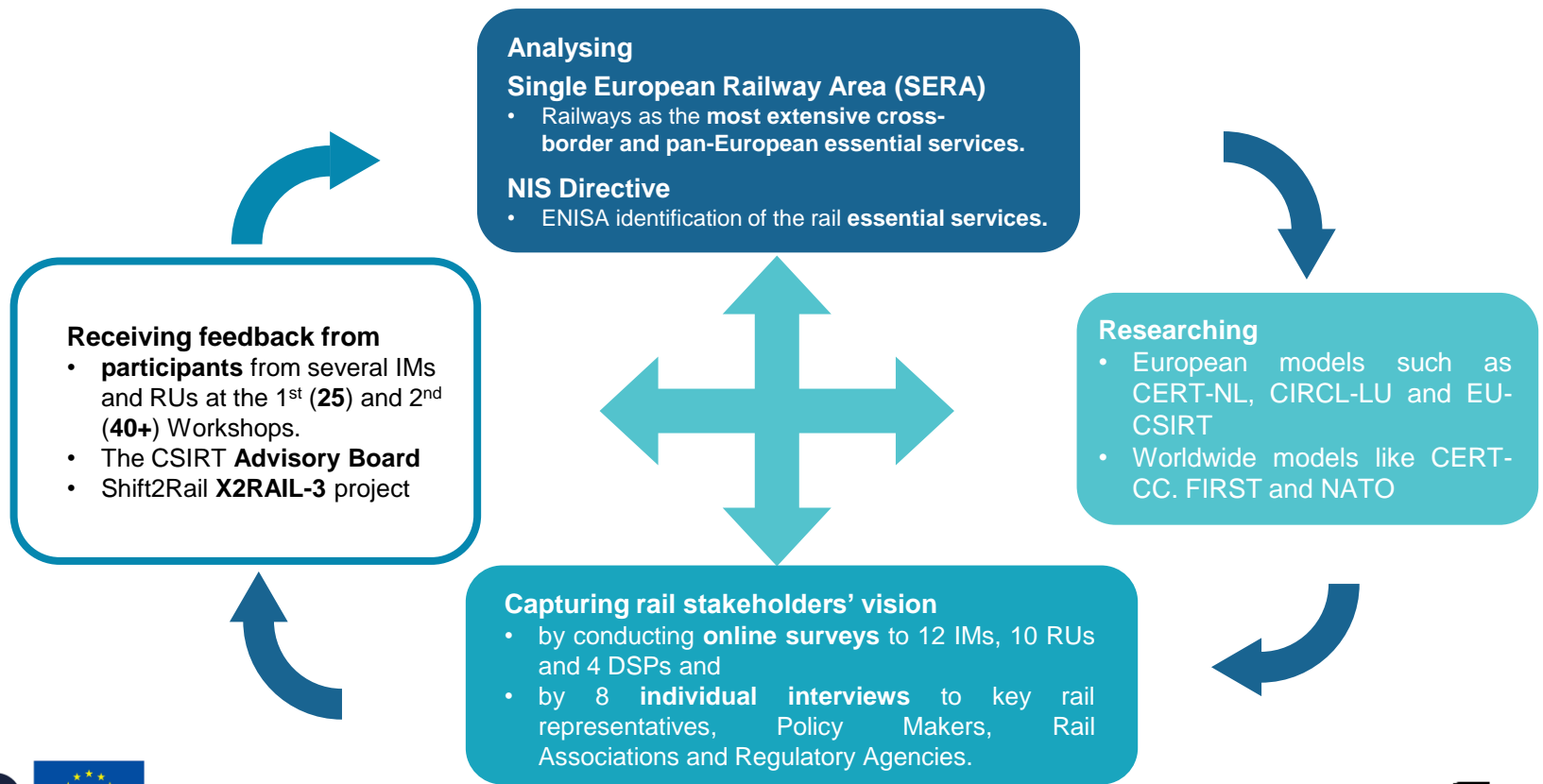


CSIRT Workstream

- Requirement definition finished
- Final CSIRT model released
- CSIRT prototype prepared
- CSIRT prototype evaluated

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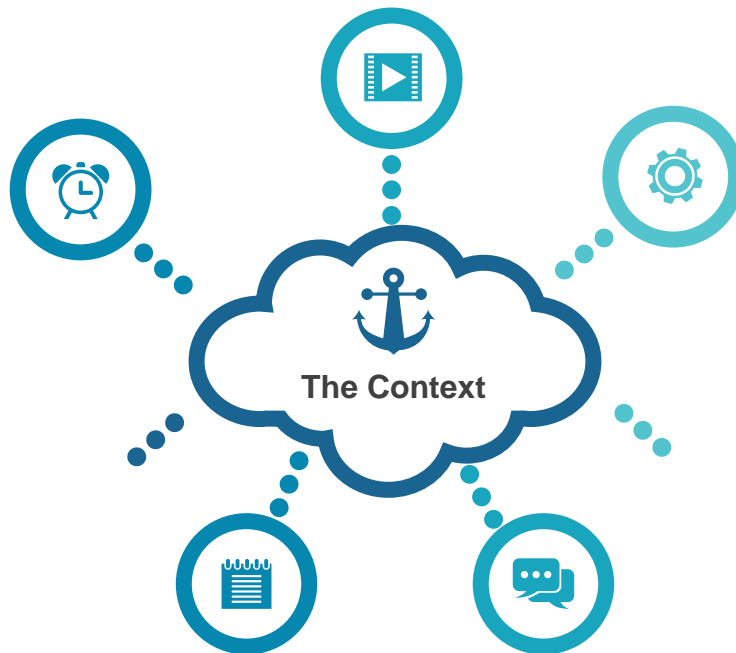
4SECURail – CSIRT Context, Research and Feedback



4SECURail – CSIRT Context

Single European Railway Area (SERA)

- Railways are a strategic area of European Shared Infrastructure and are one of the **most extensive cross-border and pan-European “essential services”**.
- Railway information networks and digital services are interconnected to facilitate the **SERA concept**.
- All European railway infrastructure, both physical and IT/OT, can be conceived as a **single network**.
- SERA depends on **cross-border inter-organisational collaboration** to ensure effective and safe operation of European railway business.



NIS Directive

- NIS ensures a **European framework for cyber security**:
 - ENISA / National CSIRTs (MS) / Cooperation Group/ European CSIRT Network / ISACs (Sectors).
- European railways are both **Operators of essential services** (OES) and **Critical Infrastructures** (CI).
- Railway OES also depends on **Digital Service Providers** (DSPs) who deploy and manage systems and services.
- Railway OES and DSPs must a) take **appropriate security measures** and b) **notify serious incidents**.
- Within a single rail OES, *identification of threats and response to threats* are coordinated by an **internal security team** (e.g. a CSIRT, SOC, IT-OT security team, etc.)
- At pan-European level, an **intrusion at any point can result in damage at other points** of SERA: collaboration is clearly demanded.
- Therefore the potential benefit of a **European Railway CSIRT** involving security teams from multiple Rail OES.

4SECURail – CSIRT Desk Research

CSIRT Examples: Significant features of Relevance to EU Rail

CERT-NL

Is a Dutch government model supporting governmental bodies as well as **vital process providers essential** for The Netherlands. In addition to prevention and intrusion-detection solutions, the CERT provides **services to analyse** attempted or real intrusion events.

NATO NCIRC

is an international organisation supporting its various sites and systems, along with its allies and strategic partners. Their focus is on **prevention, including sharing of threat intelligence** and mitigation measures and education activities.

CIRCL-LU

is a government model supporting all communes, private sector, and NGOs. Their primary aim concerns **systematic response** to cyber security incidents and coordination of **communication** between involved stakeholders.

ENISA model

is a very detailed CSIRT model and guidance derived by ENISA offering **support for European organisations developing a CSIRT**. A **primary emphasis is on prevention**, supported by tools such as IDS, monitoring strategies, and threat databases, along with education and training, to ensure the strongest preventive capability in the host organisation.

4SECURail – CSIRT Desk Research

CSIRT Coordination Examples: Coordinating CSIRTs

CERT-CC Computer Emergency Response Team

- This "Coordination Centre" started in 1988 by the U.S. Department of Defence.
- Provides **CSIRT coordination**, incident reporting, security audit, sharing threat intelligence, artefact analysis and education of cyber experts.

CSIRT Network established under NIS

- ensures **strategic cooperation** between EU Member States in ensuring cybersecurity, including exchange of information on threats and incidents.
- Primary activities include **coordination of MS CSIRTs**, promoting awareness of cyber security, reporting on threats and incidents, providing alerts, coordinating cross-border cyber security, pan-European exercises, and relevant studies and support for policy development.



FIRST CSIRT Network

- is a confederation of trusted computer incident *response teams* (not all CSIRTs) who **cooperate to support each other in handling security incidents**.
- Members fund FIRST as a **non-profit enterprise** providing security team development and support, training, threat intelligence sharing, coordinating members in supporting each other (best practices + during incident response).

4SECURail – CSIRT Feedback main findings

Sharing Security Intelligence Between Organisations

- **Point of contact** for sharing between organisations must be a local choice (not just CISO).
- Choice of **anonymity** is context-dependent.
- A **trusted network** must be organised around trusted parties.

Suggested Platform Facilities

- Inter-organisational sharing of threat intelligence should include a **platform** with:
 - **Library** of threat intelligence (up-to-date library of threats + defensive measures).
 - **Communication facilities** for rapid alerts, awareness bulletins, etc.
 - **Analytics module** (threats experienced by different users / locations / times etc.).

Relationship with UIC/ER-ISAC and NIS Directive

- The 4SECURail CSIRT collaboration initiative should be **linked to UIC/ER-ISAC**.
- Governance will be a key issue: it needs a “**virtual team**” of IM/RU points of contact plus a “**host**” for platform facilities.
- **NIS “notifications”** could also be shared via the platform to improve intelligence.

Respondent Advice to Remainder of Study

- Exploit **platforms** already in use for exchange and collaboration.
- A **4SECURail demonstrator** will convince people through experience.

4SECURail – CSIRT Requirements: Actors

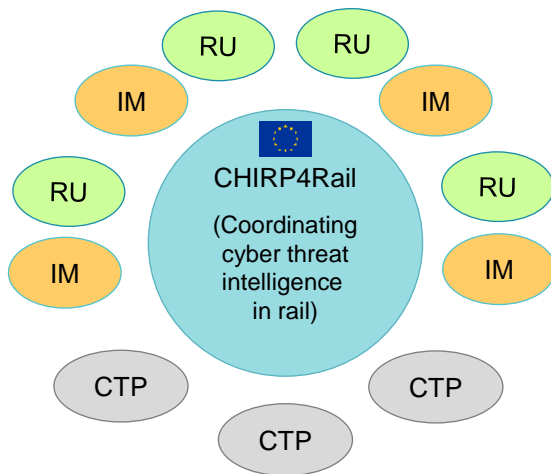
The evident need to coordinate information exchanges between railway security teams for EU-wide cyber security suggests a model that is **data driven, and bottom-up**:

1. identifying **what data is to be shared** between rail security teams;
2. identifying an **operational strategy to enable exchange**, supported by technical and operational schemes;
3. identifying a **suitable management model** to facilitate and ensure 1 and 2.

Based on the requirements collected in the previously reported activities, we have identified the need for exchanges of different kinds of **data and information flows** among the **key actors**.

Key Actors:

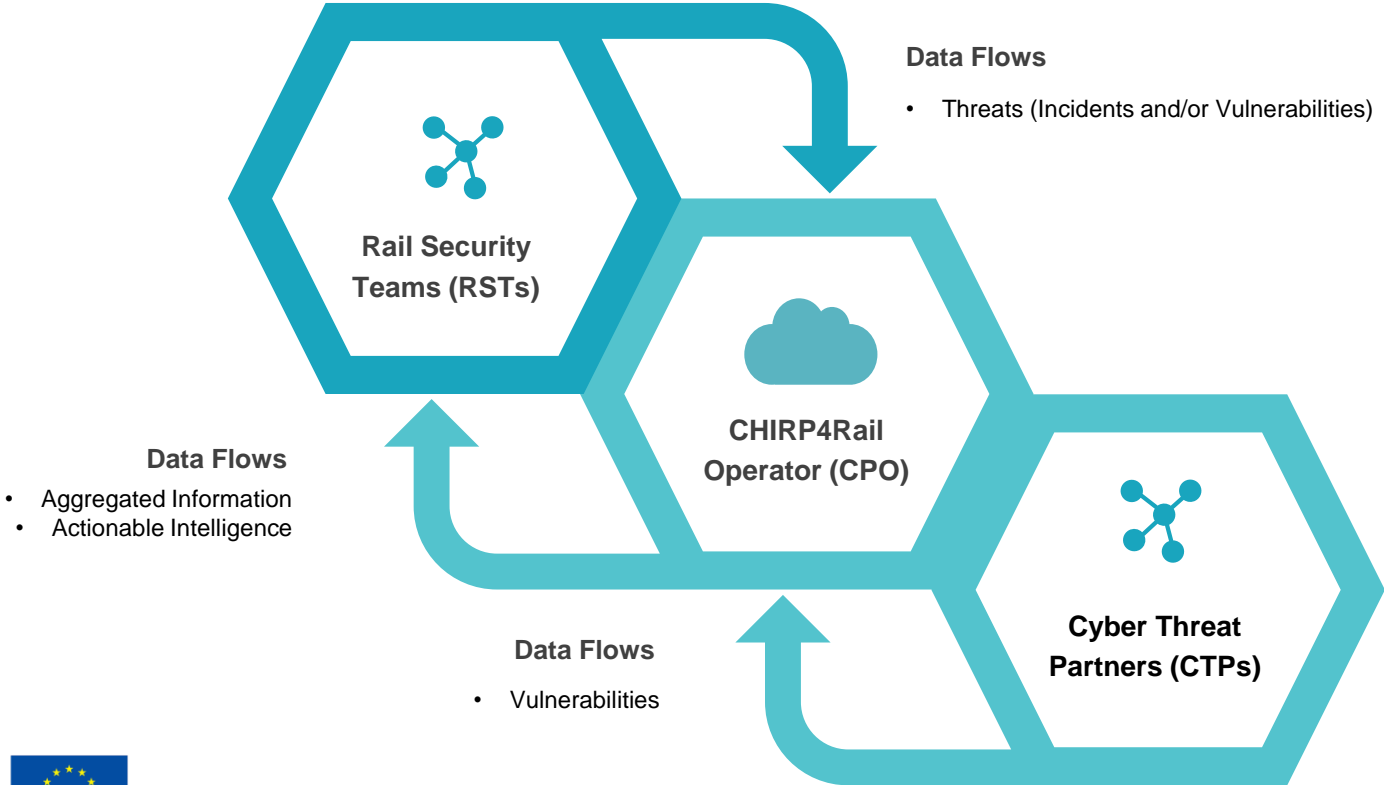
- **IM / RU Rail Security Teams (RSTs):**
 - Formed as a CSIRT, CERT, SOC or any other operational form.
 - Operational at national level.
- **CHIRP4Rail:**
 - EU level Rail CSIRTs THreat Intelligence coordination - **CHIRP4Rail Platform Operator (CPO)**.
 - Operational at EU level; intelligence coordination role.



Cyber Threat trusted Partners (CTPs):

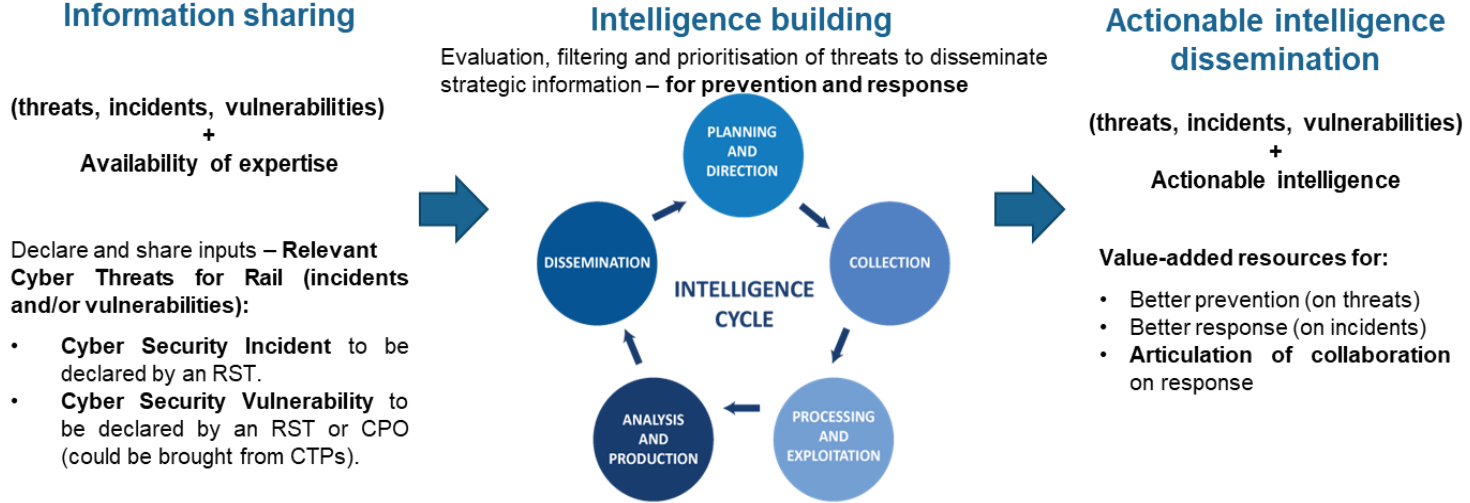
- Public bodies (e.g., National CERTs, European CSIRT Network –ECN–)
- Rail DSPs and equipment suppliers
- Commercial rail threat intelligence providers (e.g., cybersecurity industry)

4SECURail – CSIRT Requirements: Flows (1)



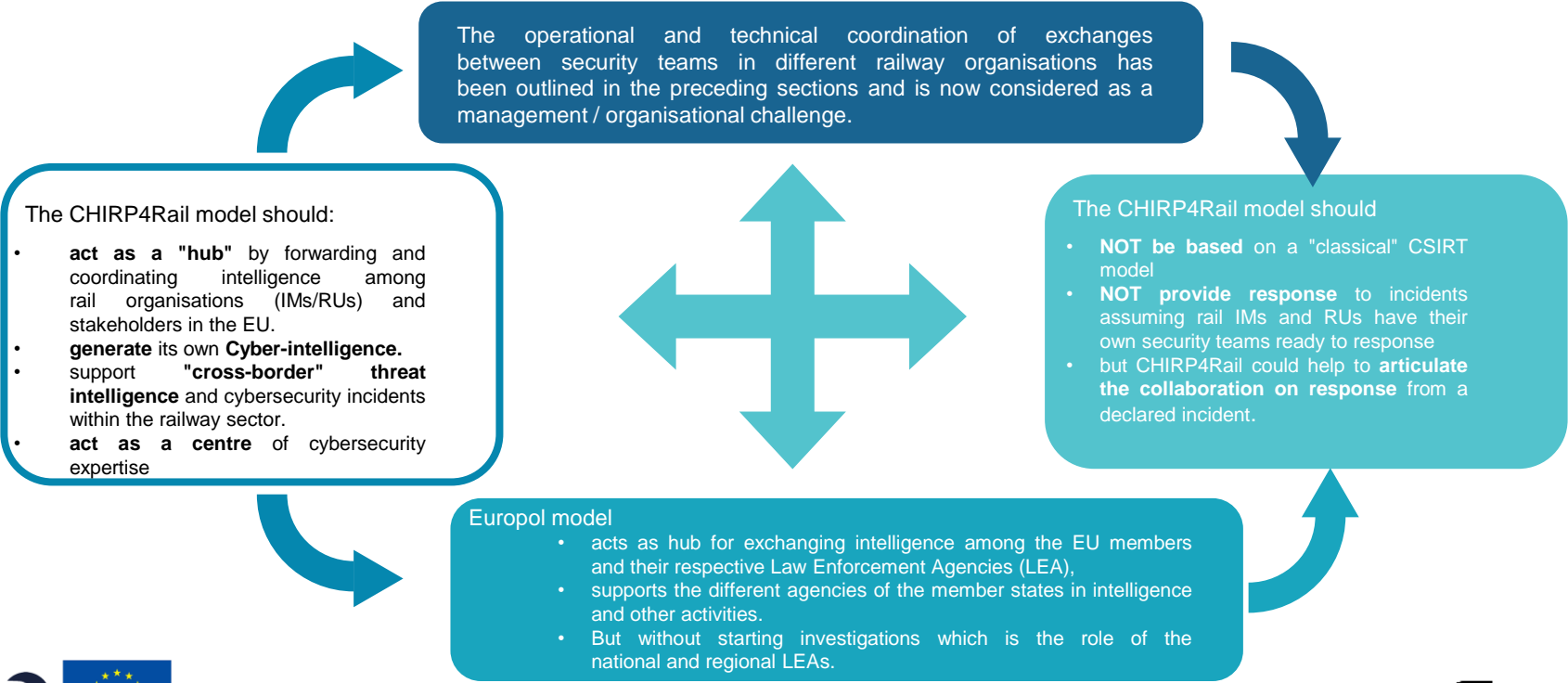
4SECURail – CSIRT Requirements: Flows (2)

From information sharing to intelligence: a value-adding process



- These data sharing and information flow will determine the **functional model** and the necessary operational and **organisational features** required to support such exchanges.
- The data and information to be exchanged between railway security teams may **need to be anonymised depending on the content** and the trust relations established among the security teams.

4SECURail – CSIRT Organisational Requirements



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4SECURail – CSIRT - CHIRP4Rail Concept and Rationale

The need:

Pan-European collaborative environment for cyberthreat information and intelligence sharing in Rail

The context:



The opportunity:

The **CHIRP4Rail** concept - Collaborative threat Intelligence Platform for Rail



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The CHIRP4Rail approach:

- A hub, "umbrella" model for Rail-OES collaboration

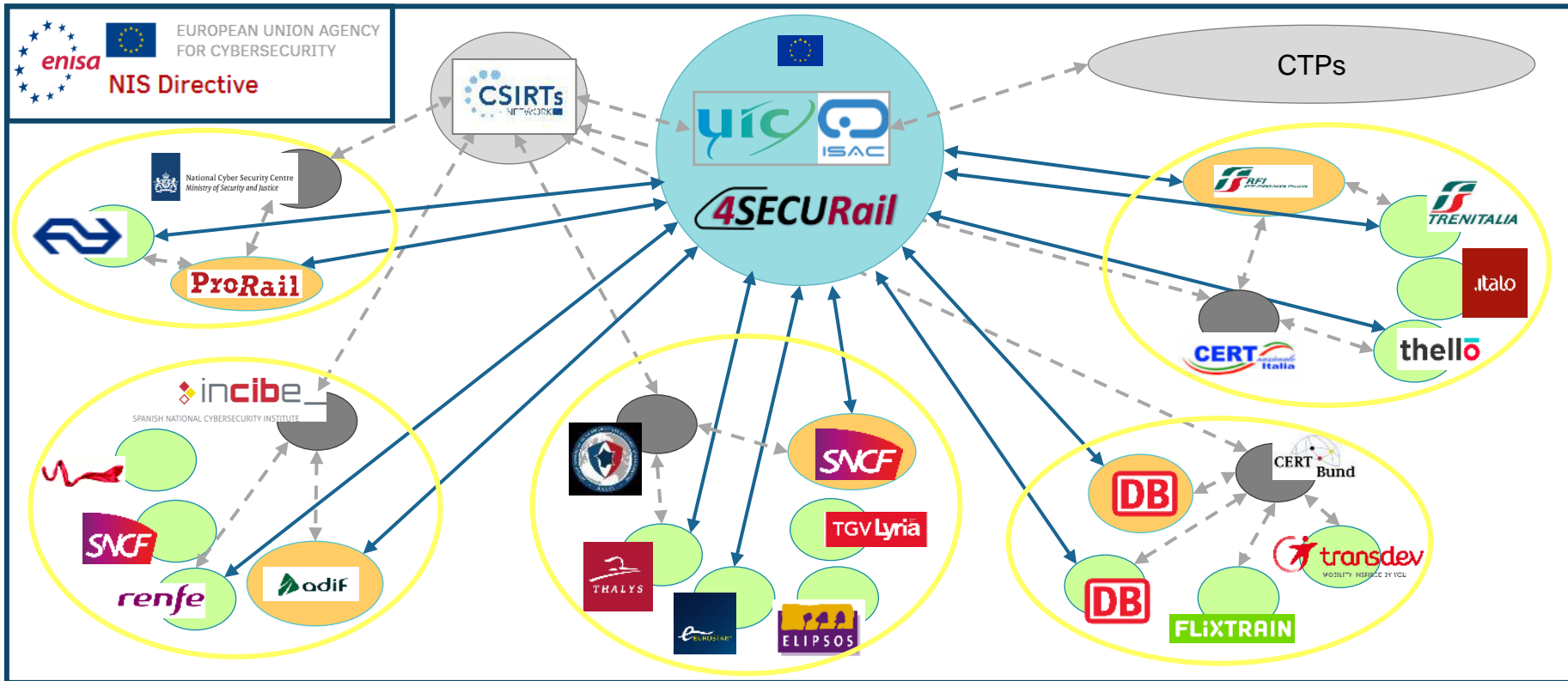





- Coordinated by the ER-ISAC








- And UIC as key facilitator





-  CHIRP4Rail
-  Infrastructure Managers RST
-  Railway Undertakings RST

-  National Authorised CERTs/CSIRTs
-  CyberThreat Intelligence providers (CTPs)
-  Member states

-  Connections facilitated by CHIRP4Rail
-  Other de-facto connections

4SECURail –CHIRP4Rail Mission and Objectives

Mission

Support information sharing and threat intelligence generation among the rail cybersecurity teams.



Objective

Structure a bottom-up dialogue among European rail cybersecurity teams



Objective

Provide effective means for information sharing among rail stakeholders



Objective

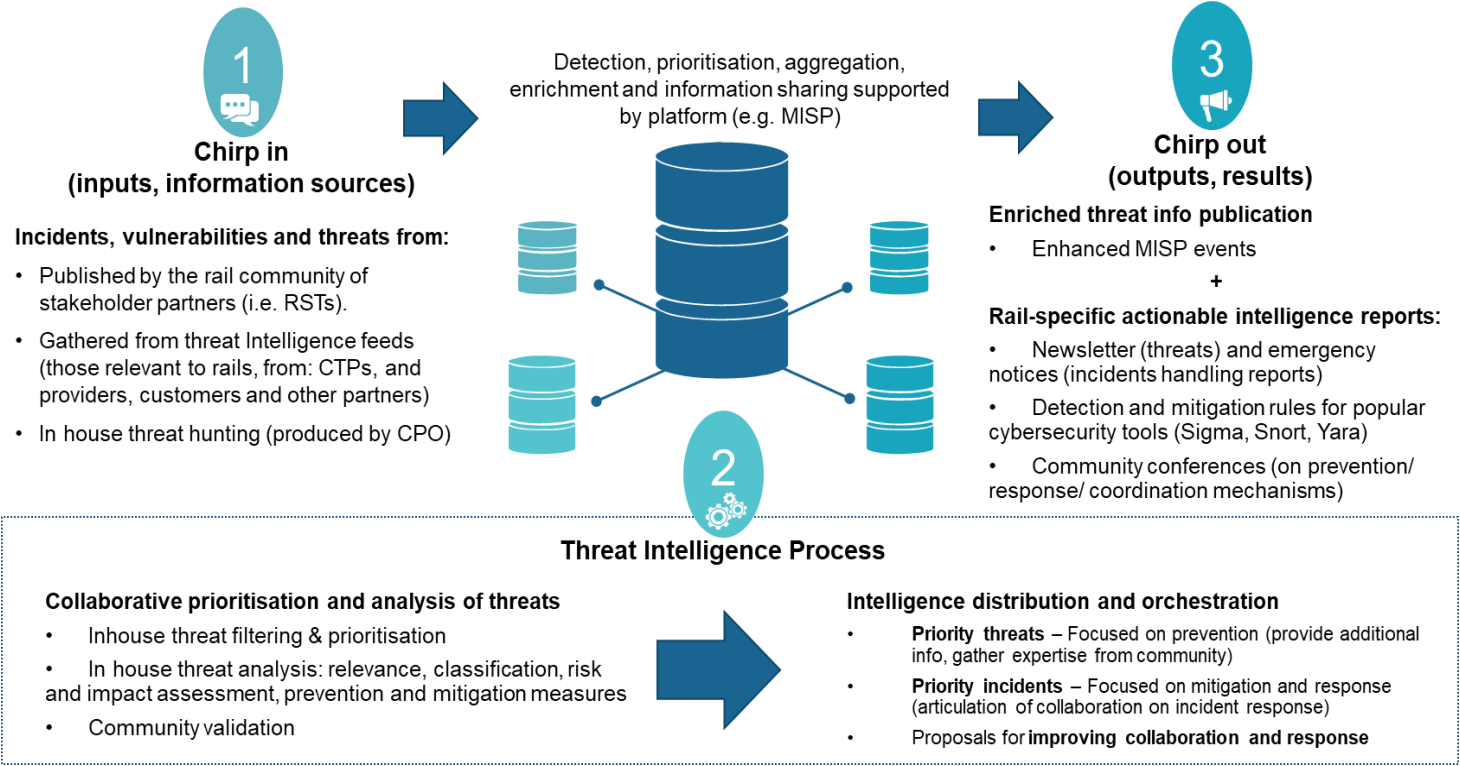
Build community and trust among rail cybersecurity stakeholders



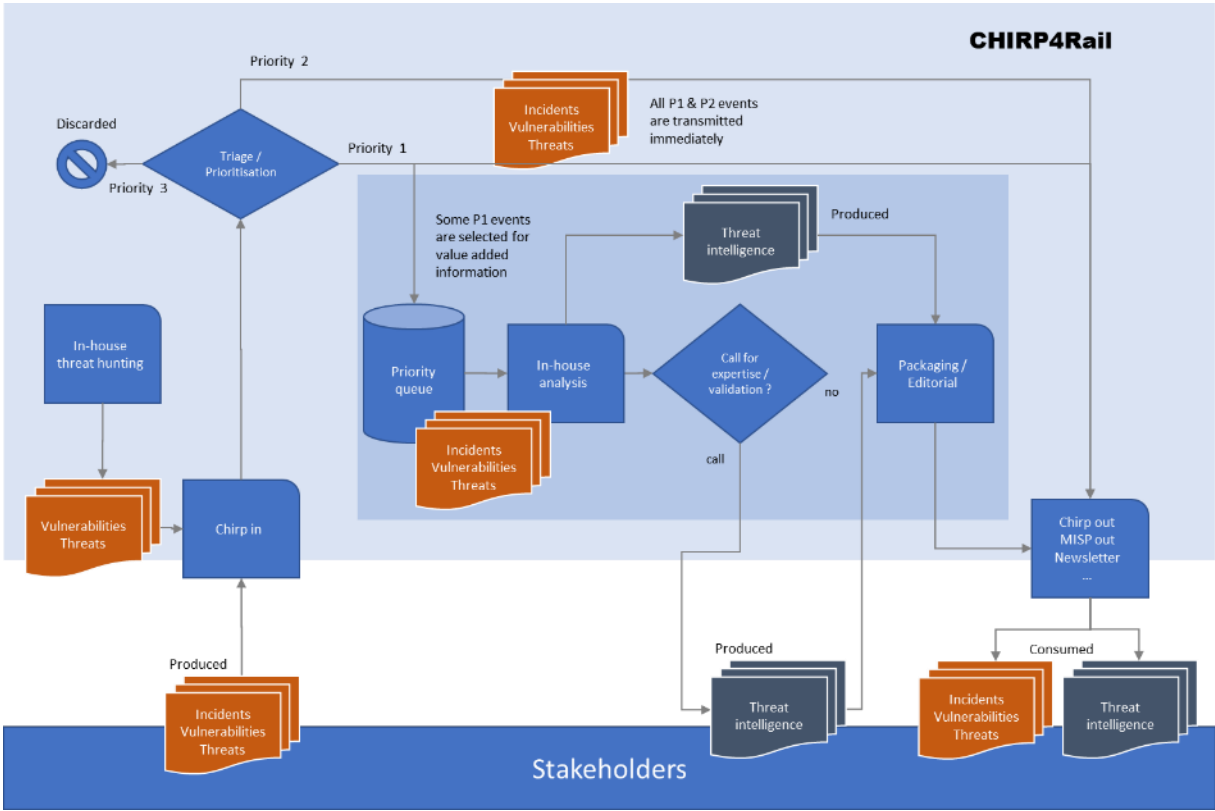
Objective

Leverage info, community and expertise to produce rail-specific cybersecurity intelligence

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4SECURail – CHIRP4Rail Technical Model

Data Model

Modelling Cyber-Incident, Threats or Vulnerabilities relevant within the Rail sector

- Based on **MISP**
- **Event** as the high-level entity

Control of sensitive information

- Traffic Light Protocol (TLP)
- Information flow configuration (local, all the organisations, custom group)

Taxonomy

Classify and organise Events

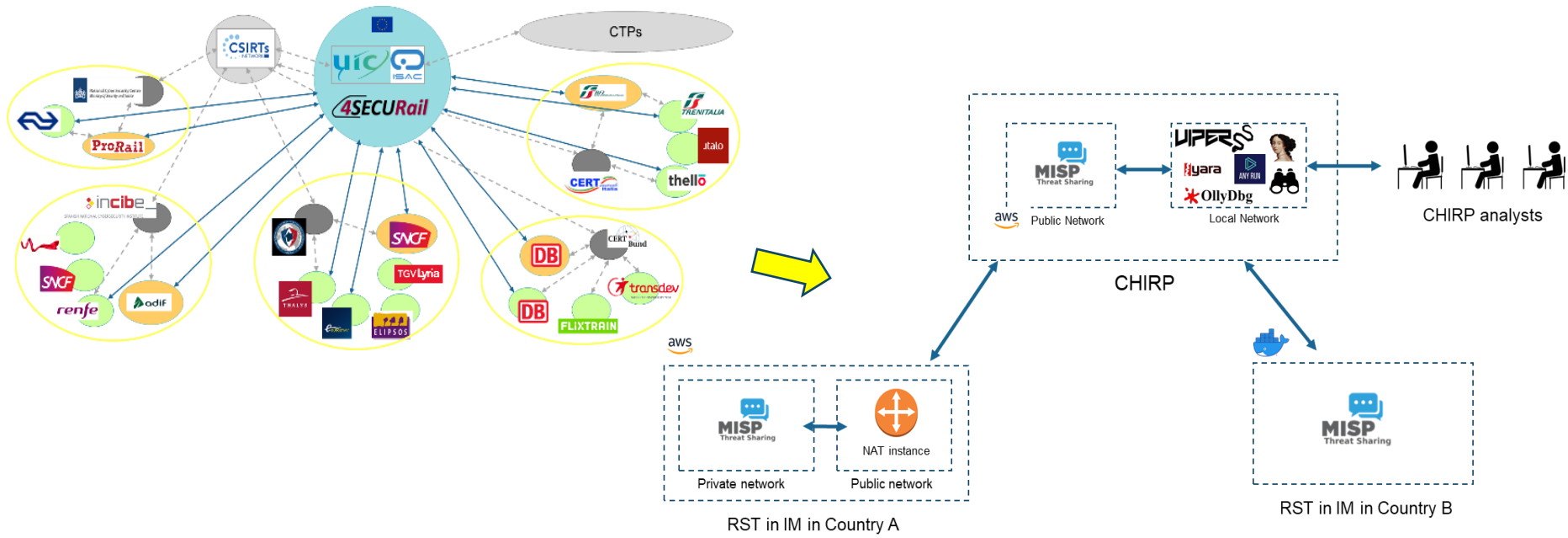
- A **common vocabulary** among different organisations.
- **Better and quicker understanding**, high-level category

X2-Rail-1 Taxonomy

- **Threats in the railway landscape.**
- Deliverable 8.2 "Security Assessment"
- "Name of Taxonomy: Category": "Threat"

X2RAIL 1

4SECURail – CHIRP4Rail in use (use case examples)



Recreation of Threat Intelligence information sharing in the RST community. We will use 2 scenarios as examples:

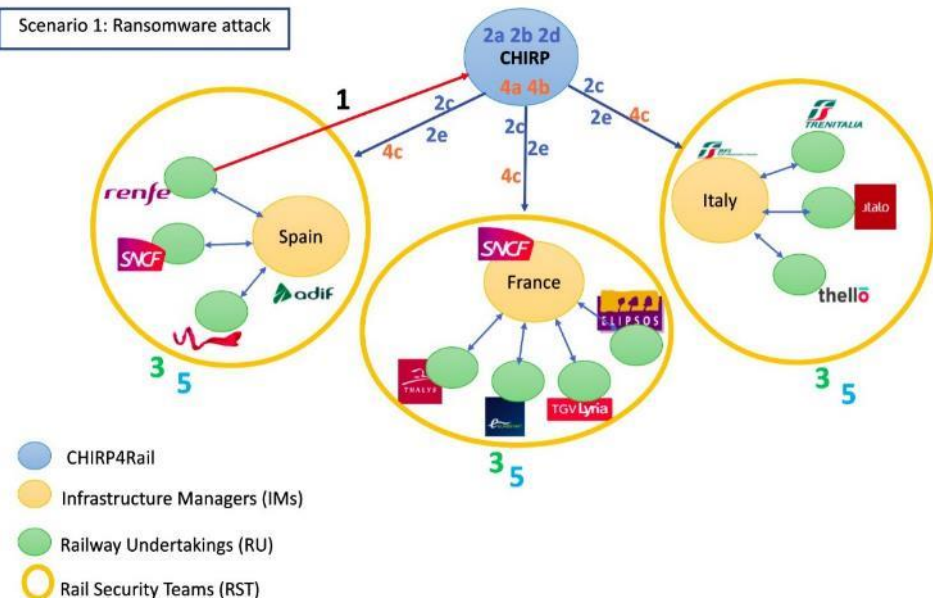
Example 1: Ransomware case

Example 2: Critical vulnerability

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Example 1: Ransomware case

Scenario 1: Ransomware attack



CHIRP Flow overview

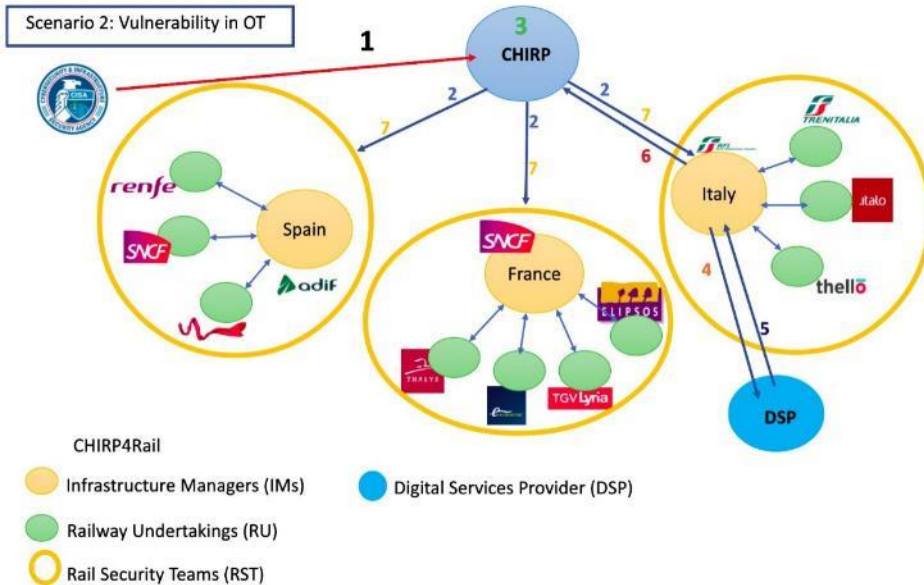
1. **Spear phishing notification:** A RST discovered an attempt of attack, and reported to CHIRP
2. **Early in-house analysis:** CHIRP analysts perform “in-house analysis” to expand information about this threat:
 - a. Technical details of the malware (family, goal, IoCs).
 - b. Event update with findings (URLs, Yara rule).
 - c. Share finding with RST community.
 - d. Further analysis with OSINT reveals context.
 - e. CHIRP analysts update info with new URLs.
3. **RST Notification (1):** RST community get feedback; they can update their systems with information provided by the CHIRP.
4. **Further malware analysis:** CHIRP continue analysing malicious files in-depth for understanding the malware behaviour:
 - a. Static and dynamic analysis reveals lateral network move.
 - b. Threat Hunting reveals malware variants (samples).
 - c. Notification updated with TTPs (Tactics, Techniques and Procedures) used by attackers.
5. **RST notification (2):** The RST community can update their defence and detection mechanisms based on the TTPs reported by the CHIRP

4SECURail – CHIRP4Rail in use (use case examples)

Example 2: Critical vulnerability report

CHIRP Flow overview

- 1. Vulnerability report:** CISA published a public vulnerability on a specific device, together with mitigation recommendations. An automatic alert at CHIRP has identified this as relevant for rail. After analysis, triage has been ranked high as it impacts a critical component in railway, in particular in high-speed tunnels.
- 2. RST Notification (1):** CHIRP alerts RSTs at IMs. They can manage internally how to mitigate, considering recommendations.
- 3. In-house analysis:** CHIRP analysts have been monitoring the Internet and discovered a public exploit. They update the information about the exploit, and effective countermeasures – RST Notification (2).
- 4. Supplier's involvement:** RST has discovered the vulnerability would impact other components. The OT supplier in involved in fixing.
- 5. Supplier's (CTP) update:** A firmware update is published. This will protect infrastructure without compromising other components.
- 6. Event update notification:** The RST updates the event on the CHIRP with info about the new firmware version fixing vulnerability.
- 7. RST Notification (3):** The RST community update their information, and check updates for their devices.



4SECURail – CHIRP4Rail in action

The screenshot displays the 4SECURail web interface. The browser address bar shows the URL `https://10.0.1.104/events/view/1236`. The navigation menu includes Home, Event Actions, Dashboard, Galaxies, Input Filters, Global Actions, Administration, Logs, and API. The user is logged in as 'MSP'.

View Event

Spear Phishing email detected with suspicious file.

Event ID: 1236
UUID: 455f2c58-d712-470f-9970-38f80f1a9f3d
Creator org: CHIRP local
Contributors: ORGNAME, CHIRP

Tags:
Date: 2021-03-11
Threat Level: High
Analysis: Initial
Distribution: Connected communities
Info: Spear Phishing email detected with suspicious file.

Published: No
#Attributes: 42 (1 Object)
First recorded change: 2021-03-11 14:55:07
Last change: 2021-03-22 15:11:44
Modification map:
Sightings: 0 (0) - restricted to own organisation only.

Related Events

CH	Level	Count
Spear Phishing detected with suspicious file	2021-03-19	1
Ransomware malware campaign using spear phishing and maldoc as initia...	2021-03-15	26

Galaxies: [input field]

Navigation: < previous, next >, view all

Tools: Scope toggle, Decay score, SightingDB, Context, Related Tags, Filtering tool

Date	Org	Category	Type	Value	Galaxies	Comment	Correlate	Related	Feed	IDS	Distribution
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CHIRP becomes a trusted sharing platform among RSTs

Home Event Actions Dashboard Galaxies Input Filters Global Actions Sync Actions Administration Audit

View Event
View Correlation Graph
View Event History

Edit Event
Delete Event
Add Attribute
Add Object
Add Attachment
Add Event Report
Populate from...
Enrich Event
Merge attributes from...
Propose Attribute
Propose Attachment

Publish event to ZMQ
Download as...

List Events
Add Event

Add Proposal

Category [!] External analysis Type [!] link

Value
https://www.advantech.com/support/details/installation?id=1-MS9MJV

Contextual Comment
Software patch for this vulnerability

For Intrusion Detection System
 Batch Import

First seen date 📅 2021-04-06 Last seen date 📅 2021-04-06

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Propose

4SECURail – Lessons learnt 2

Pseudo-anonymisation may be required by victims and/or contributors

Event Delegation

Request details

Acme Finance is requesting **your organisation** to take over this event.

The desired distribution level is **All communities**

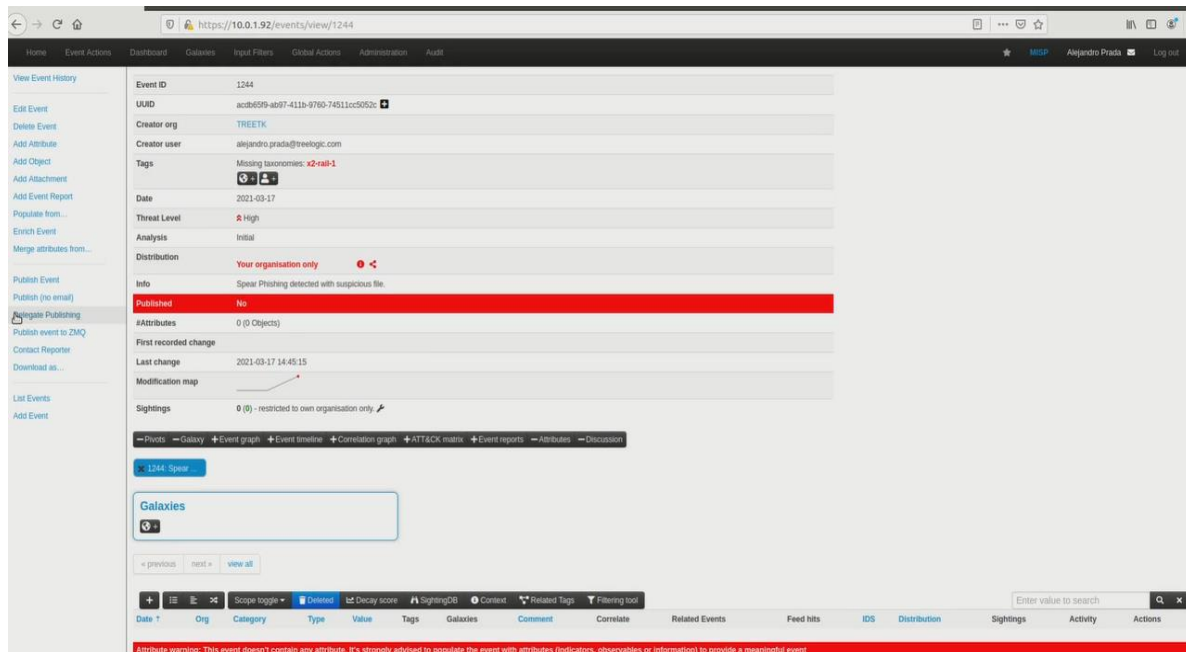
Message from requester

This is a delegation test

Accept

Discard

Cancel



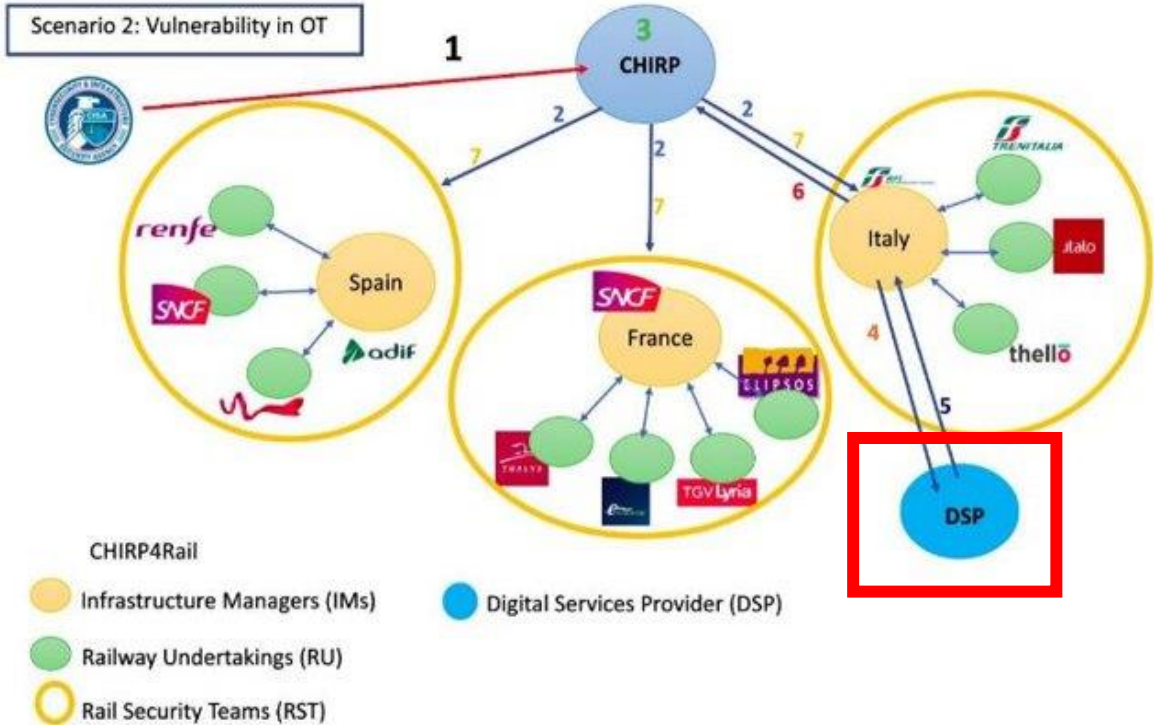
The screenshot shows the 4SECURail web interface for event ID 1244. The event details include:

- Event ID: 1244
- UUID: acdb959-4b97-411b-9760-7451cc5052c
- Creator org: TREEK
- Creator user: alejandro.gradia@reelegic.com
- Tags: Missing taxonomies: *2-rail-1
- Date: 2021-03-17
- Threat Level: High
- Analysis: Initial
- Distribution: Your organisation only
- Info: Spear Phishing detected with suspicious file.
- Published: No
- #Attributes: 0 (0 Objects)
- First recorded change: 2021-03-17 14:45:15
- Last change: 2021-03-17 14:45:15
- Modification map: [Line graph showing a single point]
- Sightings: 0 (0) - restricted to own organisation only

The interface also shows a navigation menu on the left, a top navigation bar, and a bottom navigation bar with various filters and search options. A red warning banner at the bottom states: "Attribute warning: This event doesn't contain any attribute. It's strongly advised to populate the event with attributes (indicators, observables or information) to provide a meaningful event".

4SECURail – Lessons learnt 3

Importance of the involvement of suppliers and DSPs



4SECURail – Lessons learnt 4

CHIRP must be a Threat Intelligence and Vulnerability triage provider

The screenshot displays the 4SECURail web interface. At the top, a navigation bar includes links for Home, Event Actions, Dashboard, Galaxies, Input Filters, Global Actions, Administration, Logs, and API. A left sidebar contains various event management actions such as View Event, View Correlation Graph, View Event History, Edit Event, Delete Event, Add Attribute, Add Object, Add Attachment, Add Event Report, Populate from..., Enrich Event, Merge attributes from..., Unpublish, Publish Sightings, Publish event to ZMQ, Contact Reporter, Download as..., List Events, and Add Event.

The main content area shows an event titled "Iranian Railways attacked by a non-state sponsored threat actor". The event details are as follows:

- Event ID: 1597
- UUID: 526f2539-6207-4292-a609-6abbea5f4ae5
- Creator org: S4R
- Creator user: admin@s4r.eu
- Tags: `circ:incident-classification:malware`, `ttp:white`
- Date: 2021-07-10
- Threat Level: High
- Analysis: Initial
- Distribution: This community only
- Info: Iranian Railways attacked by a non-state sponsored threat actor
- Published: Yes (2021-11-09 09:47:15)
- #Attributes: 13 (0 Objects)
- First recorded change: 2021-11-09 08:53:12
- Last change: 2021-11-09 09:47:11
- Modification map: A line graph showing a single data point at the end of the timeline.
- Sightings: 0 (0) - restricted to own organisation only.

At the bottom of the event view, there is a navigation bar with options: -Pivots, -Galaxy, +Event graph, +Event timeline, +Correlation graph, +ATT&CK matrix, +Event reports, -Attributes, -Discussion. Below this is a search bar for Galaxies with a filter icon and a "view all" button.

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Taxonomies are useful

The screenshot shows the 4SECURail interface with a list of events. The table includes columns for Published status, Creator (S4R), ID, Clusters, Tags, #Attr, #Corr, Date, Info, Distribution, and Actions. The tags for each event are highlighted in various colors, representing different taxonomies.

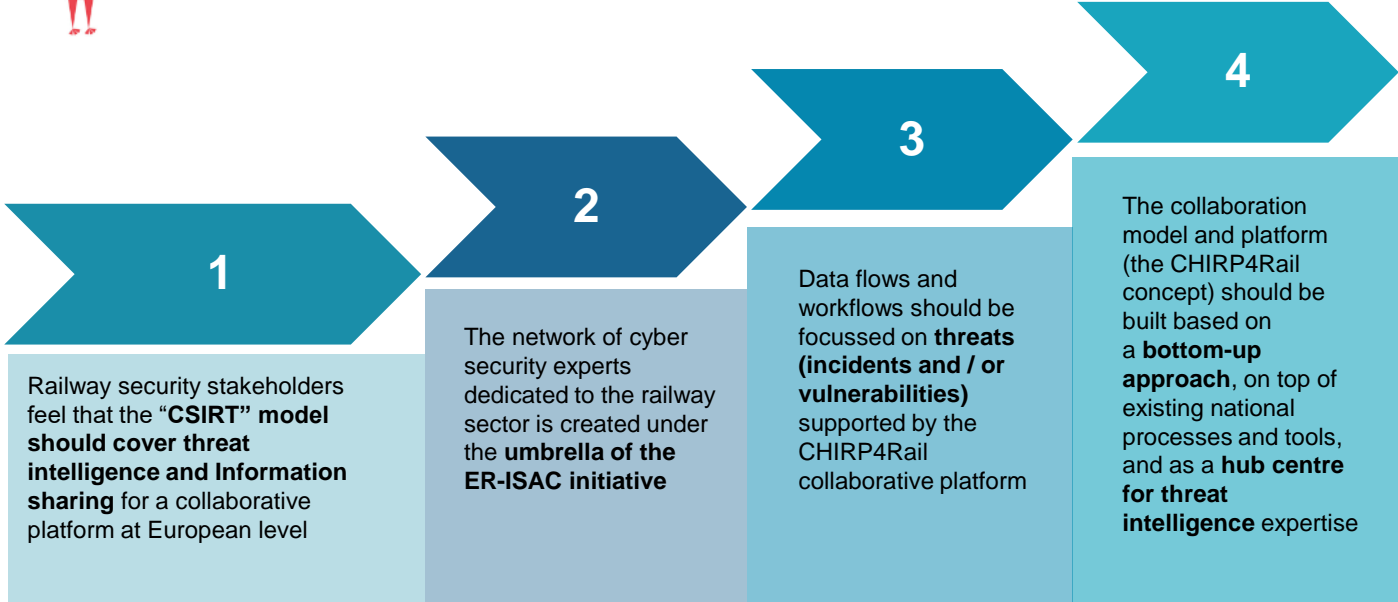
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<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	S4R	1598		◻ cirtl:incident-classifications="information-leak" ◻ x2-rail-3-compromise-functions="breach-personnel-availability"	1		2021-08-24	Hacktivists compromise CCTV cameras from Iranian prison	Connected ◀	🔍 🗑️ 🔄
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<input type="checkbox"/>	✓	S4R	1582		◻ otx ◻ Mirai ◻ malware_classification:malware-category="Botnet" ◻ ttp:white	30		2021-11-03	Rimasua Mirai propagates across RUI/IE devices exploiting 0-day	Connected ◀	🔍 🗑️ 🔄
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CHIRP: “Sharp sound made by small birds”



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