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Cybersecurity strategy of Finland and railways

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Structure of Presentation

1. Finland's ex-president Sauli Niinistö's report on Preparedness and Readiness of the EU
2. Cooperation in the field of cybersecurity between different public authorities and private businesses in Finland
3. Cybersecurity on Railway sector in Finland / Digirail, standard's and stakeholders



Report on Preparedness and Readiness of the EU

Special adviser Sauli Niinistö to the president of the European Commission (von der Leyen)

- All relevant military and civilian crisis response actors need to be fully ready and capable to respond effectively and seamlessly
- A higher level of preparedness is needed across the board

Preparedness is an attitude

- Preparedness may be misunderstood as a separate policy area.
- Preparing for the risk is not escalatory.
- Preparedness requires **a high level of trust**. Not only internally, but with external partners.

Report on Preparedness and Readiness of the EU

Preparing for the worst-case scenarios: Pandemic, war of aggression, climate change. Hybrid, cybersecurity, sabotage.

Shifting to comprehensive preparedness: **All-hazard, whole-of-government, whole-of-society approach**. => Under all circumstances.

Putting citizens at the core of preparedness. Empower citizens in different roles and capacities. Private sector as operators of critical infrastructure and services.

Safer together: Threats don't stop at the borders.

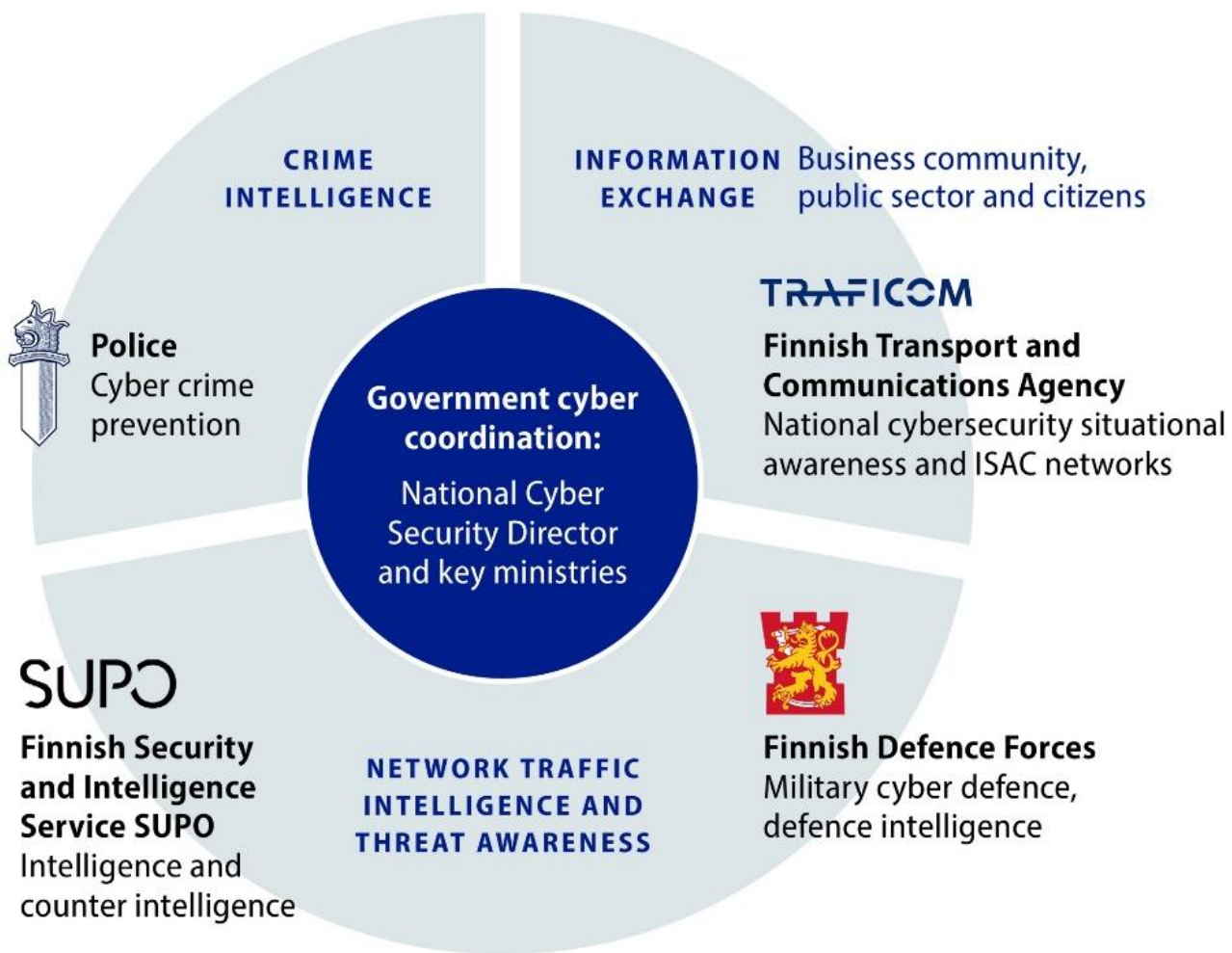
Cooperation as the bedrock of success



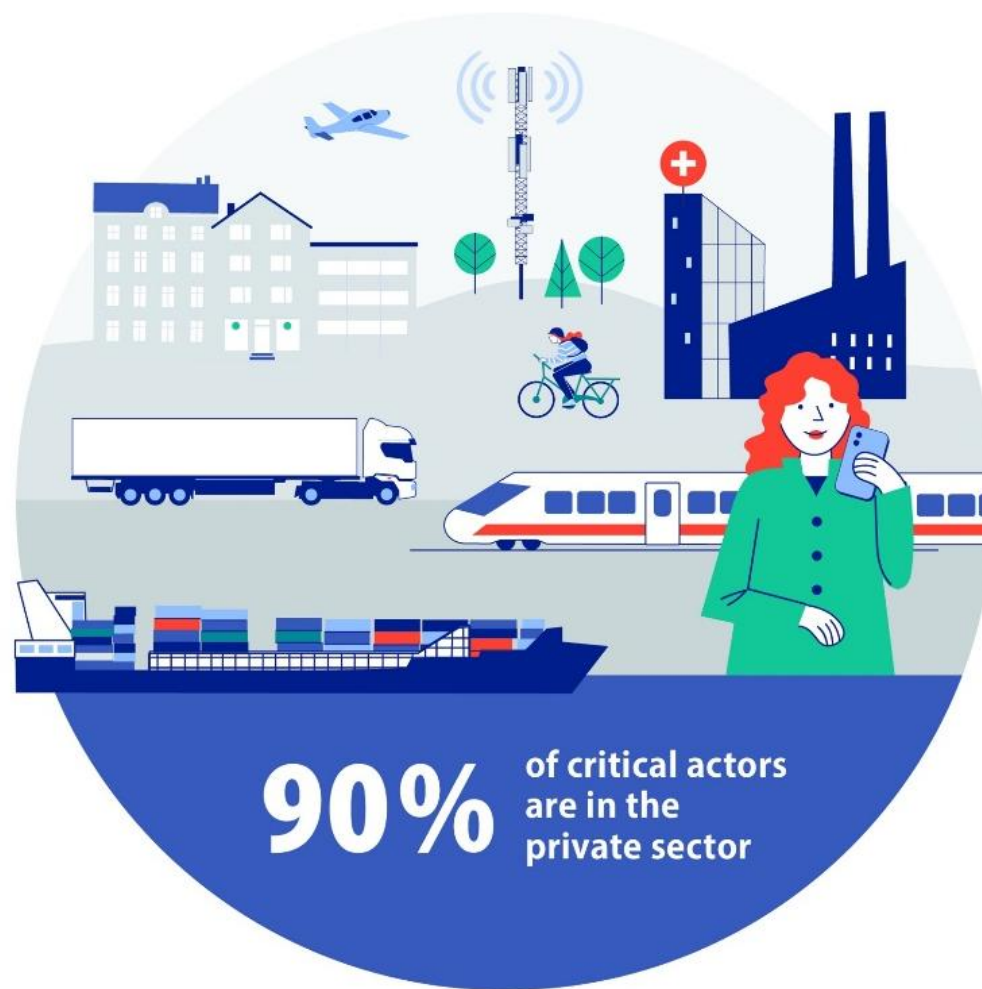
National cybersecurity cooperation and preparedness is coordinated by the **Office of the National Cyber Security Director**.

ISAC network (Information Sharing and Analysis Centre)
Cooperation network consisting of over 300 organisations.
ISAC activities and information sharing is voluntary based.

Public authorities cooperation group, cybersecurity



Critical national infrastructure, networks and services



The main goals for national cybersecurity and the structure of the new strategy

Target state for national cybersecurity

Cybersecurity is an integral part of Finland's comprehensive security. The functions of our digitalised society are dependable and reliable.

We seize the technological opportunities and understand the associated threats to the cyber domain and society. We develop competence extensively.

Finland detects, identifies, combats and withstands cybersecurity incidents, recovers from them, and responds to incidents decisively.

Finland promotes cybersecurity actively and purposefully through close national and international cooperation and information exchange.

Sufficient resources are ensured and efficiently applied to realise the target state.

OBJECTIVE



Competence, technology and RDI

A competent, innovative and inventive cyber ecosystem

Strategic objectives of the area



Preparedness

Strong societal cyber resilience and operational reliability

Strategic objectives of the area



Cooperation

A solid national and international cooperation model

Strategic objectives of the area



Response and countermeasures

Timely response to cyber threats and assured sovereignty

Strategic objectives of the area

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Development proposals

IMPLEMENTATION

Finish national ERTMS-program- Digirail 1/2

- Ministry of Transport and Communication Finland owns this project, but
 - *It has been organised alliance-construction between Infra Manager Finland Transport Infrastructure Agency (FTIA) and traffic control operator Fintraffic Rail Ltd.*
- All main stakeholders involved from the day one.
- “Cybersecurity by Design”
 - Railway cybersecurity standardization as a framework (TS 50701 / draft IEC 63453)
 - Active contribution to the EUG cyber and standardisation working groups
- Close co-operation with NSA (railway safety, cyber, and resilience)

Digirail Roadmap



Finish national ERTMS-program- Digirail 2/2

- Digirail is not merely a railway signalling or interlocking project based on hardware: Impacts extend across the entire railway system:
- *Rolling stock*
- *Telecommunications (the Pre-FRMCS solution based on commercial radio networks)*
- *Traffic management (software)*
- *Harmonised operational practices.*
- **<= Digitalization means new type of cybersecurity solutions and preparedness**

In Finland, innovative and cyber-secure solutions are being developed that can serve as a model for the broader evolution of Europe's railways

The participating companies are jointly contributing to the creation of unique solutions for the railway market.

Military mobility and cybersecurity

EU put more emphasize to military mobility:

Target to develop the EU's resilience and defence readiness to improve its ability to respond to security threats.

Railway cybersecurity is an essential enabler of military mobility

⇒ How TSI's should react to cyber threads of digitalized railway infrastructure and ensure operational capability in all situations

⇒ It's not limited to operational systems

⇒ Protecting information and mission-critical data

⇒ Preparing for hybrid threats and hostile cyber activities

Summary

- Preparedness is attitude (requires **a high level of trust**)
- Cooperation as the bedrock of success
- Preparing for the worst-case scenarios
- Railways need new type mindset because digitalisation (Hardware to Software)
- Finland creates innovative and cyber-secure railway system for the broader evolution of Europe's railways,
- **Safer together: Threats don't stop at the borders**