European CSP Security Certification

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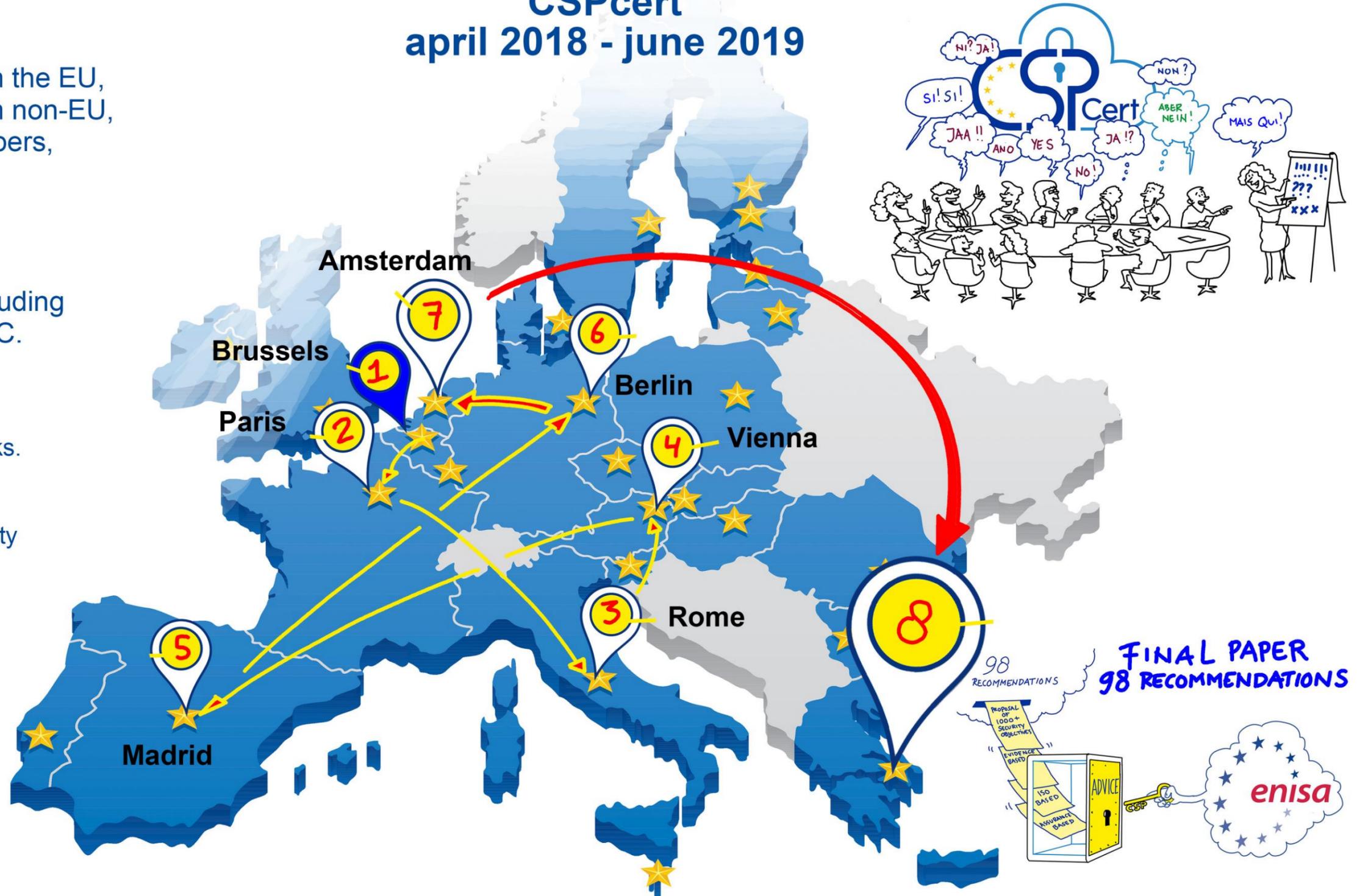
Cloud Computing Assurance Levels (CCAL)

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CCAL Overview

- Scope of the Certification

- Refined Objectives for the European CSP Service Certification

- Assurance Levels

  - Role of Risk Management in Determination

  - Characteristics and Requirements for the Assurance Levels

- Ensuring EU-wide Recognition of Certificates through Consistency of Assurance Levels

CCAL Overview

- CSPCERT WG Defines 26 Recommendations for ENISA and the EU Commission Related to Certification Assurance Levels

- Recommendations are tied directly to the European Union Cybersecurity Act (EUCA)

- CCAL Focus Primarily on Article 51 and Article 52 of the EUCA

- Provides for Examples that could be utilized in the selection of a Certification Level of Assurance based on risk scenarios and risk assessments taken by an end-user for a Cloud Service

- Provides for CSP certification perimeters and the addition of new sectoral requirements or overlays to the certification

- Provides for Cybersecurity act's assurance requirements and their correspondence to the different assurance levels

CCAL: Scope of the Certification

"In order to be certified, the cloud service must meet all the requirements of the certification scheme reference documents that are applicable to the service boundary (e.g. IaaS, PaaS, SaaS, XaaS) and the chosen level of assurance."

CSPCERT, Milestone 3.

CCAL: Refined Objectives for the European CSP Service Certification

"The assessment of the correct implementation of the controls that achieve the security objectives listed in the Milestone 1 document (see Annex 1) with a methodology from the ones listed in the Milestone 2 document should be a guide to ensure that all these objectives are fulfilled regarding a certain assurance level."
CSPCERT, Milestone 3.

CCAL: Refined Objectives for the European CSP Service Certification

- Focused on Article 51 of EUCA

- First 10 Recommendations Fall Under Article 51

- All CSPCERT Recommendations are numbered and come with a Justification statement.

> **REC4**: ENISA, should establish guidelines for a continuous auditing process for certified offerings, which would be proportionate with the CCAL of the offer.
>
> **Justification**: Clear guidance on the audit cycle of any certification is foundational to any certification framework. This must be established, for each of the assurance levels.

CCAL: Assurance Levels and Risk Assessment Correlation

- Focused on Article 52 of EUCA
- Recommendations 11-21, Fall Under Article 52
- "*Performing a proper risk analysis requires that both dimensions need to be considered and assessed. Based on the outcome of the risk assessment, a required level of assurance can be determined.*" CSPCERT, Milestone 3.
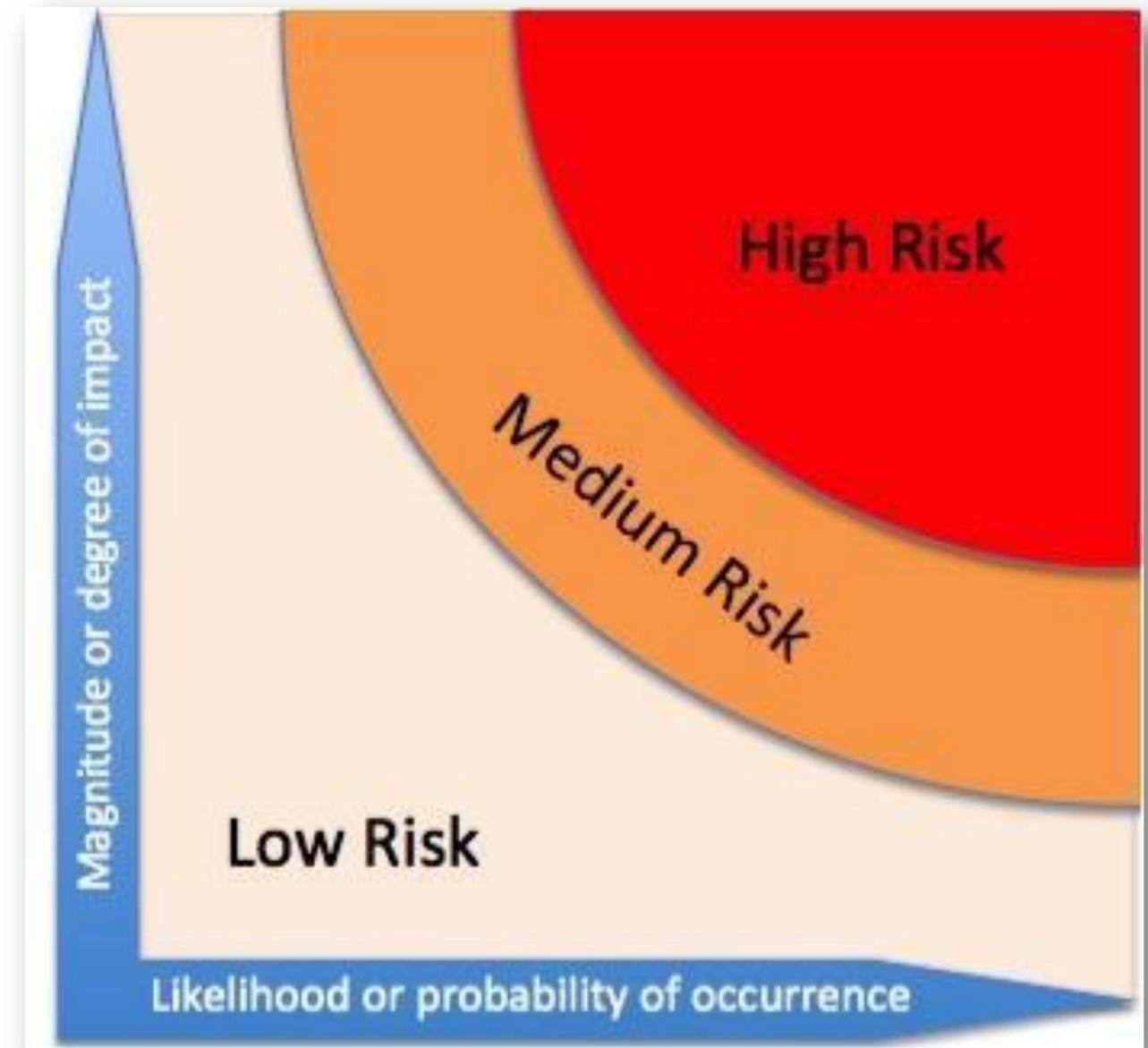
CCAL: Assurance Levels
Defined Areas Impacted by Recognized Risks

Personal

Business

Societal
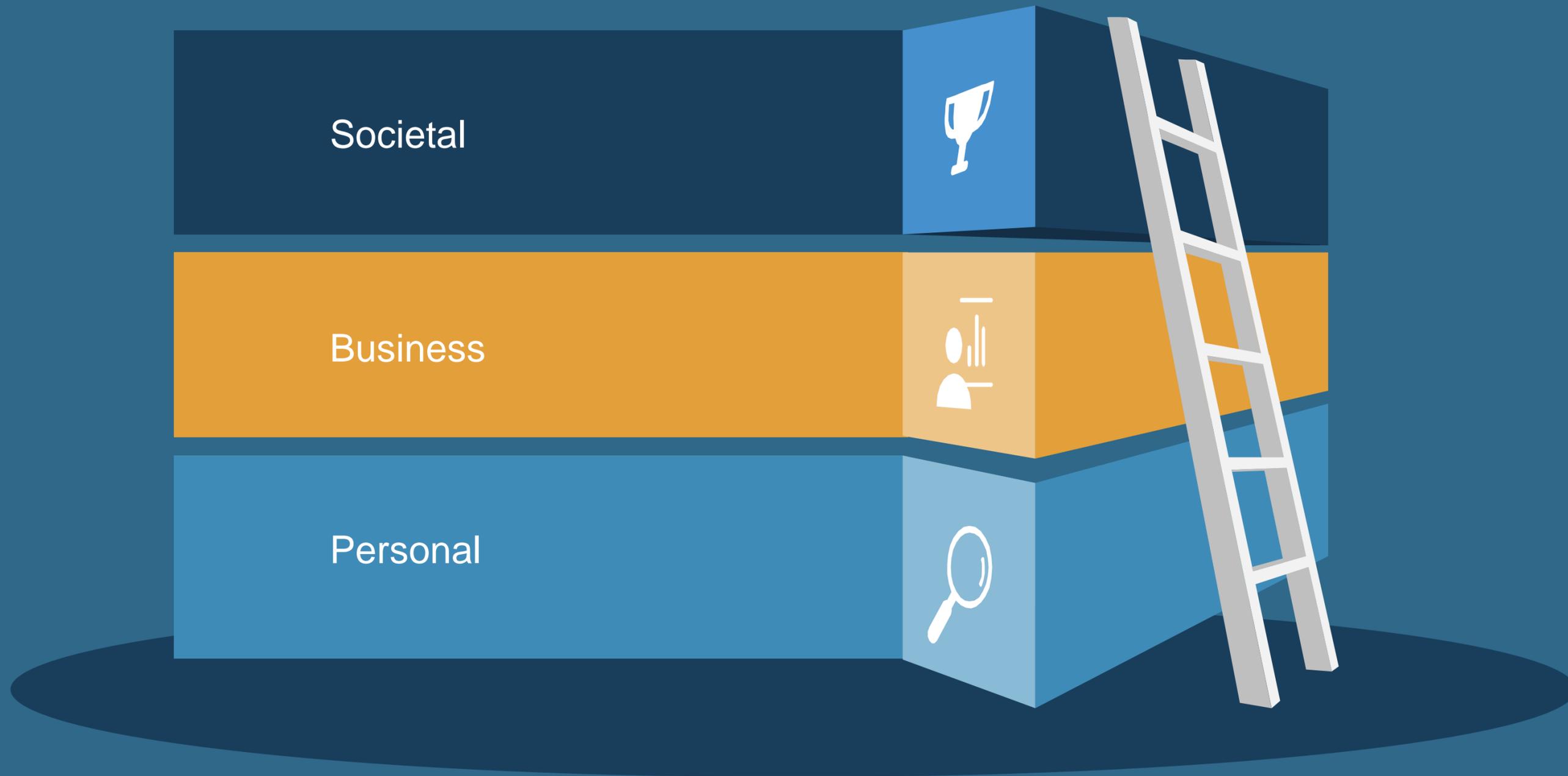
CCAL: Assurance Levels as Defined in EUCA Article 52

Basic

Substantial

High

CCAL: Assurance Levels
CSP Certification Perimeter & Addition of New Sectoral Requirements

PCi DSS CERTIFIED

FINANCIAL

Specific Requirements

AUTOMOTIVE

Specific Requirements

GDPR Certification

COMPLIANCE

Specific Requirements

Specific Sector

Specific Requirements

CSP Certification Perimeter

Baseline CSP service (SaaS, PaaS, IaaS), Certified
Assurance level: High, Substantial or Basic

CCAL: Ensuring EU-Wide Recognition

- Recommendations 22-26 Focus on Level of Trust, Fidelity, and Certificate Acceptance
- Introduce the Concepts of Audit Level of Detail relevant to Assurance Level
- Introduce Peer Review Mechanisms
- Introduce Governance's Import (Addressed in Detail in SGOV)
- Recommends NCCA Endorses the Final Audit Reports and Issuance of Certificate

Cyber Security Act Requirements (CSAR)

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CSAR Part

EU Cybersecurity Act (EUCA) provides cybersecurity certification framework (Section III, Art 46 a.o.)

CSPCert provides recommendations for ENISA to prepare a European Cybersecurity Certification Scheme for Cloud Service Providers

EUCA, Art 46: 'European cybersecurity certification scheme' means a comprehensive set of rules, technical requirements, standards and procedures that are established at Union level and that apply to the certification or conformity assessment of specific ICT products, ICT services or ICT processes;

Requirements for a scheme in particular in EUCA art 54 and 55

EUCA Art 54

Elements of European cybersecurity certification schemes

22 elements provide minimum requirements

CSPCert added 20+ recommendations to provide guidance to ENISA how to detail these elements in the EU Cybersecurity Certification Scheme for Cloud Service Providers

Scope

- Purpose of the scheme:

  - Provide stakeholders with statement on scope, reliability and security of cloud service

  - Enhance credibility/confidence/ trust of statement by CSP

- Scoping in a cloud environment
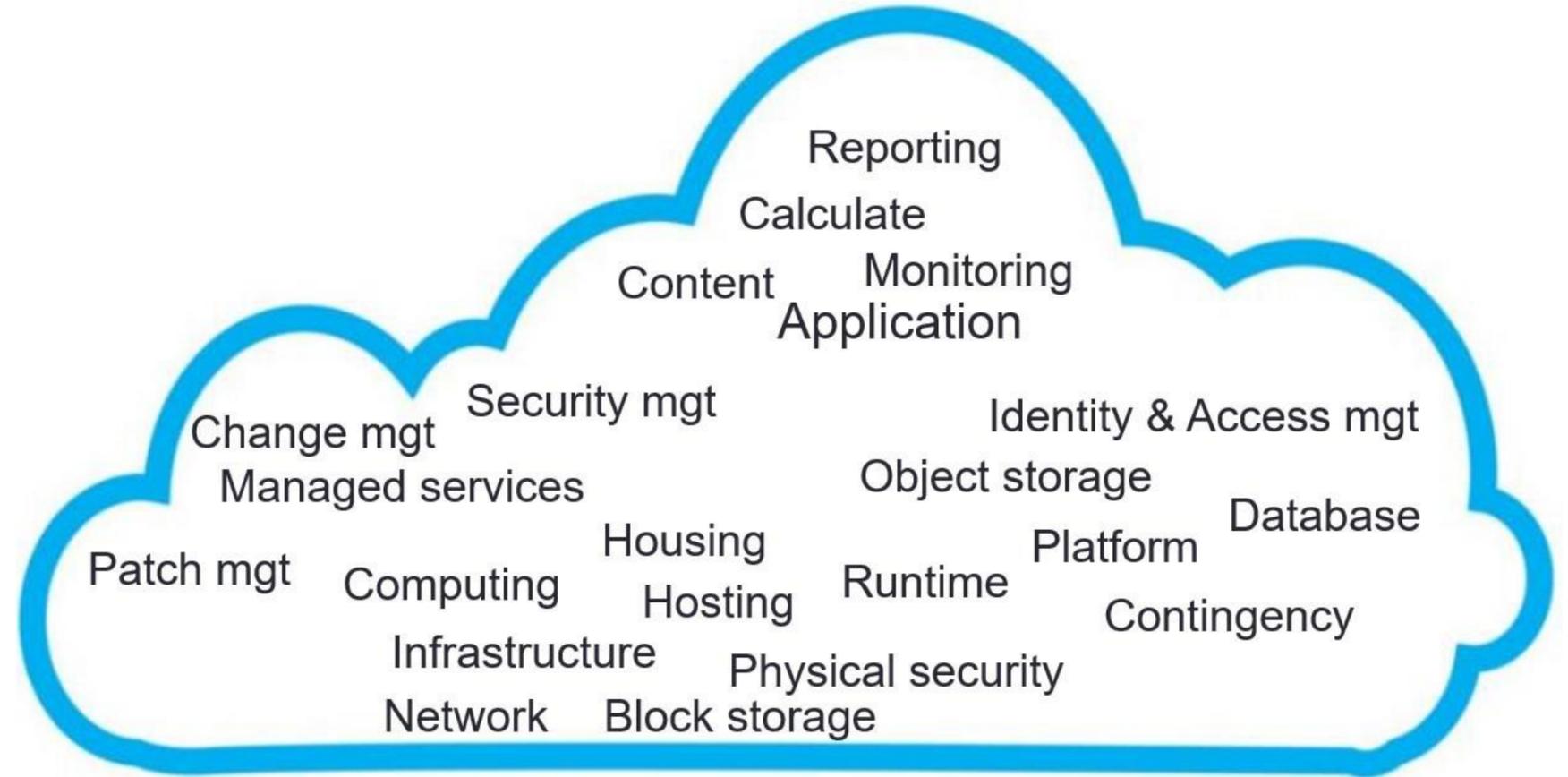
Information provided by Cloud Service Provider

CSP Cert

Information needed for issuance of the certificate

Identification
CSP's Conformity statement
CSP's description of the service
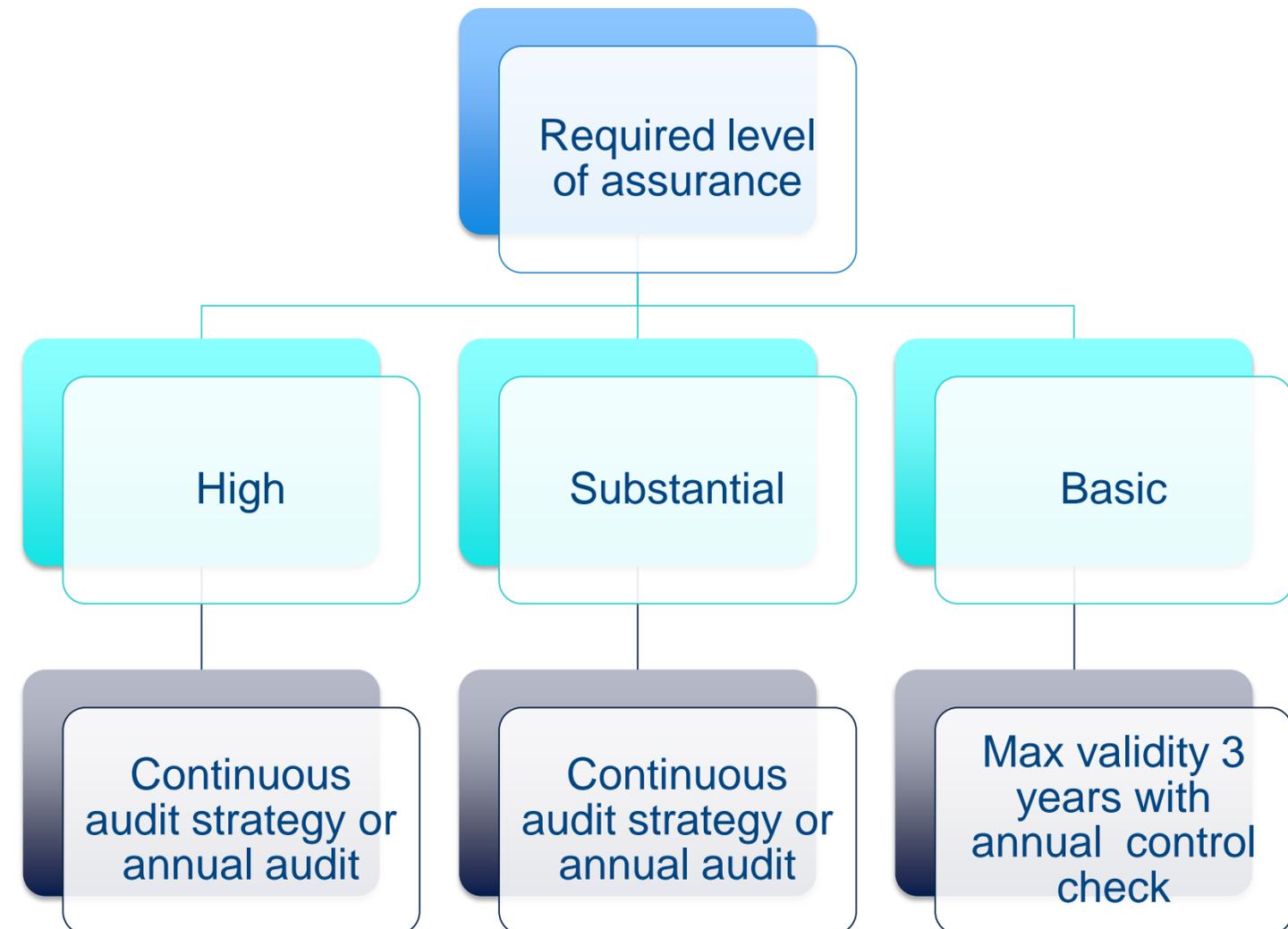•Control objectives, related controls and tests of controls
Other information

Supplementary cybersecurity information (EUCA Art 55)

Consequences of non-compliance with requirements of the scheme

Maximum period of validity

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                  │  Required level  │
                  │   of assurance   │
                  └──────────────────┘
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   │  High   │       │ Substantial │     │  Basic  │
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        │                  │                  │
┌──────────────┐   ┌──────────────┐   ┌──────────────┐
│  Continuous  │   │  Continuous  │   │ Max validity 3│
│ audit strategy│   │ audit strategy│  │  years with   │
│ or annual audit│  │ or annual audit│ │ annual control │
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Scheme Governance (SGOV)

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SGOV Part

- Commons parts between all assurance levels

  - Committee and groups

  - Complaints management

  - Peer Review

  - Community management

- Specific governance recommendations

  - For each assurance level

  - Basic, Substantial and High

Committee and groups (EU level)

Complaints Management

Peer reviews

Community management

NCCA & Experts

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MS LEVEL

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Assurance level Basic

National Cybersecurity Certification Authority (NCCA)

Issue certificate

Approve & Supervise

Community Management

Supervise evaluations

Monitoring Body

CSP Service

Evaluate & monitor
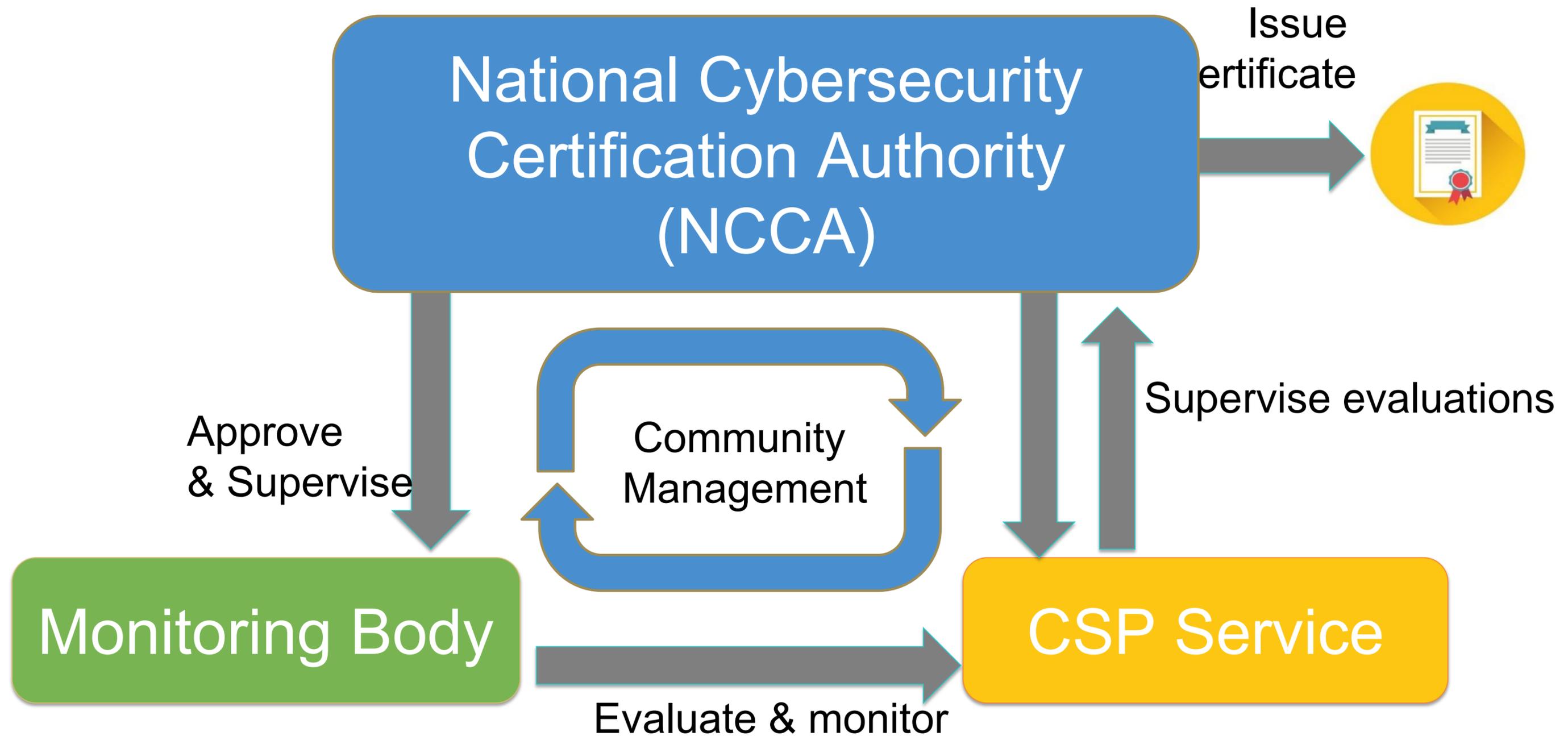
Assurance level Substantial

National or International Accreditation Authority

National Cybersecurity Certification Authority (NCCA)

Accreditate

Approve

Conformity Assessement Body

Evaluate

Issue, Supervision, Monitoring of the Certificate
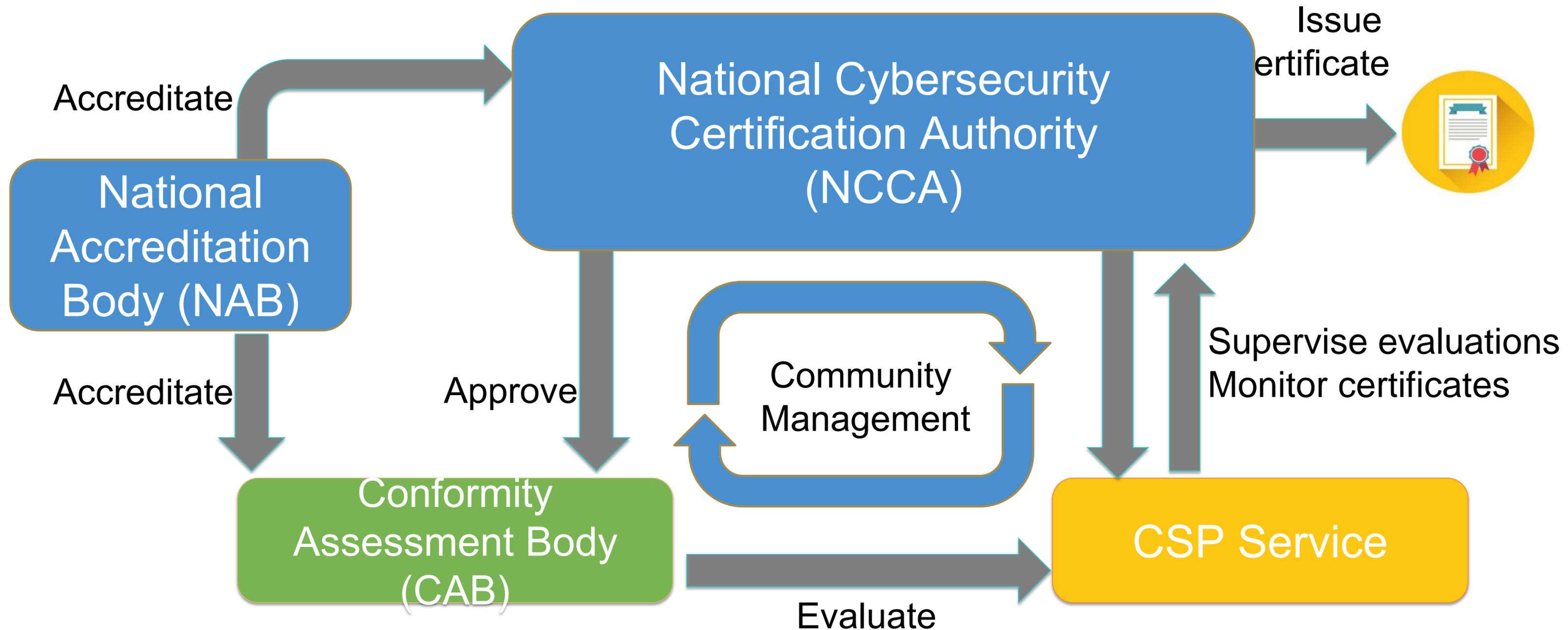
Evaluate

CSP Service

Issue, Supervision, Monitoring of the Certificate
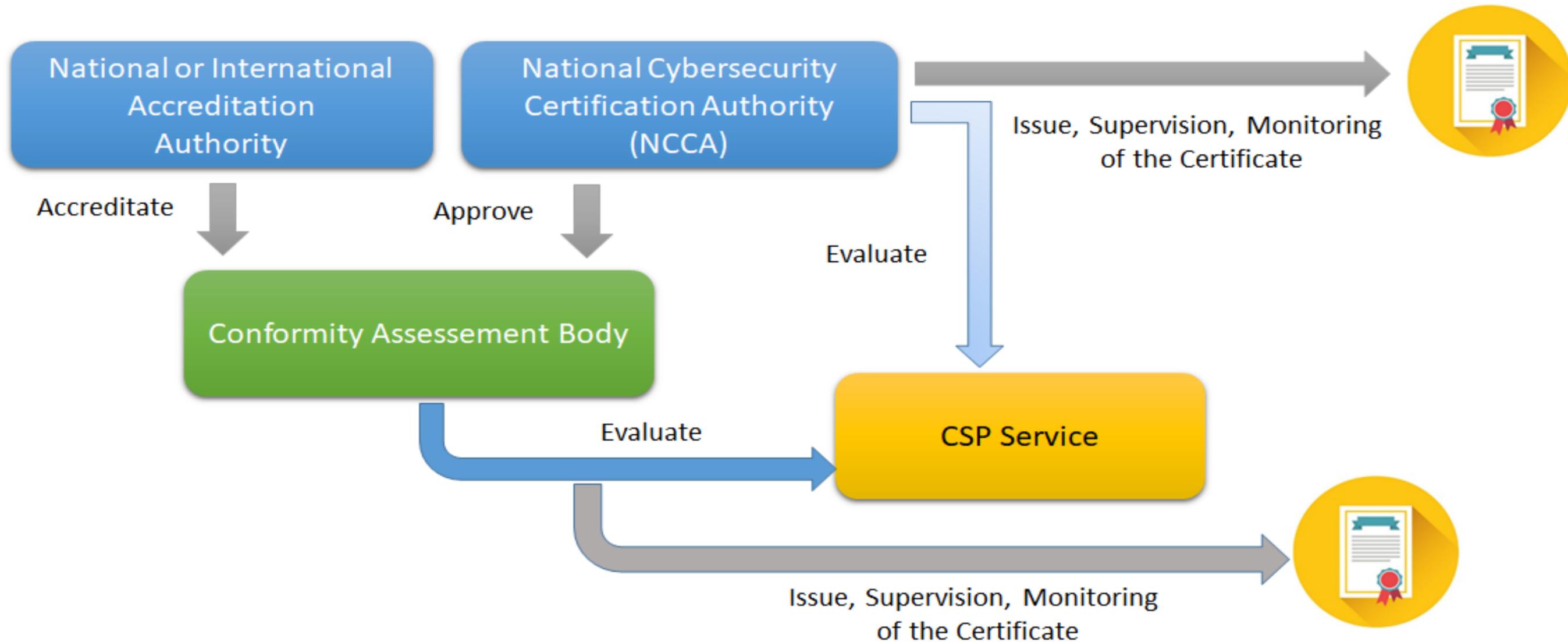
1 – The NCCA can have an evaluation step as part of final certification in some instances for Substantial.
2 – The NCCA can delegate or approve a Conformity Assessment Body to perform CSP Evaluations.
3 – Where the NCCA has absorbed responsibility for evaluation, they inherit responsibility for supervision and monitoring of the issued certificate.

Assurance level High

National Accreditation Body (NAB)

Accreditate → National Cybersecurity Certification Authority (NCCA)

Accreditate → Conformity Assessment Body (CAB)

Approve

Issue certificate

Community Management

Supervise evaluations
Monitor certificates

Evaluate → CSP Service

Conclusion and recommendations

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General recommendation

To include the **development of an EU-wide cloud security certification scheme** in the EU rolling work programme for European cybersecurity certification framework under the EUCA
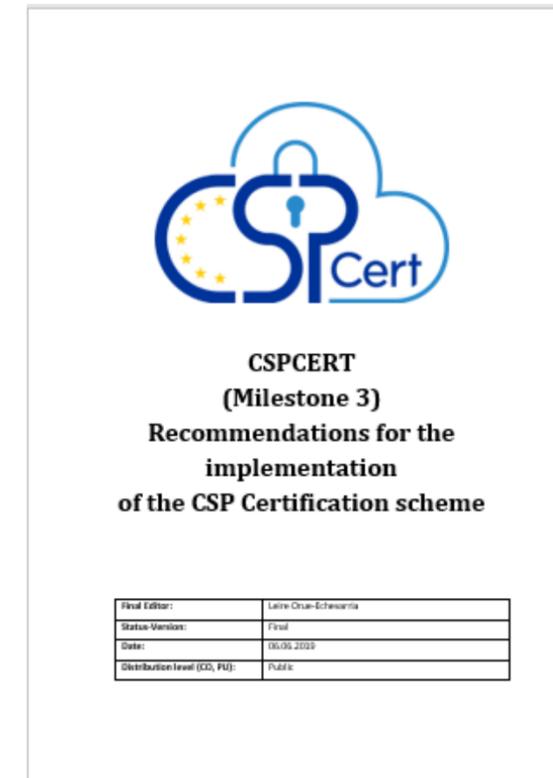
To request ENISA to prepare a candidate scheme on the **basis of the present proposal**
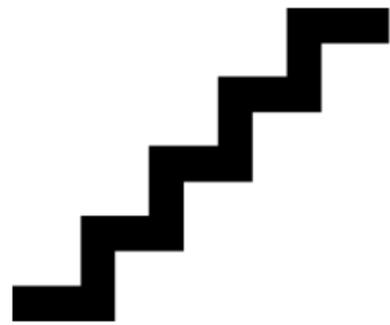
General recommendation

CSPCERT does not recommend a completely new certification scheme but rather for a scheme based on existing practices/schemes/standards used by the industry and internationally recognized
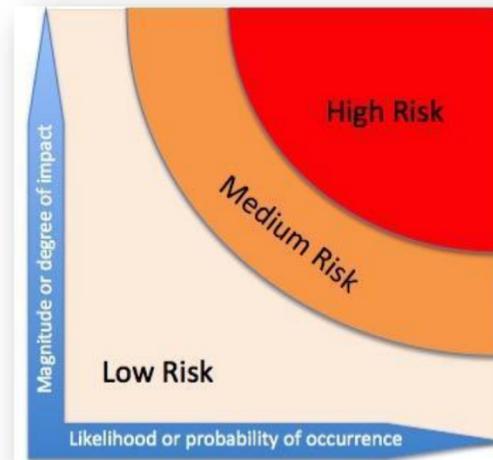
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Assurance levels required

3 **levels of assurance**: Basic, Substantial and High, depending on the risk level associated

Clear guidance on how to perform this **risk assessment** and **link the assurance level** to the cloud service
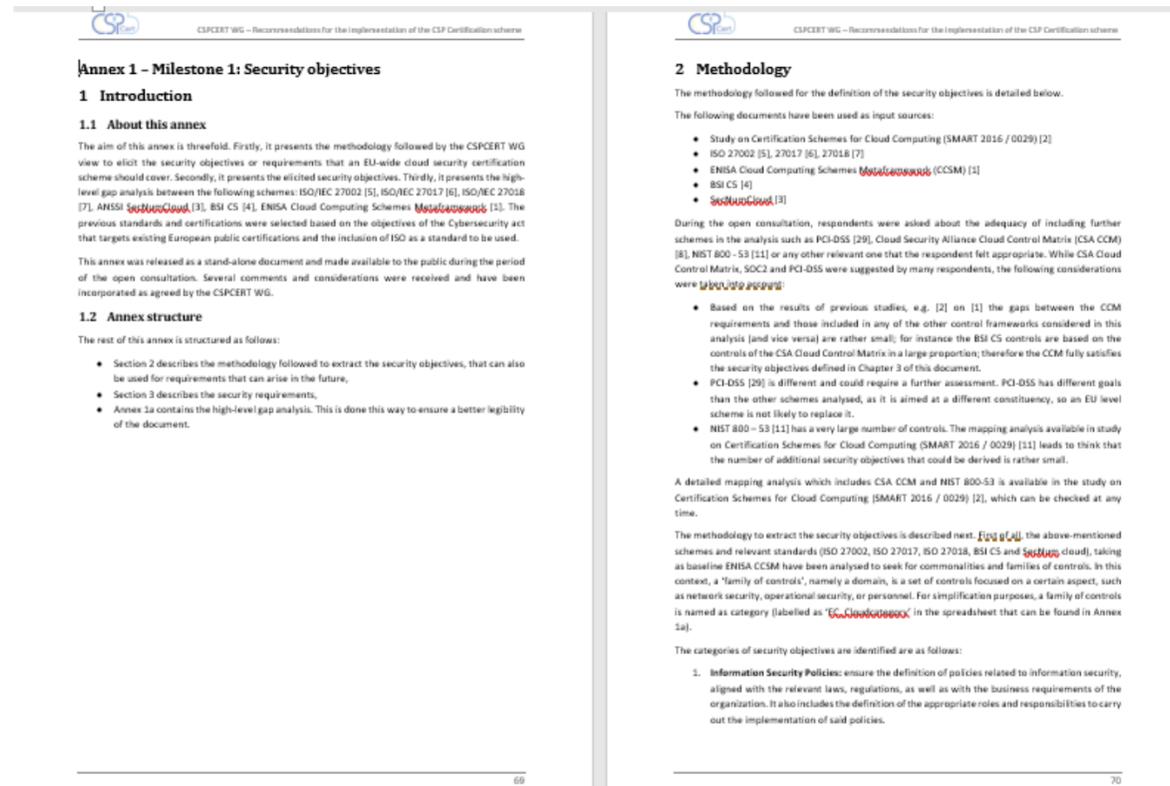
A **description** of what the basic/substantial/high assurance level indicates

Examples of which level of assurance should be associated with which service

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Evaluation criteria

Keep a **similar taxonomy** and update it when appropriate

Keep a **similar methodology** for the inclusion of new controls and update it accordingly

Defined a set of Security Objectives, with a taxonomy and a methodology to include new ones, when required

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Conformity Assessment Methodologies

3 conformity assessment methodologies (CAM)

Evidence-based

Third-party
- ISO-based
- ISAE-based

Evaluate the possibility of including **continuous monitoring** for High

Frequency of renewal and what triggers it

To reduce the level of bias, **assess third-party conformity assessment methodologies for safeguards** to ensure a common level of trust

Clear **guidance on the** required **procedures** and **criteria** per assurance level

CAMs must measure **operational effectiveness in S and H,** and not merely control existence

Summary
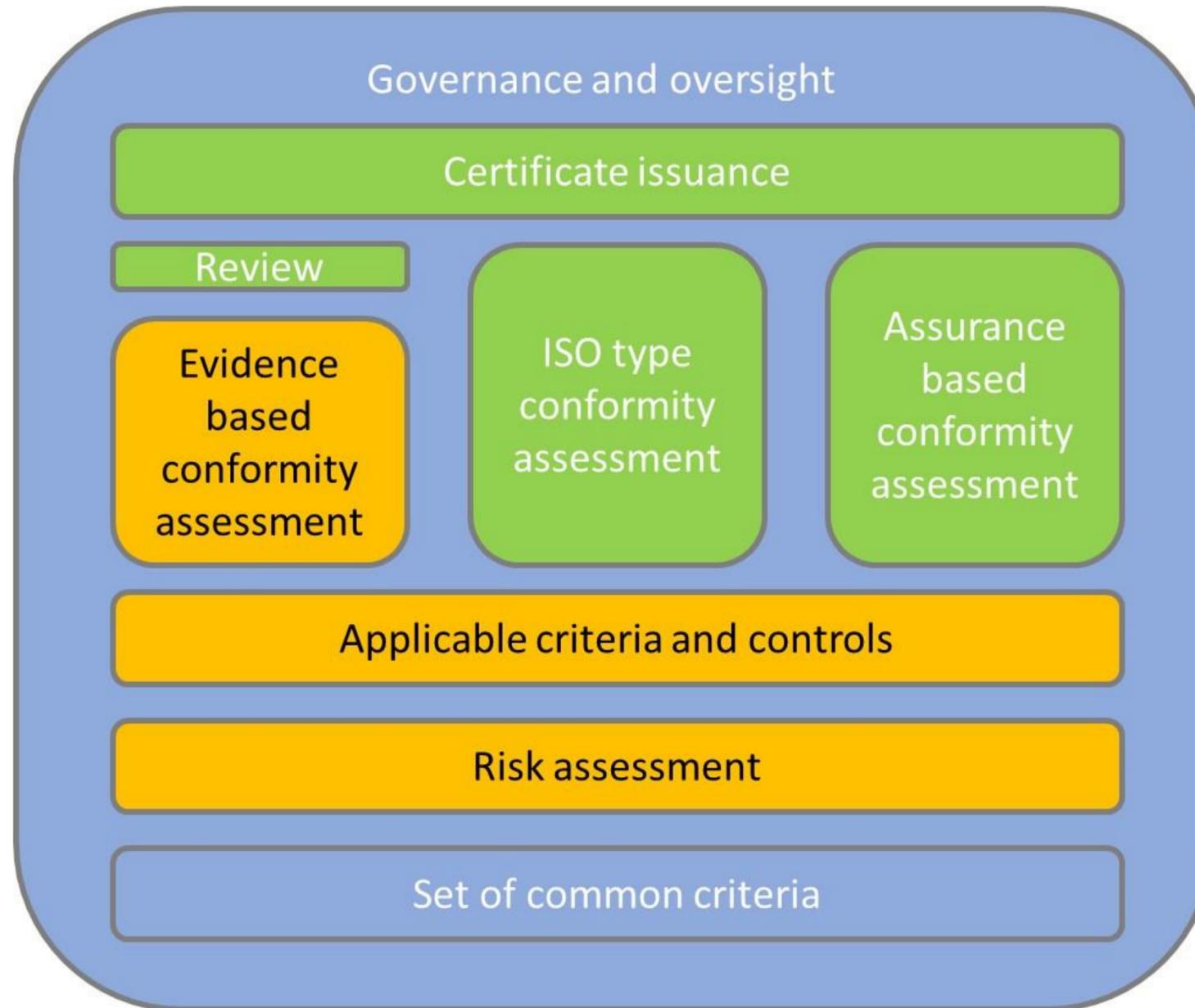
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