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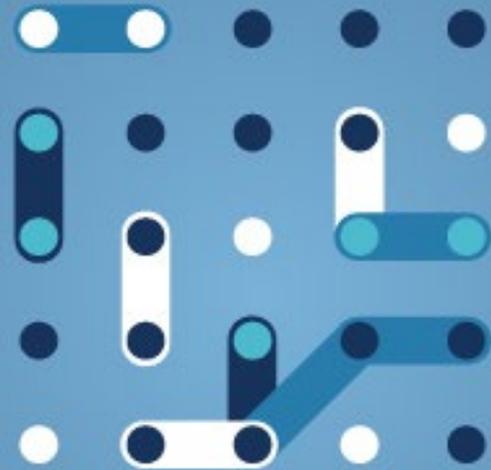
12:30 – 13:30

1st December 2021

Moderated by Olivier Genest – BRIDGE Data  
Management WG Chair

Network code on cyber-security in  
energy

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# Agenda

Time	Topic	Speaker
12.30 - 12.35	Introduction – scope of the session	Olivier Genest – Moderator
12.35 – 12.45	PHOENIX project Presentation	Paul Lacatus - Senior researcher in D&I Department ICT Manager, Romanian Energy Center – CRE
12.45 – 12.55	Panel Topic 1	All Panelists
12.55 – 13.00	Panel Topic 2	All Panelists
13.00 – 13.10	Panel Topic 3	All Panelists
13.10 – 13.15	Panels Wrap up	Olivier Genest – Moderator
13.15 – 13.30	Closing Words	CASTRO BARRIGON Felipe European Commission

- *SCOPE OF THE SESSION*

- Which are the new digital data flows that appear with the new technologies.
- In terms of cybersecurity risks, what do you consider specific to energy in your projects?
- Do the new configurations introduce new cyber-risks, and if so, which ones?
- Do you see policy gaps when addressing cybersecurity needs, and if so, in which domains?
- How do the cybersecurity requirements in your projects contribute to the broader concept of resilience in the energy domain?
- Assessing the need for a network code on flexibility markets (also as implementing provisions of the Electricity Regulation)
- What are the R&I priorities based on projects experience?

# Project represented and speaker



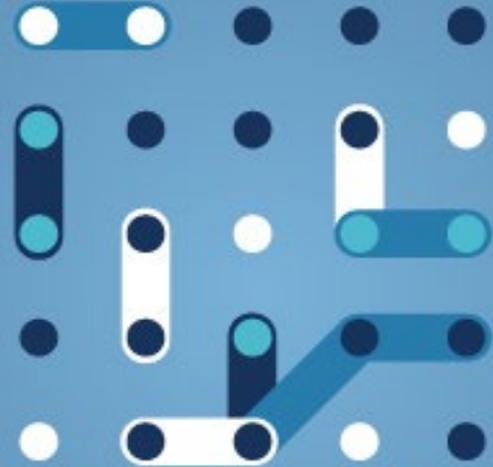
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# PHOENIX

Paul Lacatus



**Electrical Power System's Shield against complex incidents and extensive cyber and privacy attacks**



## **Cybersecurity in PHOENIX Project**

**Eng. Paul Lacatus**

EU project senior researcher

Centrul Roman al Energiei – Romanian Energy Center

ENLIT Milano, 1.12.2021

# Cybersecurity

Cybersecurity is one of the most important challenges of our time.

- The Information technology and communications ITC became more and more important in our life, society
- Our data is managed mostly by ITC systems
- Our communications , all types is done mainly by the ITC Systems

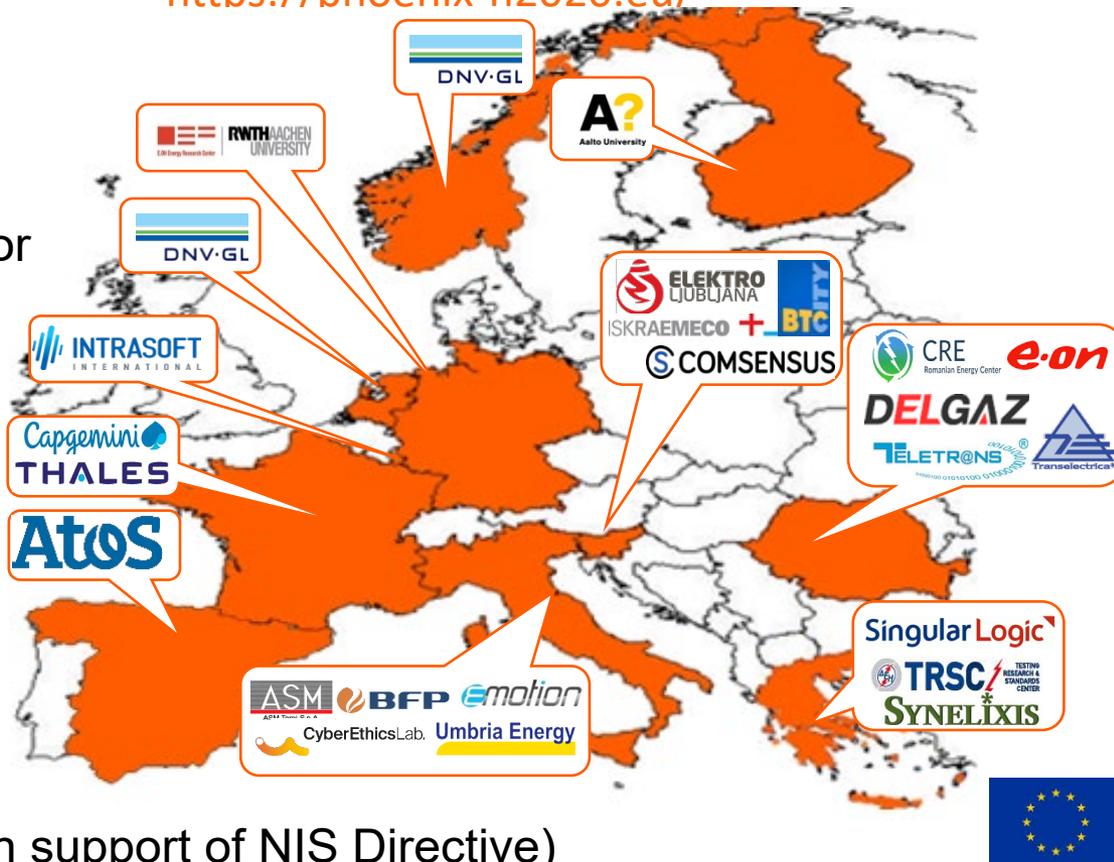
To keep all this secure, reliable and ethic is a complicated task.



## Project Overview

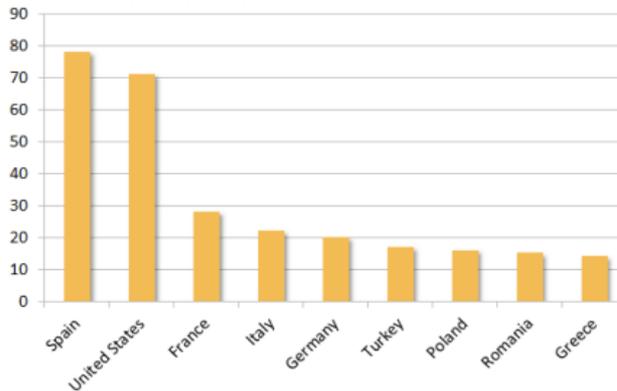
24 partners from 11 countries:

- ✓ 6 Technology Providers
- ✓ 1 TSO + 1 TSO Network Operator
- ✓ 4 DSOs + 2 Energy Retailers
- ✓ 4 Electricity generators
- ✓ 3 Equipment manufacturers
- ✓ 2 End users
- ✓ 1 EPES Association
- ✓ 3 Specialized Technology SMEs
- ✓ 2 Leading Research Institutions
- ✓ CERT-RO is indirectly involved (in support of NIS Directive)

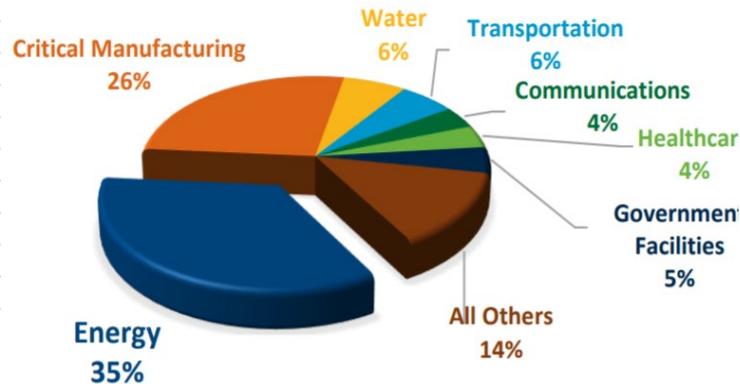


# PHOENIX Challenge

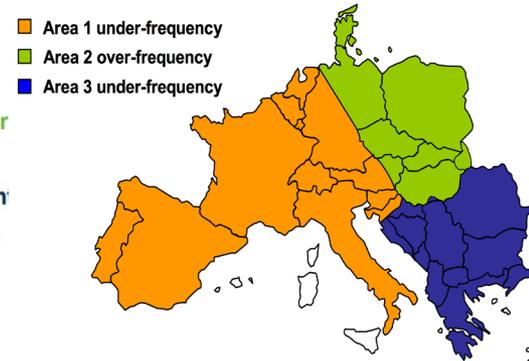
- EPES is considered among the **most complex Cyber-Physical system** with huge (cascading) effects to other critical infrastructures (i.e. water supply, communications, transportation, industry, finance)
- EPES has already experienced significant complex cyber-attacks.



Dragonfly EPES attacks since 2014



Incidents of Cyber Attacks in US  
(source: US Department for Homeland Security)

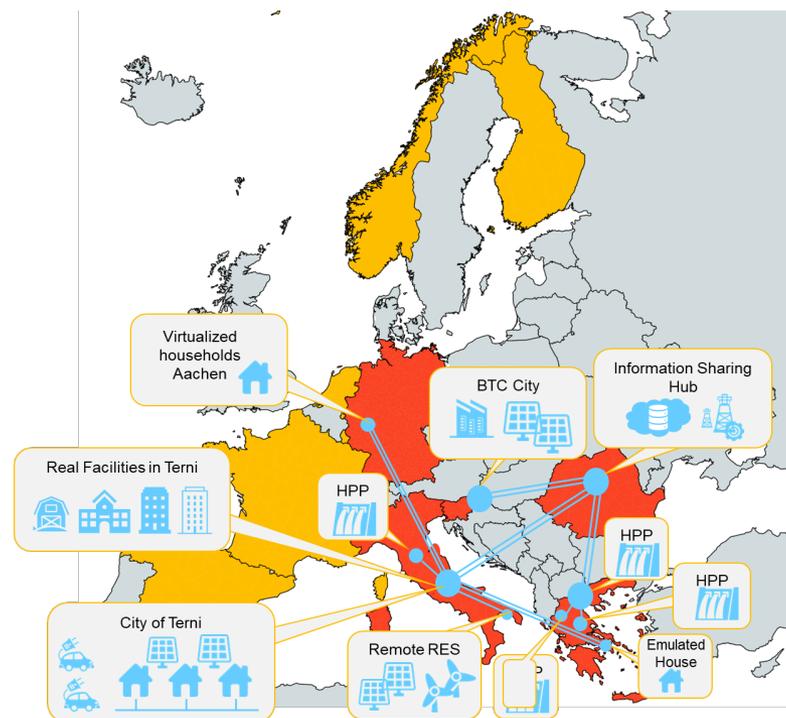


European blackout due to human error  
(Nov. 2006)

# Overview of PHOENIX Large Scale Pilots

## 5 diverse Large-Scale Pilots

- ❖ Multi-utility/Multi-owner RES cyberthreats and data breach detection (Italy)
- ❖ National-wide cooperative remotely controlled HPP (Greece)
- ❖ Collaborative Microgrid-enabled cyber risks mitigation (Slovenia)
- ❖ Collaborative / DSO flexibility vs cybersecurity and privacy (Italy, Germany, Greece)
- ❖ National vs Pan-European cooperative cyber threat information sharing (Romania)



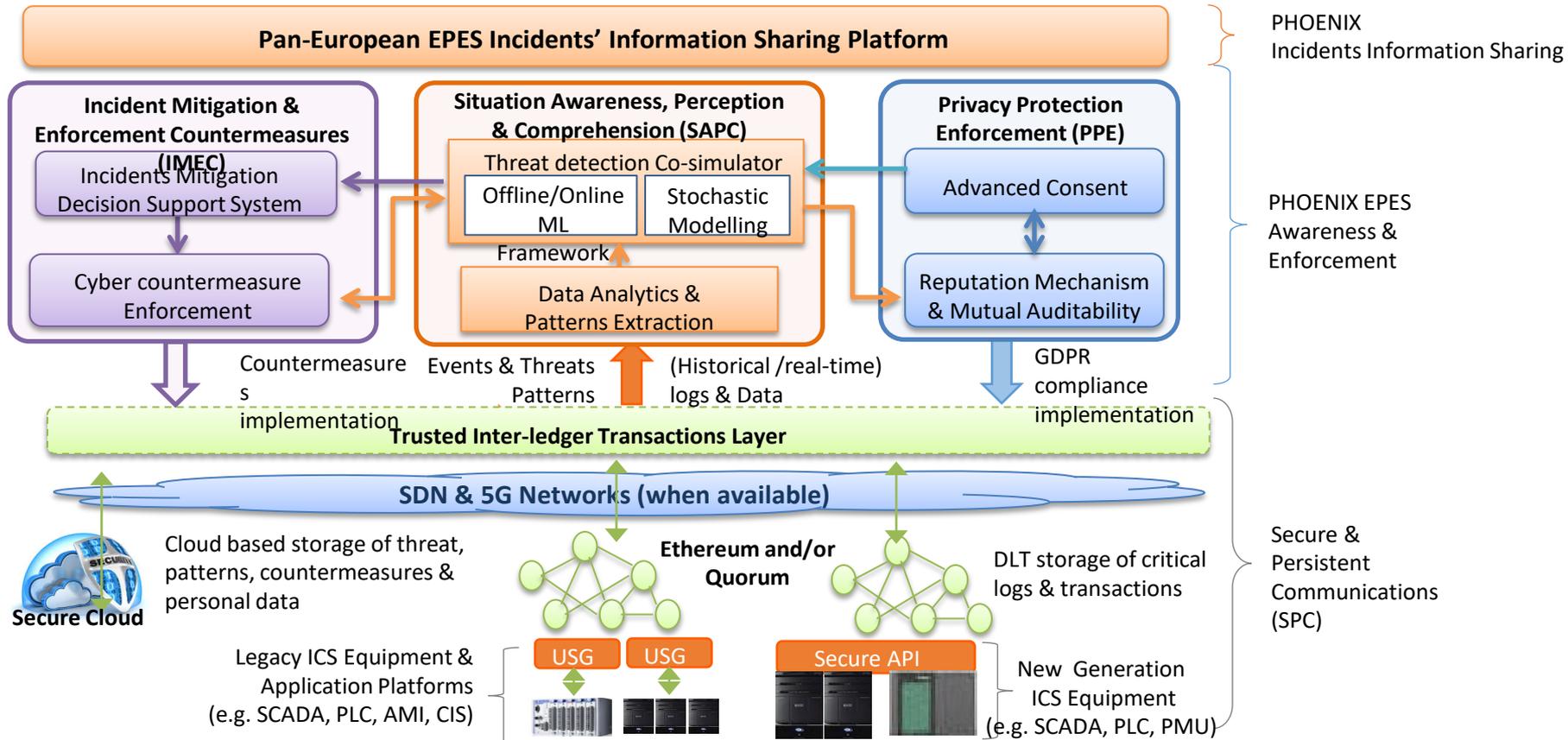
# Vision and Scope

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- **Strengthen EPES cybersecurity preparedness**
  - ❖ Cybersecurity Preparedness/Privacy by Design & Cybersecurity by Innovation
- **Coordinate EPES cyber incident discovery, response and recovery**
  - ❖ Facilitate cyber threat intelligence (CTI) sharing among authorized utilities, CERTs, CSIRTs, ISACs, NRAs and the NIS cooperation group
  - ❖ Accelerate Directive on Security of Network and Information Systems
- **Accelerate research and innovation in EPES cybersecurity**
  - ❖ DevSecOps mechanism to ensure code security during its lifetime
  - ❖ Applied privacy preserving (federated) Machine Learning
  - ❖ Definition of certification methodologies and procedures



# PHOENIX Simplified Architecture



# PHOENIX achievements

## Analysis & Design



### 1. Risk Identification & Classification

- Risk identification
- Effective **cyber incident & attack** detection, categorization, prioritization and mitigation
- **Focus on high availability** (*resilience, survivability*), **fast recovery** and **data privacy**.

- ✓ Analysis of all aspects of Interdependent cyber-human EPES Protection
- ✓ Designed a risk assessment framework to classify the EPES into secure tiers
- ✓ Security / Privacy / Survivability by design principles identified and adopted
- ✓ Privacy, data Protection, Ethics, Security and Societal (PRESS) framework



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**Thank you**

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# Panel Discussion

## Panellists



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# PANEL Discussion –

## Starting point for cybersecurity topic

- *[EC recommendation on cybersecurity in the energy sector \(2019\)](#), that describes in particular energy-sector specificities such as cascading effect, real-time requirements and combination of legacy and state-of-the-art technologies:*

# 1st Questions for the Panelists

*Based on [EC recommendation on cybersecurity in the energy sector \(2019\)](#)*

- 1. Do you see additional specificities?*
- 2. How do you tackle them in your project?*

# 2nd Questions for the Panelists

*Based on [EC recommendation on cybersecurity in the energy sector \(2019\)](#)*

- 1. What are you missing from cybersecurity perspective?*
- 2. What are the priority issues for future R&I?*

# 3rd Questions for the Panelists

*Based on [EC recommendation on cybersecurity in the energy sector \(2019\)](#)*

- 1. How do you see secure data sharing between energy stakeholders?*
- 2. What are your expectations regarding network codes for cybersecurity?*

# Closing Words (video recorded)

***CASTRO BARRIGON***  
***Felipe***

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