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The Journey of Cybersecurity in Kuwait's Oil and Gas Industry



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Dr. Reem Al-Shammari, Information Security Team Leader at Kuwait Oil Company, Kuwait. She is recognized as a “Wild Card” who continues to ‘push the envelope’ to get to the most optimum outcome on an initiative or a project. She has played a huge role in changing the maturity of the Kuwait’s Oil and Gas sector cyber security and also contributed in maturing country’s national cybersecurity. Contributes greatly into empowering Women in Cyber Security specifically and into the Cybersecurity Community around the globe as a whole through various initiatives and programs.

Government:

- Chairperson, Kuwait Oil Sector’s “K-Sector” Cyber Security Committee.
- Technical lead in GCC Cyber security Committee.

Women Initiatives:

- Cofounder & Board member- Women in CyberSecurity Middle East (WiCSME) Group
- Kuwait Representative in UK- Gulf Women in Cyber Fellowship Program

Academia:

- Phd in Business.
- Graduate from **Harvard Business School**, General Management Program for Executive Education, Nov. 2019.

Fora & Awards:

- Keynote Speaker.
- International, Regional, & national Awards (Regional Leadership Award – EWF, Arab CISO, MESA)

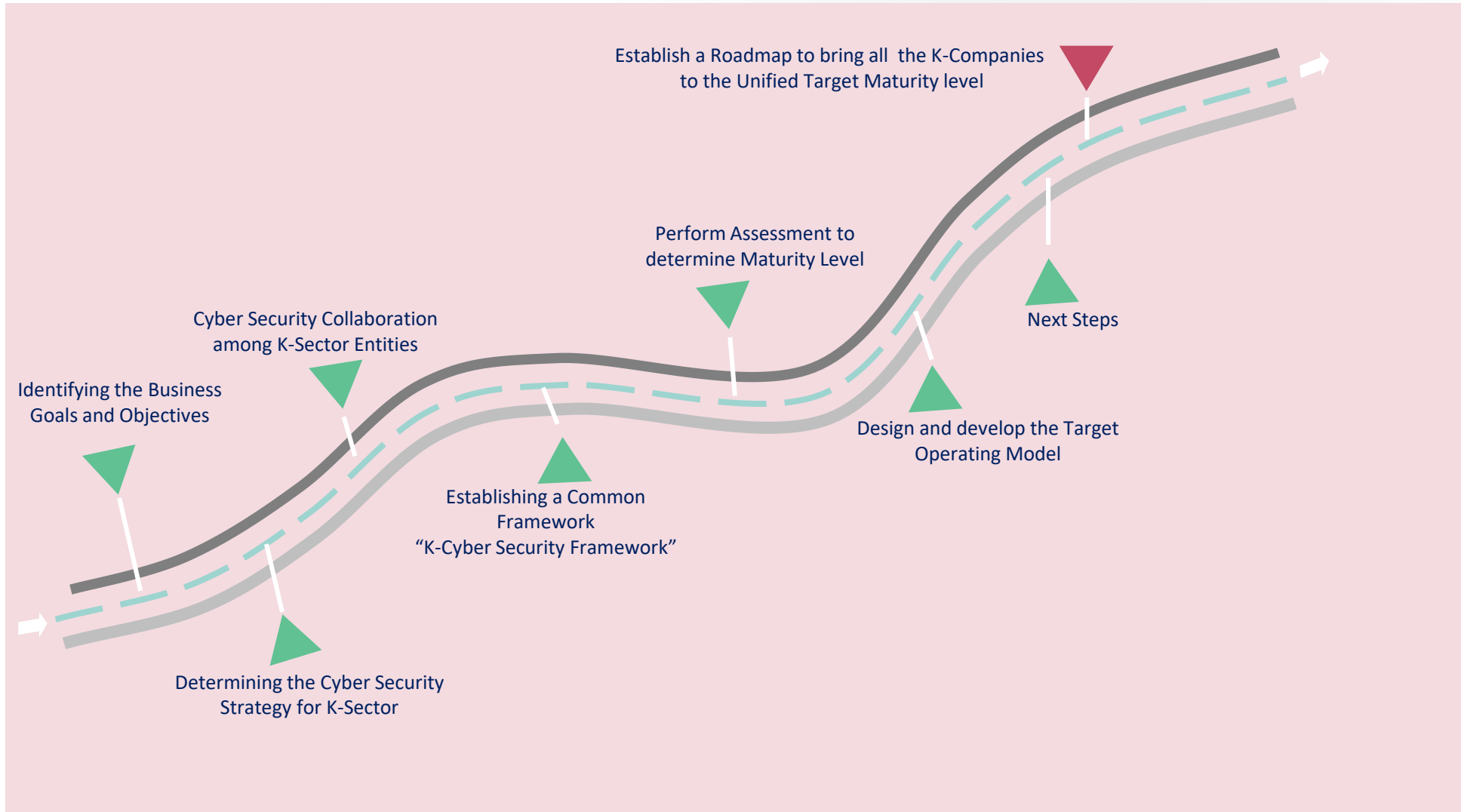
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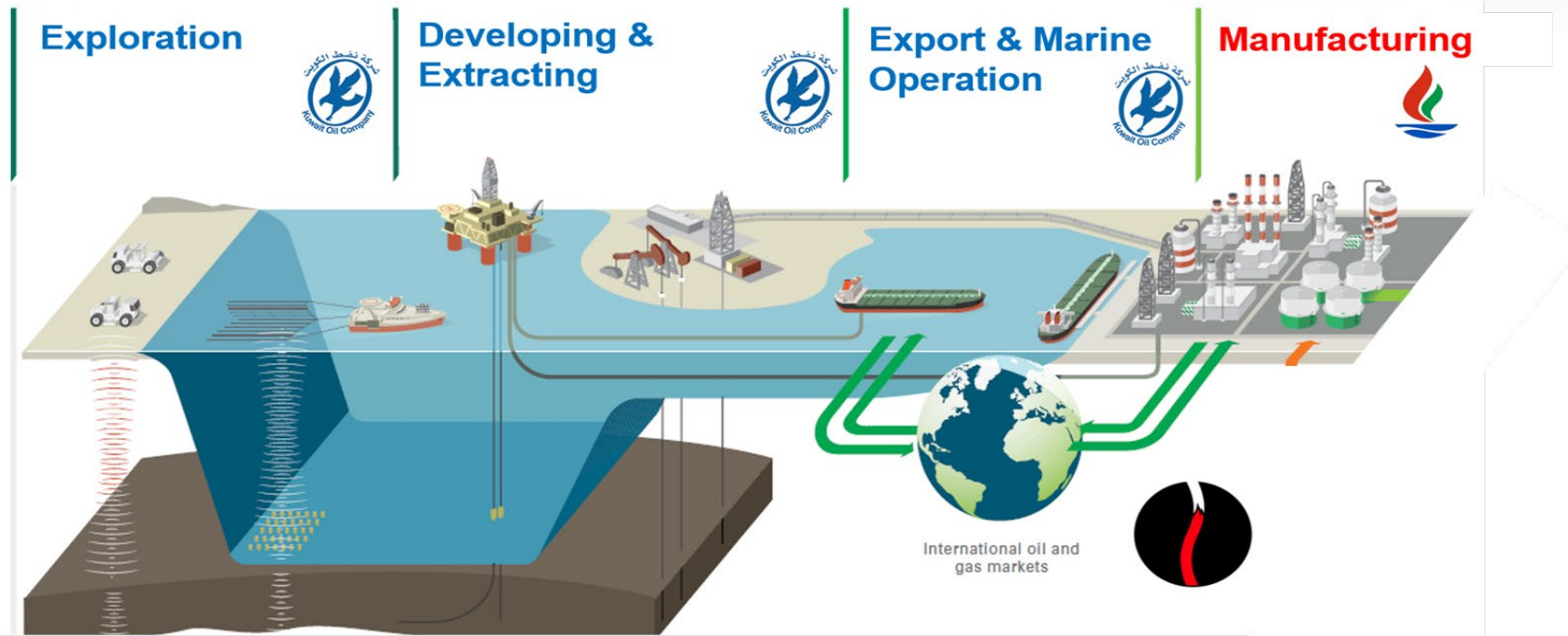
Cyber Security Journey in Kuwait's Oil & Gas Sector

The Cyber Security Journey in Kuwait's O&G Sector



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Impacts of Cyber Security on our Core O&G Operations



Attackers can interfere and cause severe Impacts and interruptions to business operations and Strategic Objectives.

Technology comes with Price.



O&G Industry Percentage (10%) of annual total cost of cyber crime

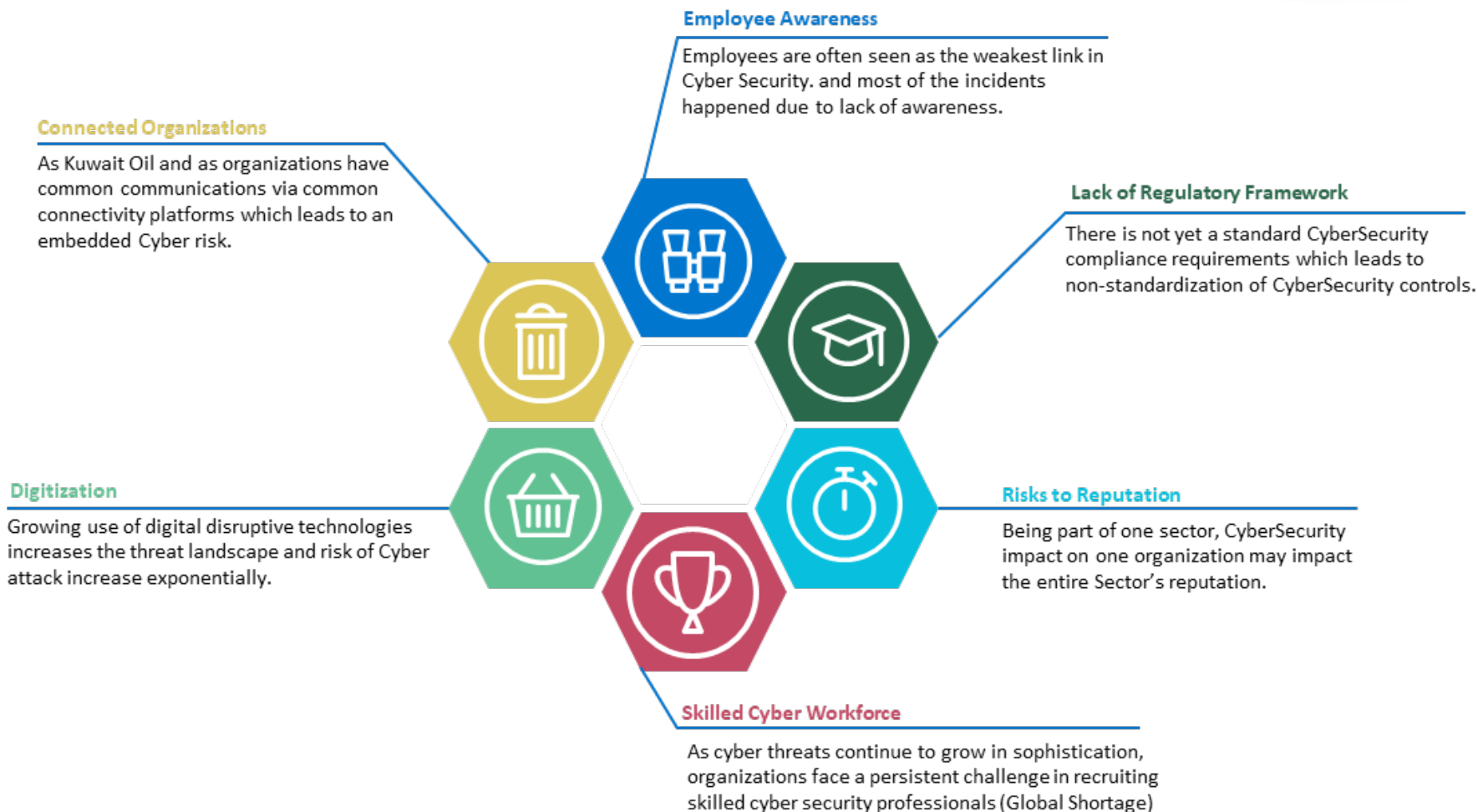
≈ \$44 Billion

* Statistics provide by Symantec's [Internet Security Report 2015](#) & Ponemon Institute - [The Impact of Cybercrime on Business Report 2013](#)

The Cyber Security Journey in Kuwait's O&G Sector

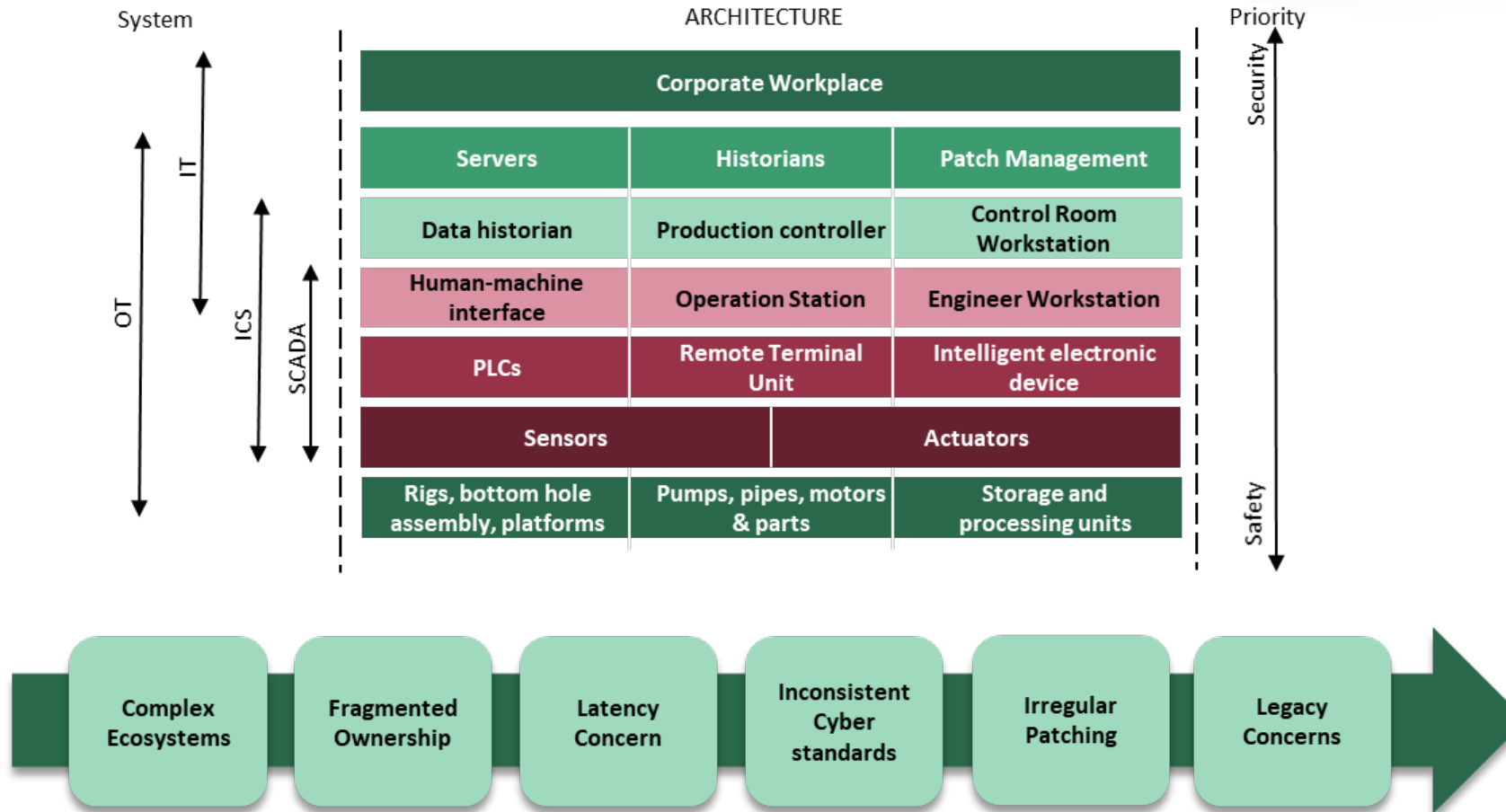
Common Concerns across the K-Sector

K - Sector (Group of companies under umbrella of Kuwait Petroleum Corporation KPC) represents Kuwait's oil and gas companies



The Cyber Security Journey in Kuwait's O&G Sector

ICS/OT Environment Related Concerns



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The Cyber Security Collaboration within The K-Sector

Cyber Security Collaboration within the K-Sector

Collaboration's objectives was to address the below main challenges:



1

Absence of a common Cyber Security Strategy

Cyber Security activities did not branch out from the Cyber Security Strategy that would be tied to the business strategy.



2

Lack of Budget

The allocation of individual Cyber Security budget for each company in the K-Sector made establishing cyber capabilities an expensive task.



3

Cascading attack

An attack in one K- Company could possibly compromise another.

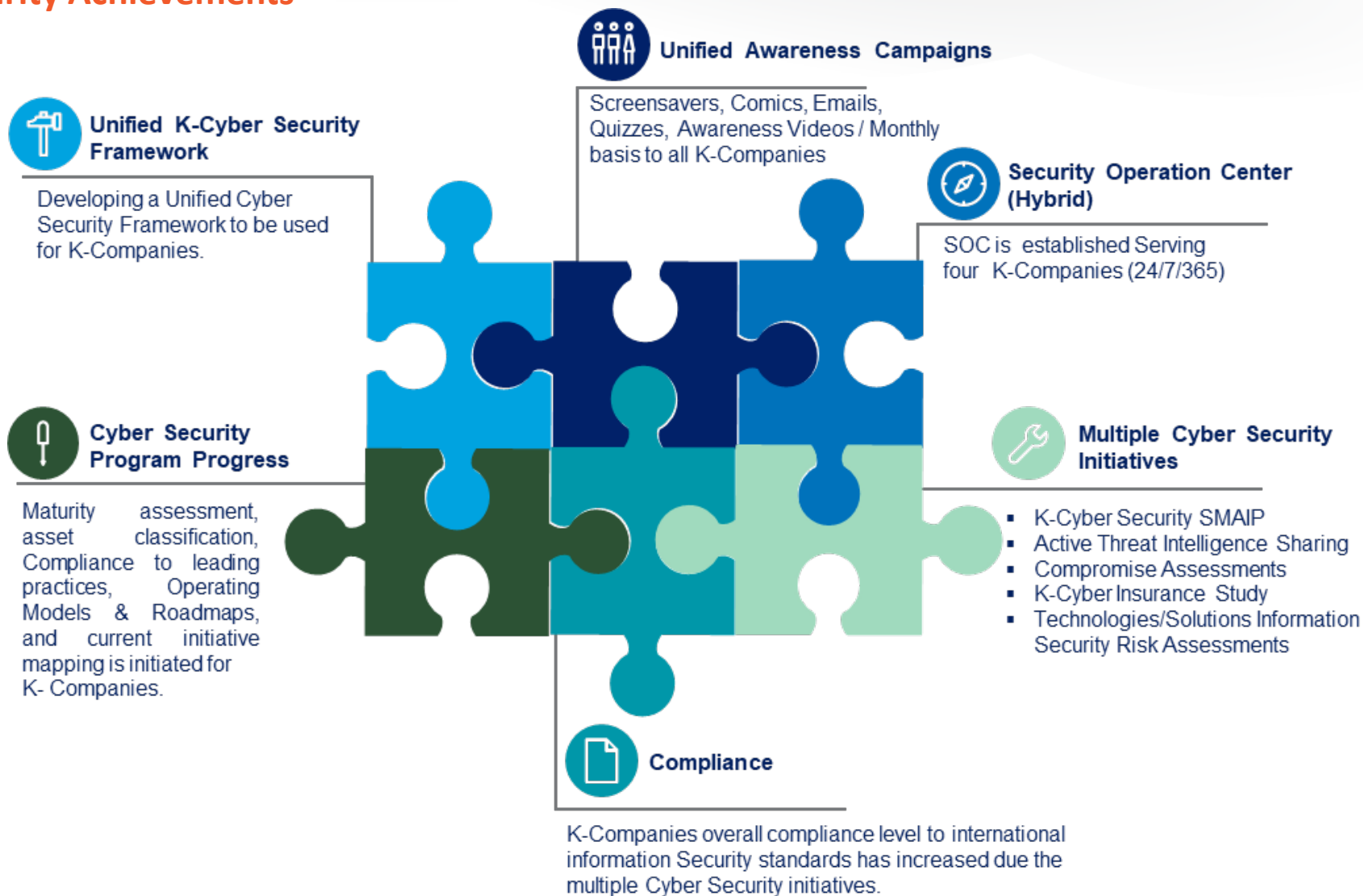


To lead the K-Companies Cyber Security Agenda through collaborative approach:

- Raises the CyberSecurity Maturity Level.
- Enhances vigilance (information sharing & intelligence)
- Leveraging all available capabilities/resources.

Cyber Security Collaboration within the K-Sector

K-Cyber Security Achievements

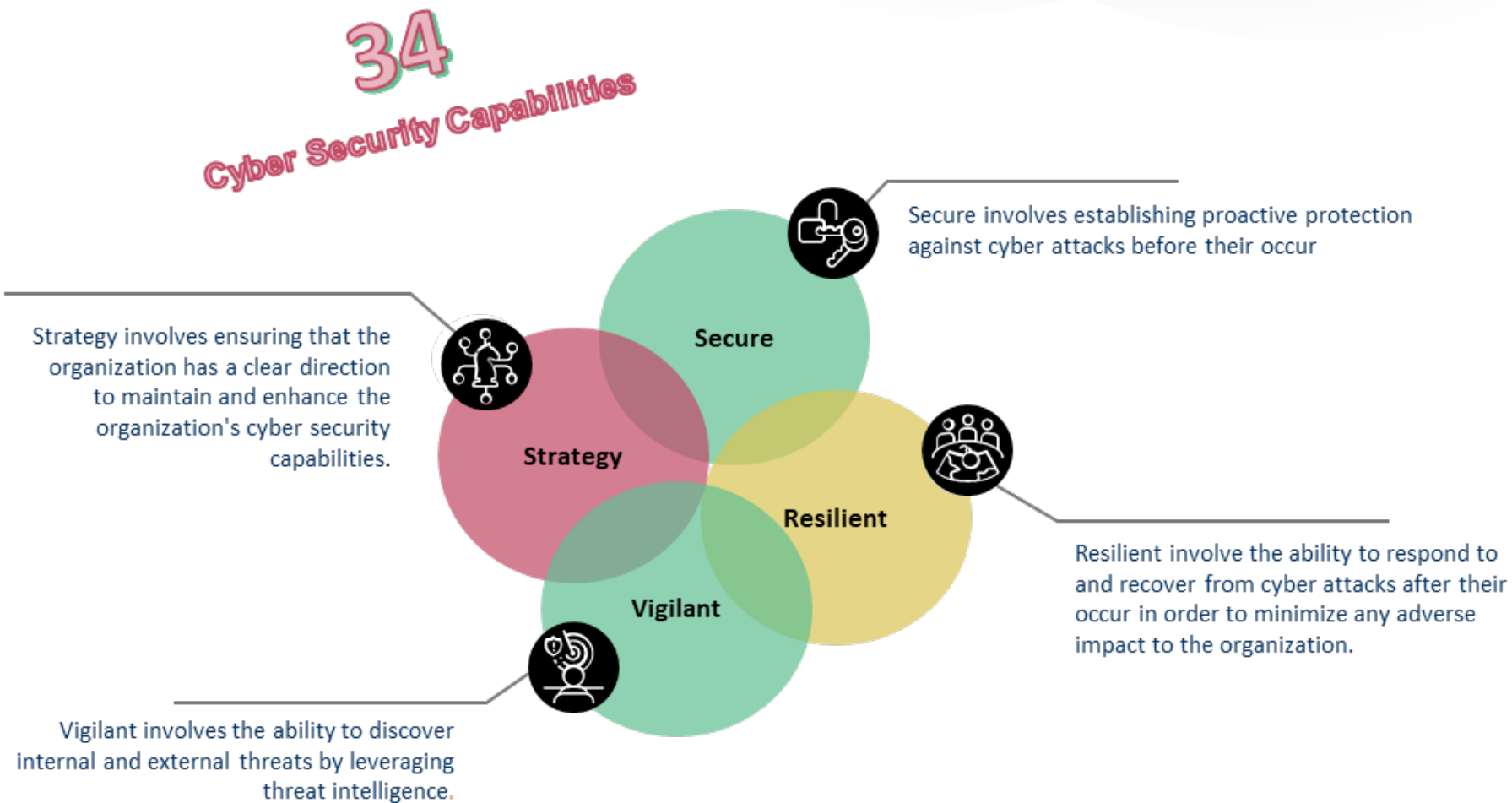


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K-Cyber Security Framework

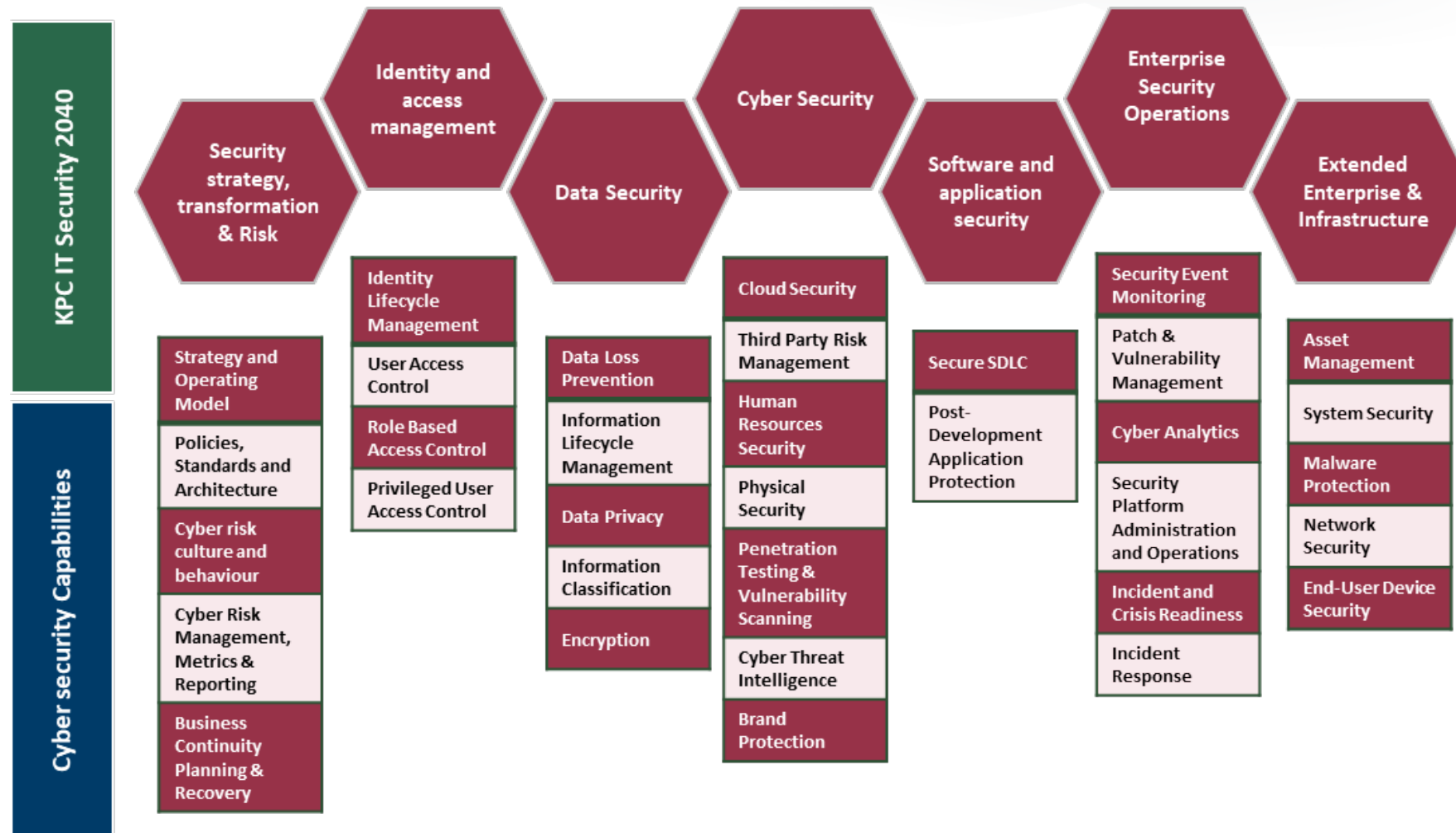
K-Cyber Security Framework

Development of a Common Framework



K-Cyber Security Framework

Mapping with K-Sector's Cyber Security Strategy 2040



*K-CSF is based on controls from different international standards and leading practices (NIST / ISO / CIS / SANS)

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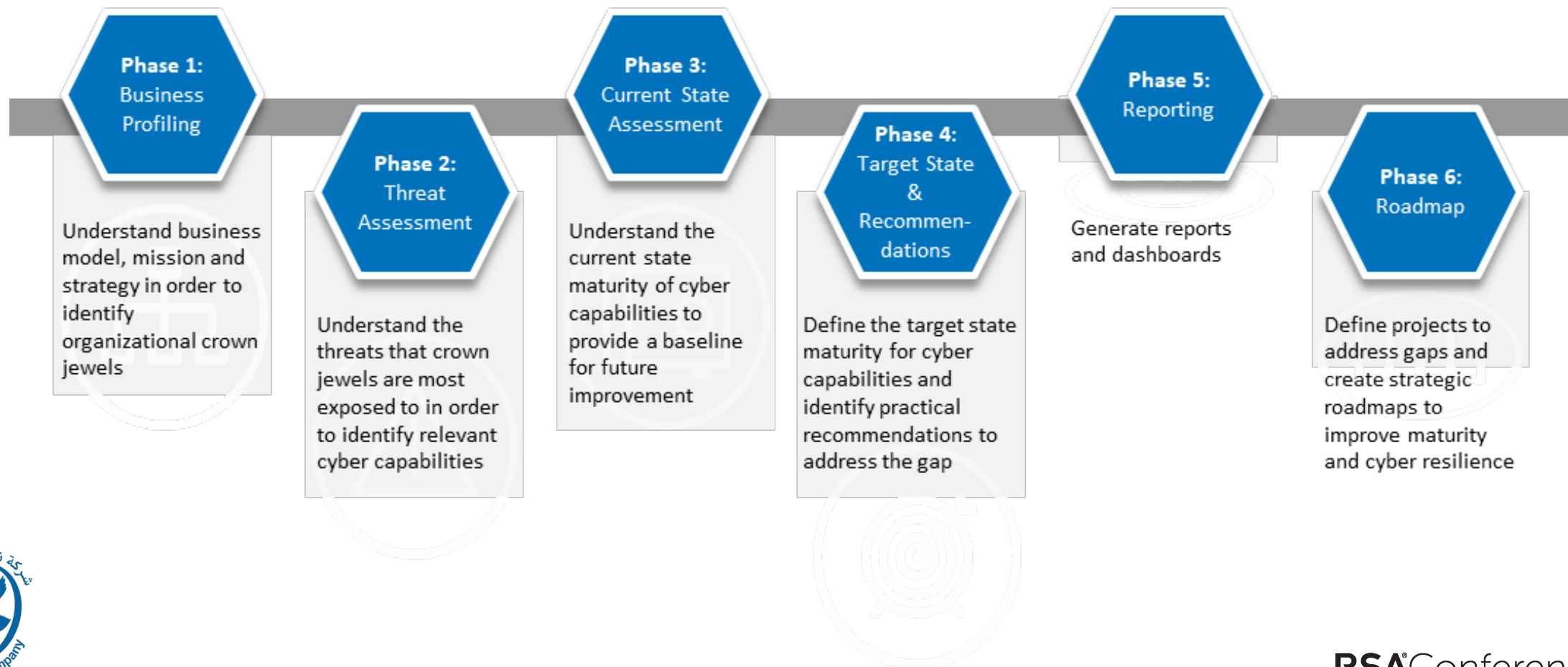
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K-Cyber Security Maturity Assessment

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Methodology & Approach

The CSF assessment Methodology consisted of a **six stage process** encompassing K-companies **Business, Threats** and **Capabilities**.



K-Cyber Security Maturity Assessment

Scale of Efforts “Number Talks”

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Perform Cyber Security Maturity Assessment

Interviews conducted



150+

150+ Interviews were conducted across all organizations

Questions Surveyed



2000+

2000+ Questions were surveyed in each K-Company

Rounds of review



≥ 2

Minimum two (2) Rounds of review was done with each K-Company

Analysing and Reporting the results



400+

400+ hours were spent for each K-Company for analyzing and reporting the results

Time spent by K-company personnel



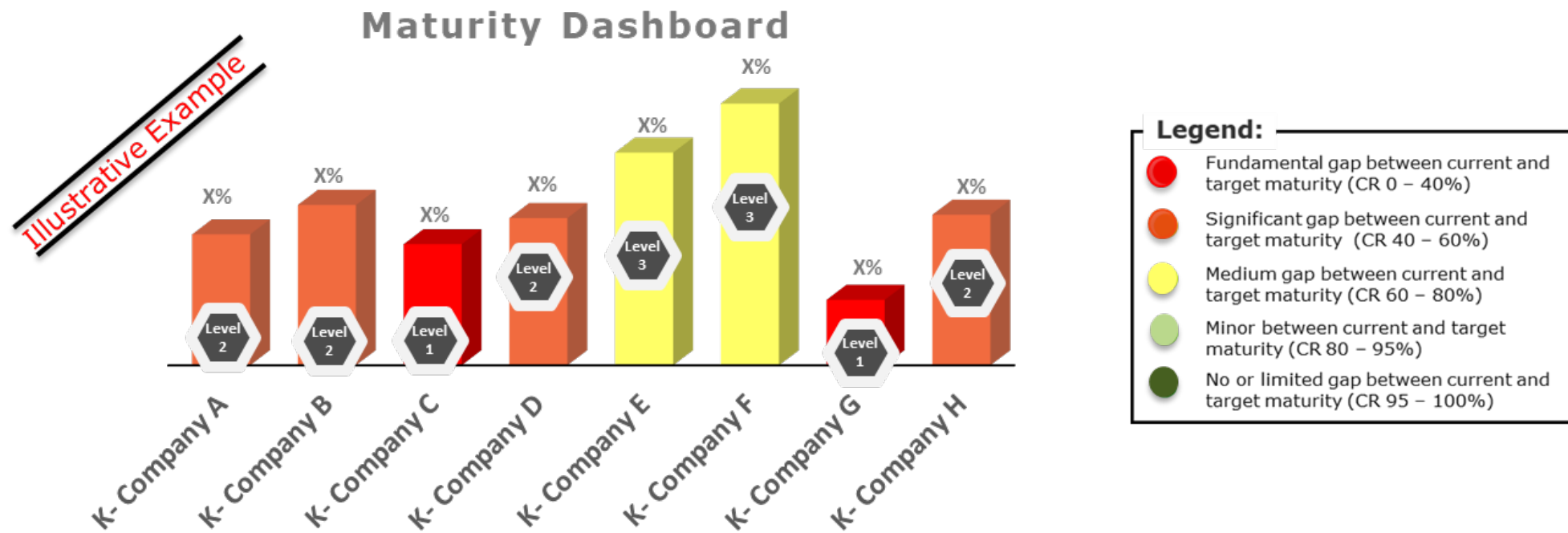
50+

50+ hours were spent by each K-Company personnel during the assessment

K-Cyber Security Maturity Assessment

Cyber Resilience Examples– Maturity Dashboards

Capabilities were assessed in terms of their Cyber Resilience % (CR%). Cyber resilience refers to the extent to which the organization is secure against its most important threats.

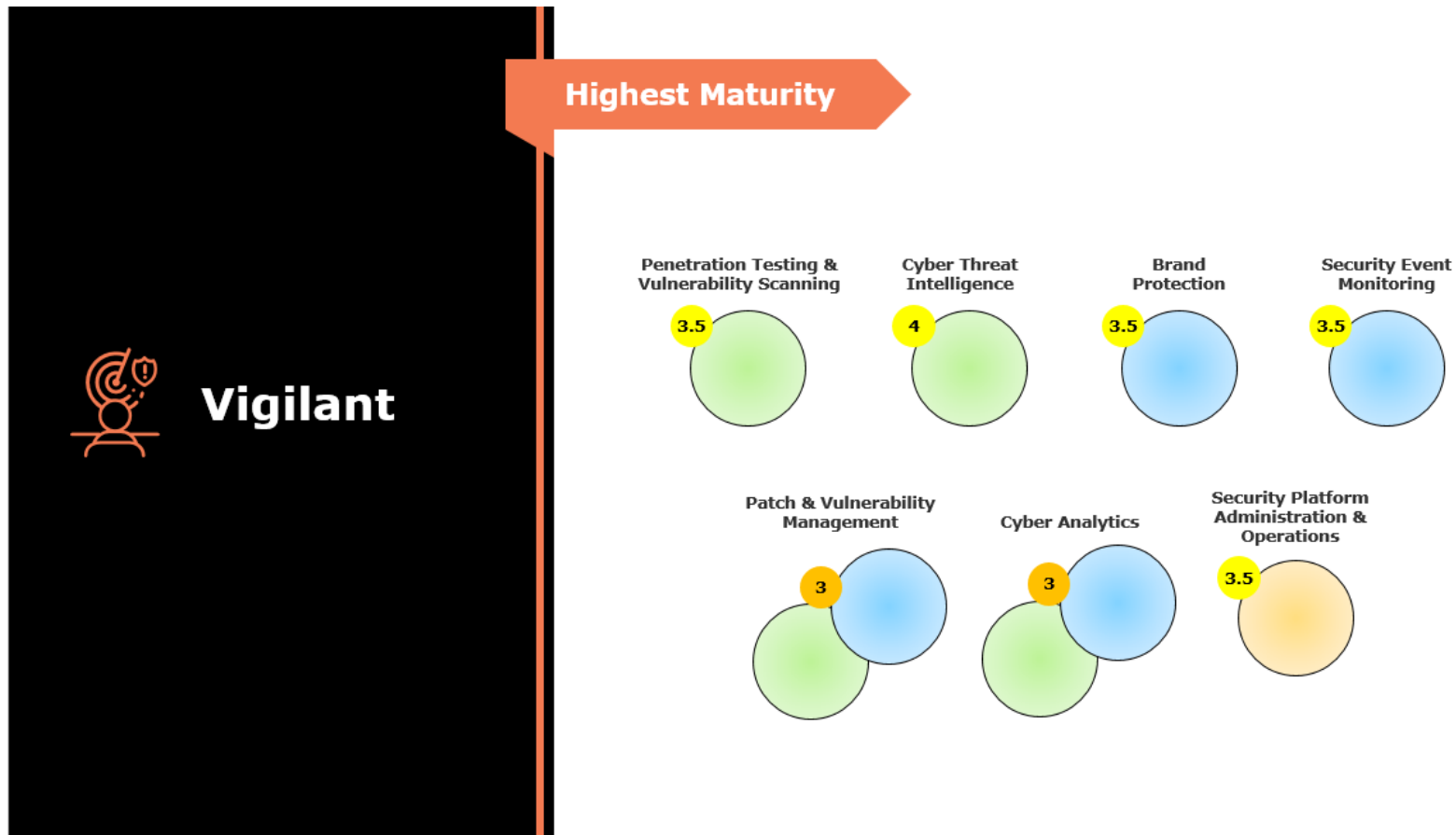


** Above is sample results only from the Cyber Security Assessment

K-Cyber Security Maturity Assessment

Cyber Resilience Examples – Vigilant Dashboards

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Leveraging from Companies with High Maturity Score

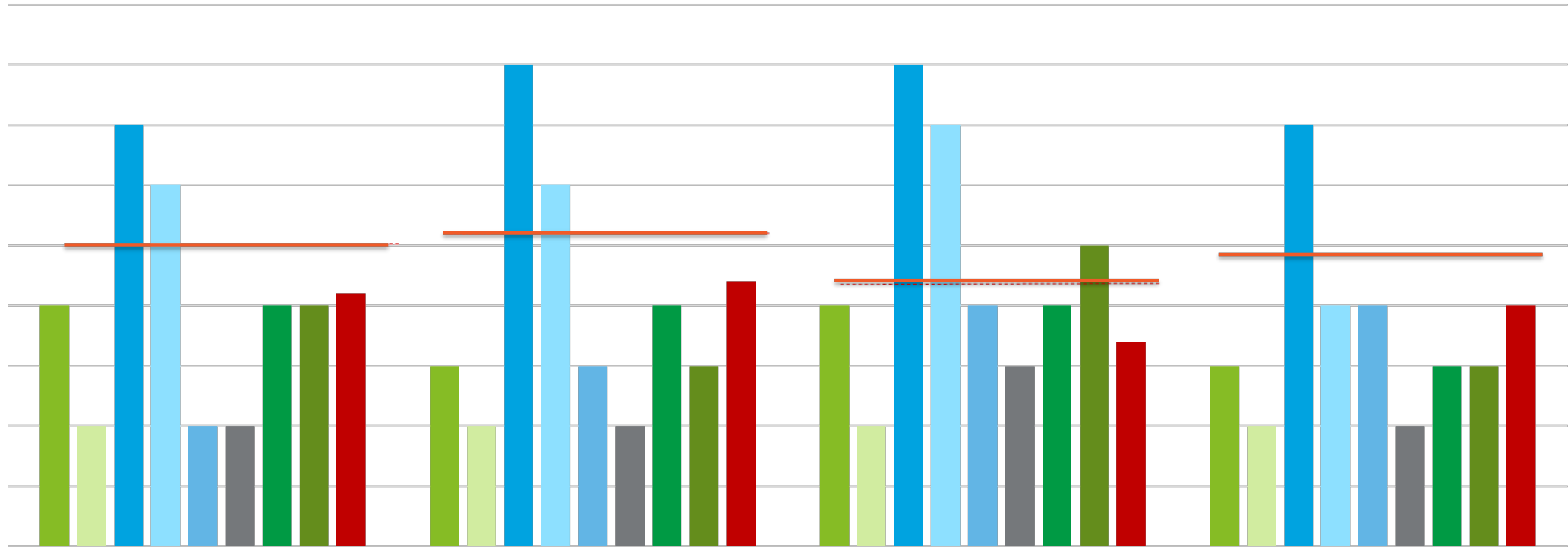
Deploying solutions and techniques with proven success factor

Cost Reduction

K-Cyber Security Maturity Assessment

Cyber Resilience Examples – Strategy Dashboards

Capability Assessment – Strategy

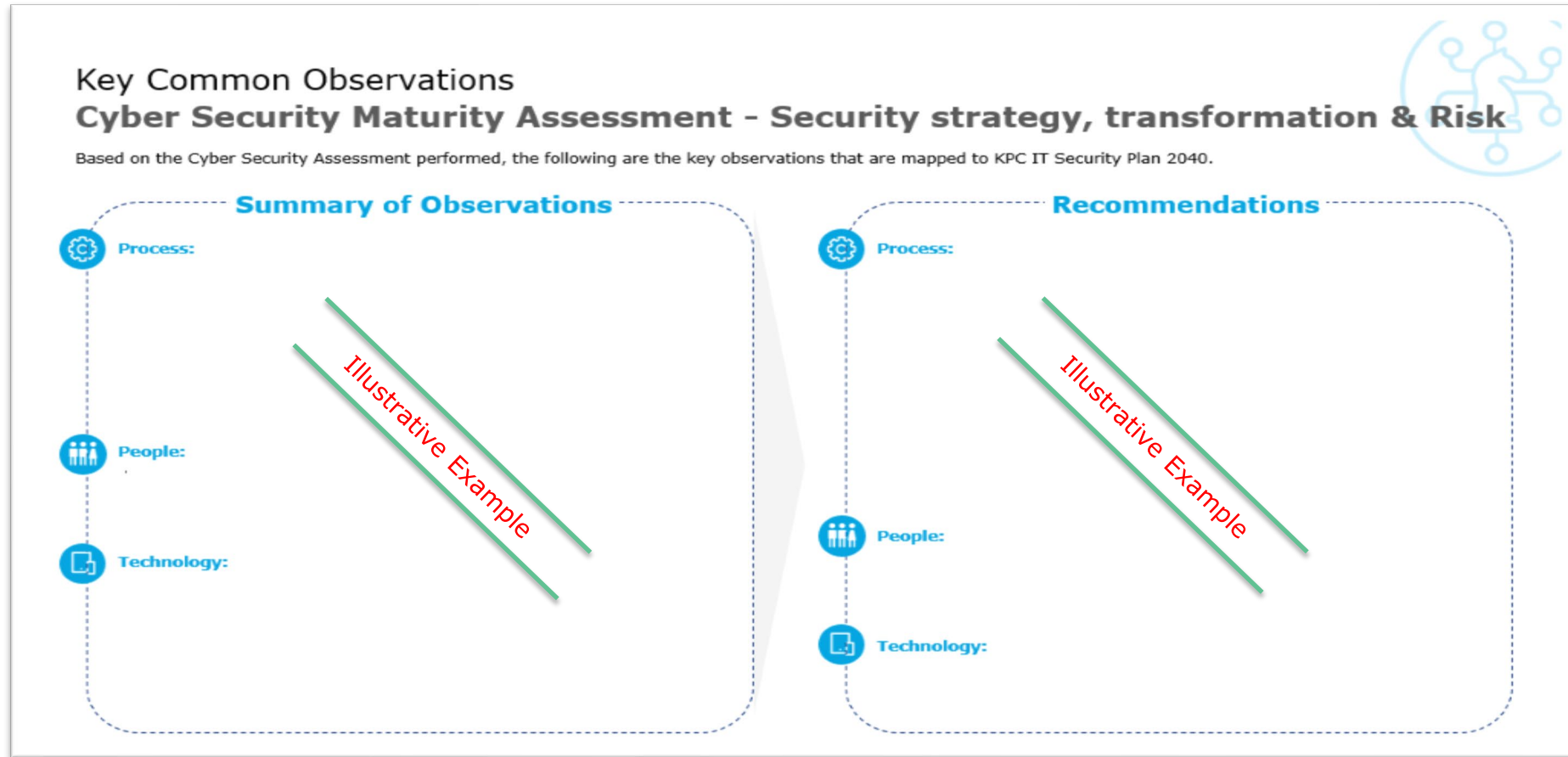


Legend

— Industry benchmark

K-Cyber Security Maturity Assessment

Common Observations & Recommendations



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Alignment with National Cyber Security Strategy

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K-Sector initiatives and cooperation to align with National Strategical Objectives

1

Promote a culture of Cyber Security that supports safe and proper usage for the Cyber Space

Through K-Cyber Security collaboration, K-Sector Wide Cyber Security Awareness Campaigns has been established (Ex. Active sharing of awareness messages, Cyber Events and Forums, Cyber simulations exercises, online trainings,..etc).

2

Safeguard and continuously maintain the security of national assets, including critical infrastructure, national data, communication technologies and the Internet within the State of Kuwait

The O&G K-Sector contributes highly to the country's GDP and is considered as National Critical Infrastructure "NCI" that impacts the national economy. Through K-Cyber Security collaboration internally within the sector and nationally with other NCI entities, the K-sector is supporting raising the maturity, intelligence sharing & incident response to protect national interests.

3

Promote the cooperation, coordination and information exchange among local and international bodies in the field of cyber security

Regional Level : Collaboration of GCC O&G Sector Cyber Security Teams/Groups

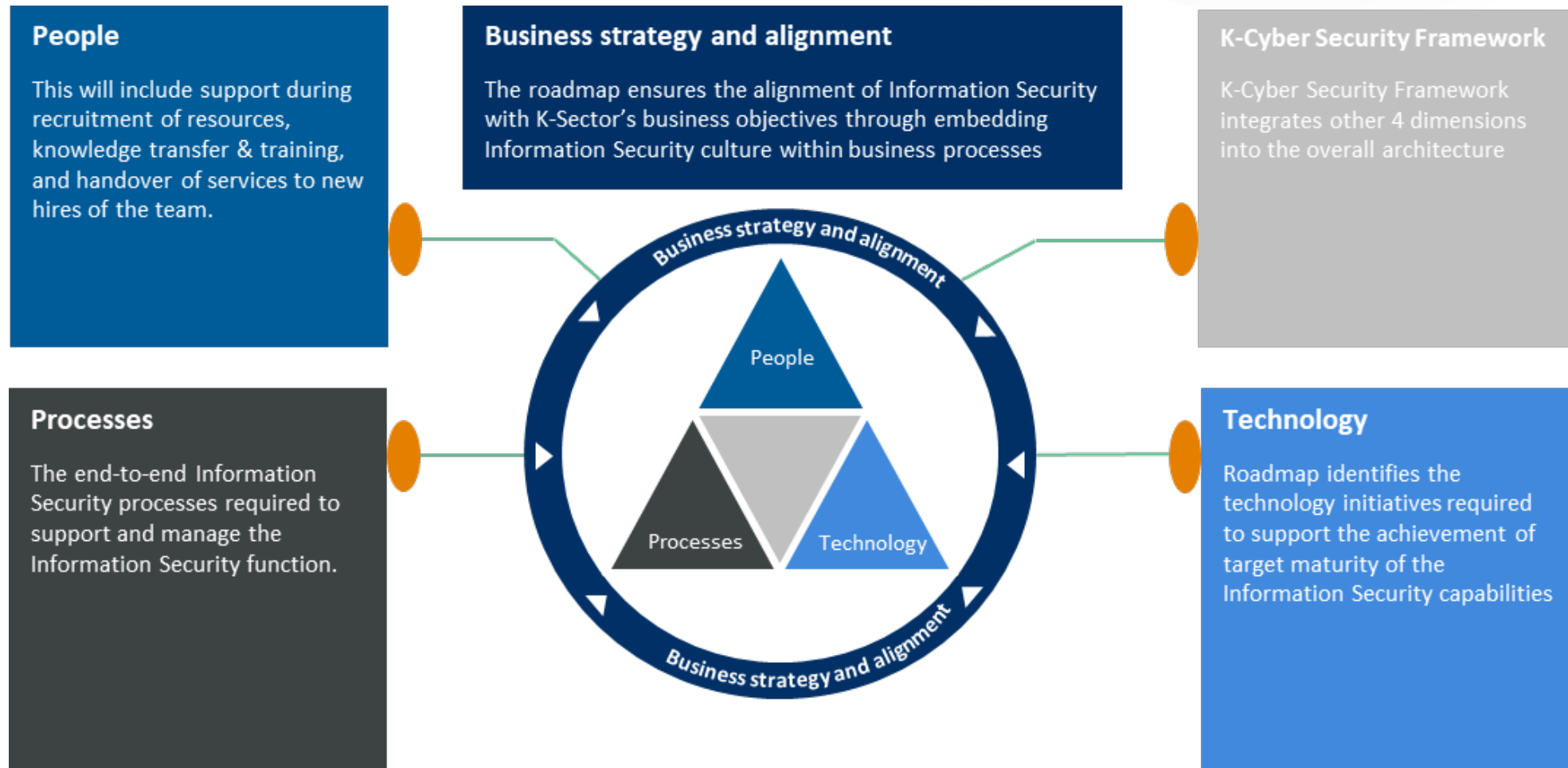
National Level: Communication with CITRA & other NCI on Cyber Related Matters

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The Way Forward – Information Security Roadmap

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5 Dimensions shaping the K-Companies Information Security Capabilities Roadmap



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The Strategic Outcome

Strategic Outcomes

1

Define the minimum Baseline

Facilitates minimum baseline to be adopted by the whole sector to implement minimum information security controls to an acceptable CyberSecurity posture.

2

Sharing Knowledge & Best Practices

Facilitates understanding of the threat landscape in the sector leveraging from lessons learnt and promotes effective security practices.

3

Adopting a Common Strategy to Increase Maturity

Enabled the K-Sector to adopt a common unified strategy that provided clarity & focus to the K-Sector's information security Journey.

4

Incident Preparedness and Recovery

Bring synergies to different organizations which enable them to effectively share threat intelligence, respond and recover more efficiently from cyber security incidents as a collective response.

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The Takeaways

Apply What You Have Learned Today



1

Define Minimum Baseline

Set a minimum baseline (in alignment with organization's strategic objectives).



2

Start Collaborating

Buy-ins & Communications.



3

Focus on Crowne Jewels

Prioritize always. Work on stages.

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