



A New Vision for ATM Security Management

The Security Management Platform

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- ***GAMMA project:*** FP7-SEC-2012-1
- ***Start Date / Duration:*** September 2013 – 48 months
- The GAMMA project stems from the growing need to address new air traffic management threats and vulnerabilities
- The goal of the GAMMA project is to develop solutions able to manage emerging ATM vulnerabilities, backed up by practical proposals for the implementation of these solutions.
- The GAMMA vision recognises the opportunities opened by a collaborative framework for managing security, building a solution based on the self-protection and resilience of the ATM system
- The project will also consider the new scenarios created by the Single European Sky programme

- 8 Countries:



- 19 partners:

10 Large Industries



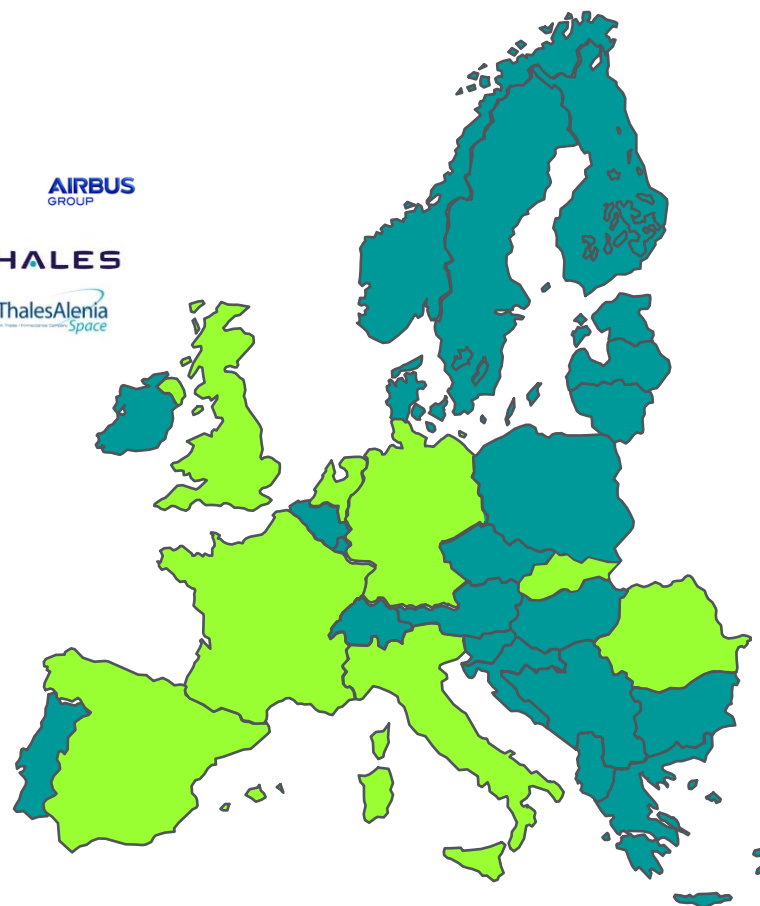
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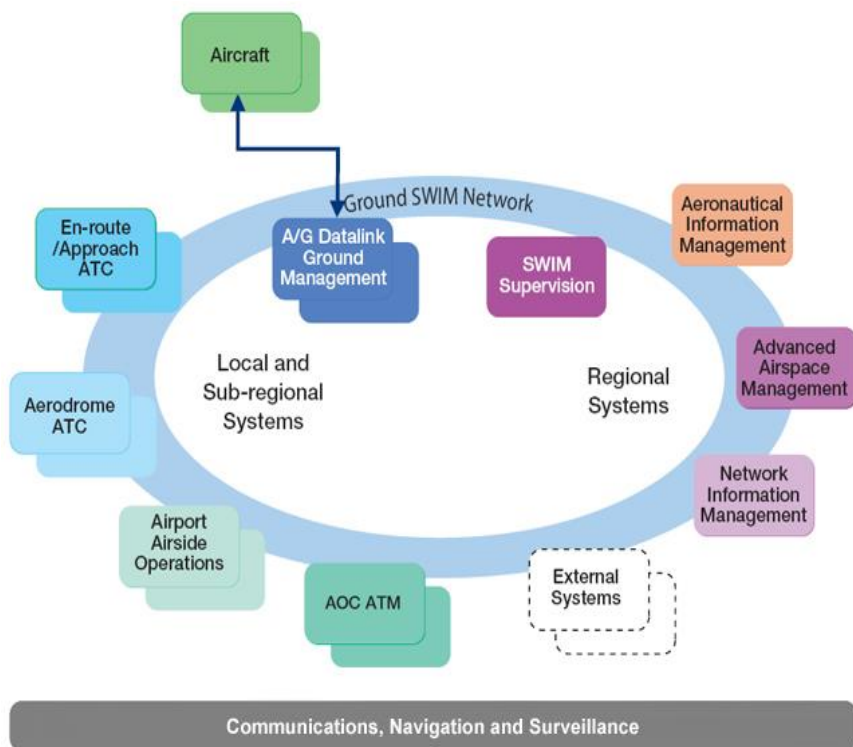


3 Research org. and Universities



3 End-users





- ATM as a system of system
- Domino effects spreading security threats within ATM and beyond
- Security Life cycle: from threat prevention to crisis management



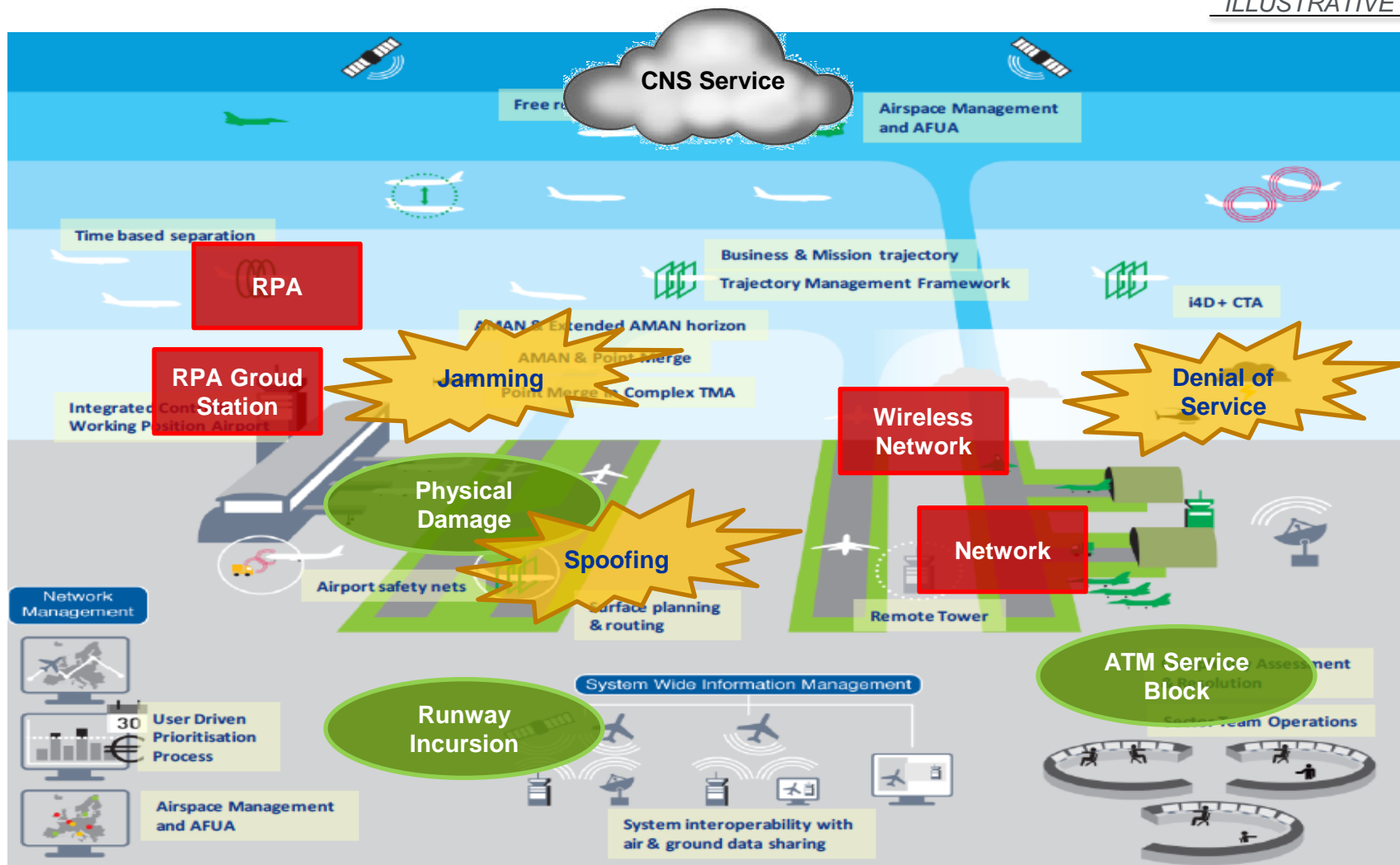
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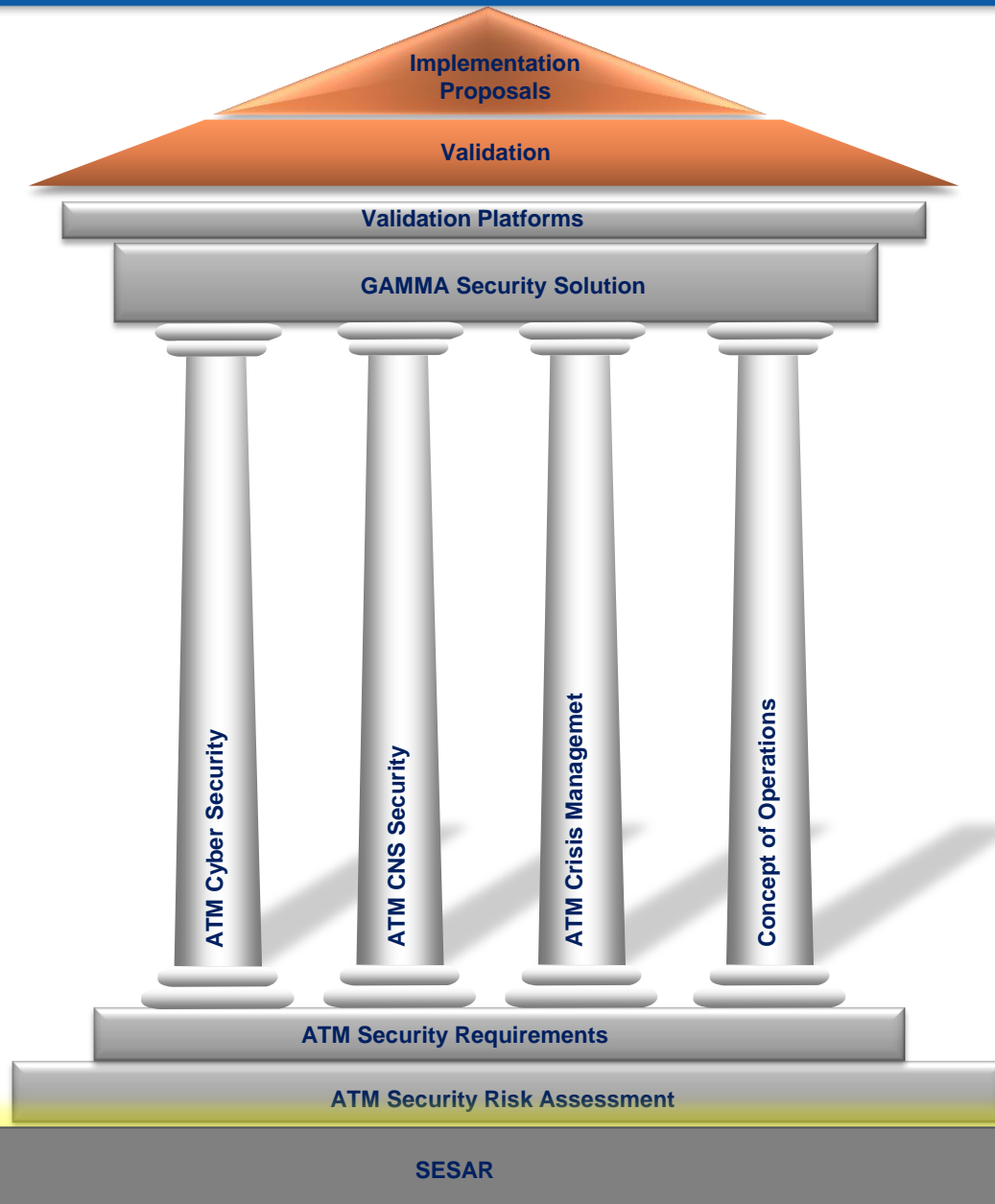
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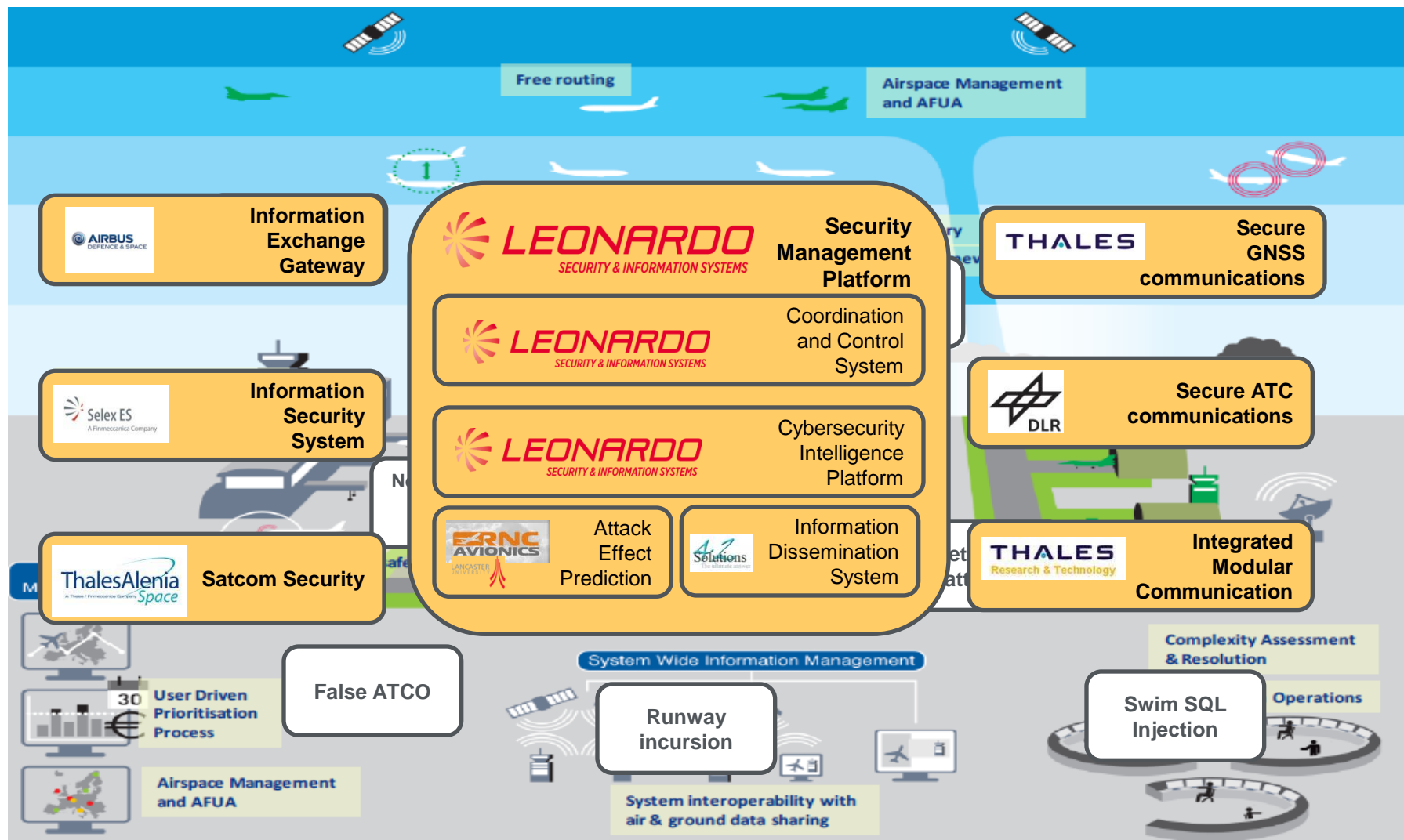
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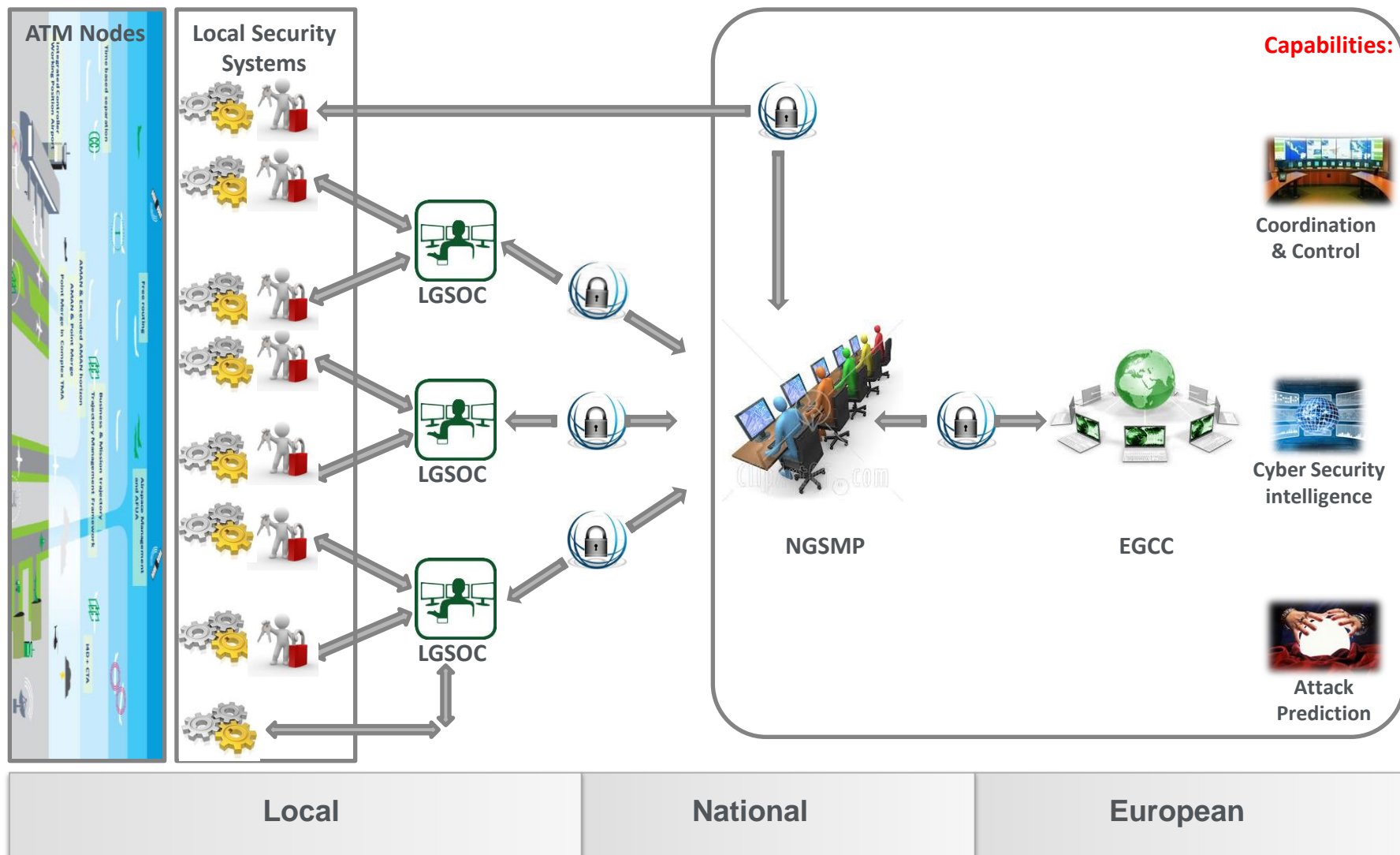
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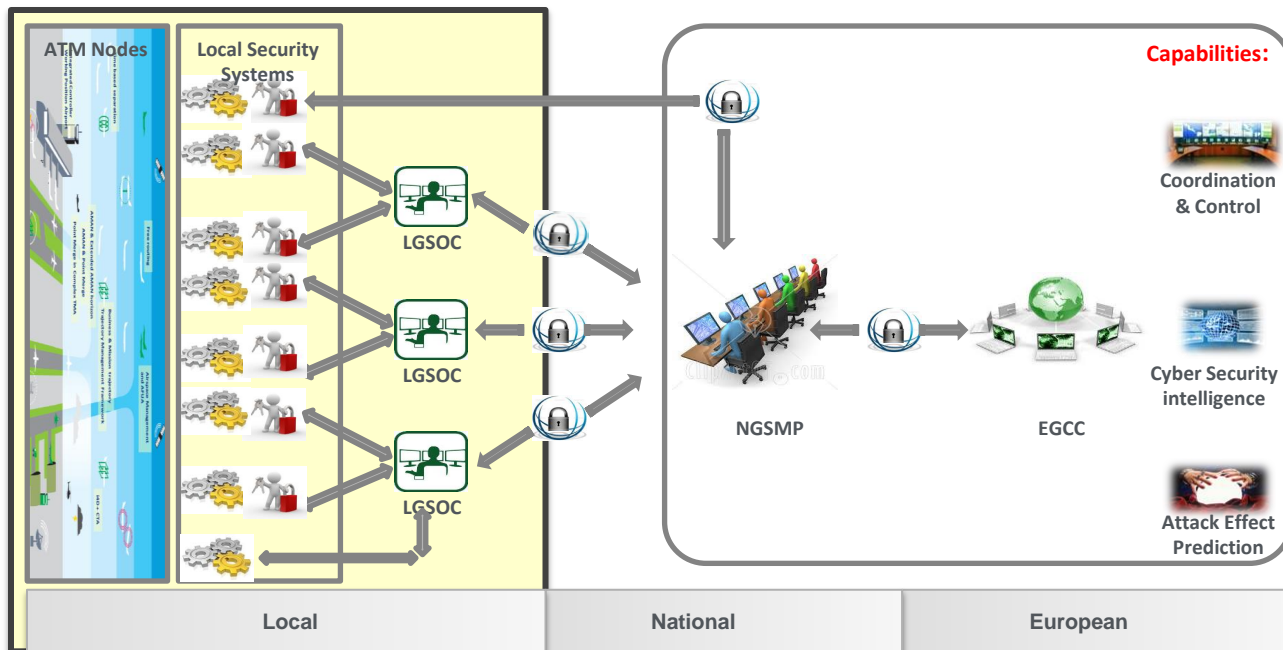




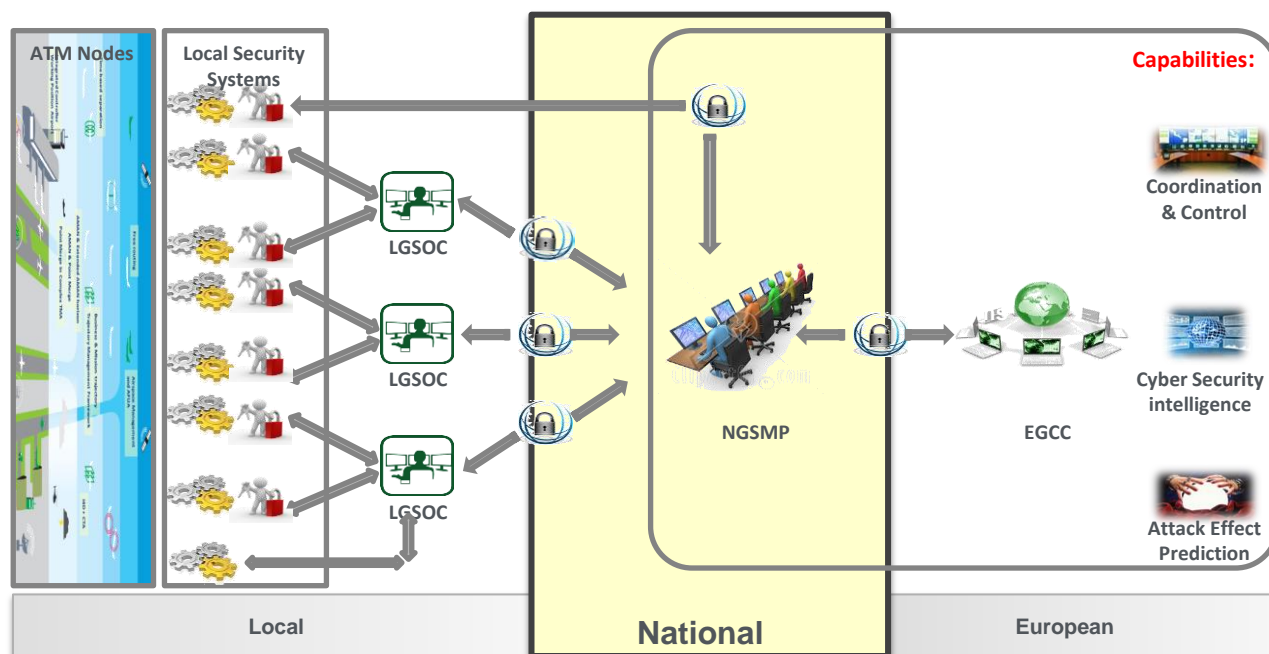
- The GAMMA Concept has been defined having in mind principles and concepts related to Security Management in a collaborative multi stakeholder environment
- The GAMMA solution can be conceptualised as a network of distributed nodes embedded within the ATM system and providing interfaces to (ATM) internal and external security stakeholders.
- GAMMA establishes three different levels for managing security:
 - ✓ the **European** level represented by the European GAMMA Coordination Centre (EGCC),
 - ✓ the **National** level represented by the National GAMMA Security Management Platform (NGSMP)
 - ✓ the **local** level represented by local security systems as well as Local GAMMA Security Operation Centres (LGSOC).



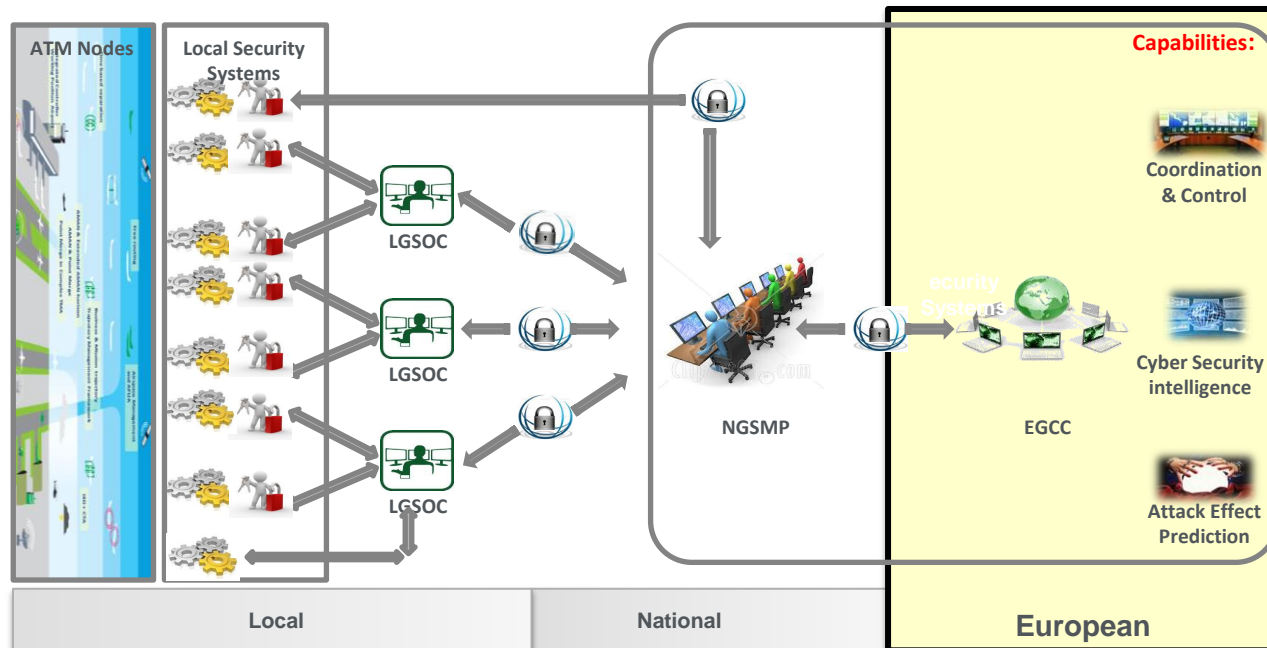
- The GAMMA solution is designed for seamless adaption and integration into the local ATM systems. For this reason the **local level** is represented by two types of solutions:
 - Local security systems embedded in the current or future ATM systems (and/or procedures) that address security aspects operating independently.
 - A specific GAMMA system (LGSOC) with access to the information defined within GAMMA to support the local security activities.



- The **National level** will have the capability of processing and analysing the information received from the lower level through the operation of an information sharing platform (NGSMP) allowing the detection and prediction of attacks as well as proposing the corresponding alerts, actions or countermeasures and predicting corresponding impacts.

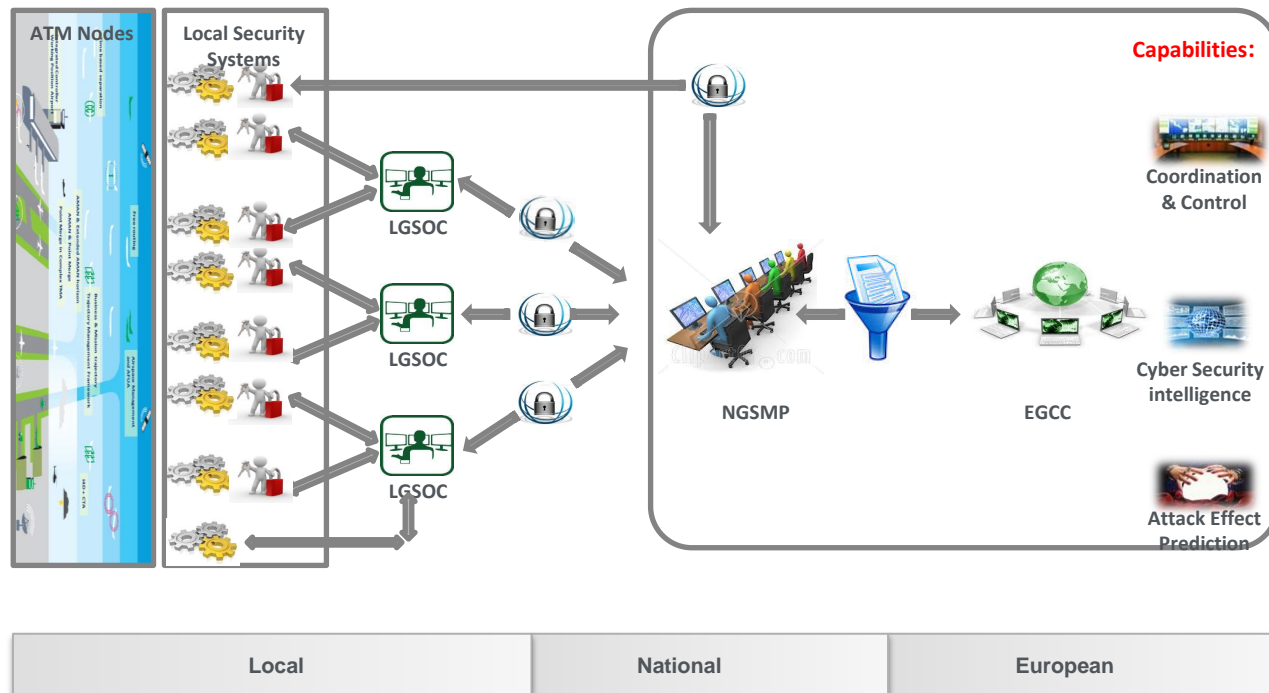


- The **European Level** (EGCC) will enrich the opportunely sanitized information derived from the National level extending the cooperation platform through the operation of Cyber Intelligence functionalities in order to discover possible external threats related not only to the ATM environment but also to other services/systems whose disruption or destruction could cause domino effect on ATM.
- The EGCC will then be responsible for feeding such information to the NGSMP for further dissemination to the local levels.



The GAMMA Concept: The need for Sanitisation

- Sanitisation of information to be disseminated to European level should be seen as a prerequisite for the successful exploitation of collaborative environments within the existing regulatory framework.
- The sensitive information, generated at local and national level, that has to be disseminated to European level, can be (if necessary) opportunely modified so as to eliminate sensitive aspects. In the picture below the filter symbol represents where the sanitization process can be performed.





Instantiation of GAMMA concept :

The Security Management Platform prototype

The role of SMP inside GAMMA solution

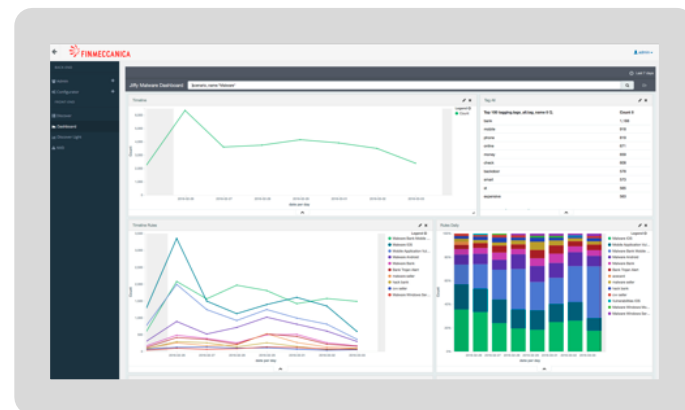
- SMP is the “core” of GAMMA concept, and will provide a basis for the management of security throughout the phases, from prevention to the identification of security incidents and the efficient resolution of the resulting ATM crises.
- The SMP is intended to provide **Situational Awareness** (applying cross-correlation techniques of events) and **Decision Support** functionalities supporting the coordinated management of ATM security.
- For this purpose the shared platform includes specific capabilities such as **Cyber Security Intelligence** and **Attack Effect Prediction**, in order to provide decision support to GAMMA operators.
- Moreover, the SMP includes an **Information Dissemination System** that allows the dissemination of security information through the multilevel architecture proposed by the GAMMA solution.

- **Coordination & Control System:**

- Provides Alarm Correlation, Security Monitoring and Decision Support for Incident/Crisis Management
- A decision support function allows the operator to provide possible countermeasures to Local Security Systems or other SMPs.
- A sanitization function is also available in order to opportunistically modify sensitive information before transferring them to the IDS module for dissemination.

- **Cyber Security Intelligence Platform:**

- provides GAMMA operators the possibility to obtain relevant information about possible (cyber) attacks on ATM systems, crawling the internet through open sources such as social networks, in order to determine the threats related to a particular target.
- It allows also to identify the motivation, the characteristics and the identities of the attackers.

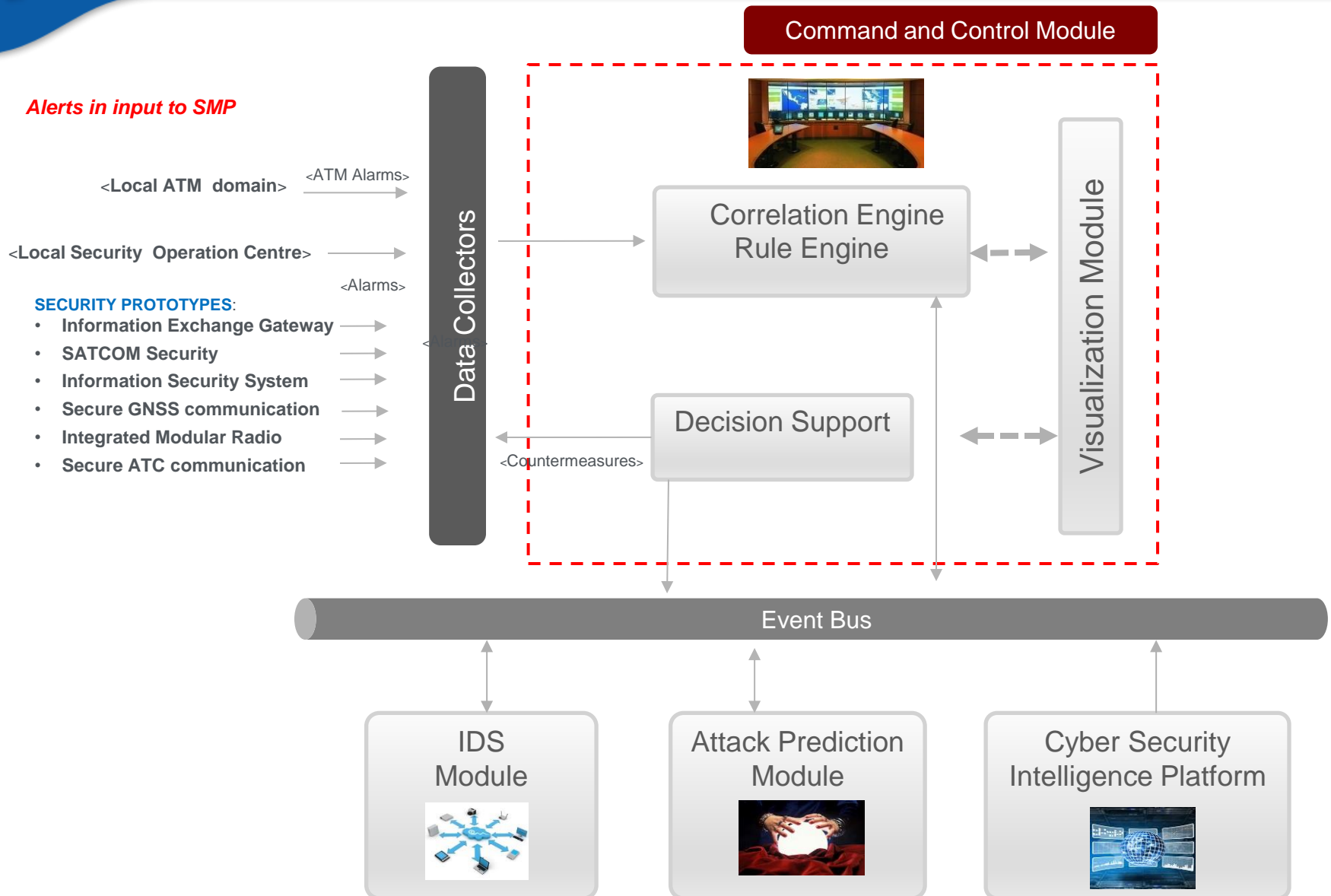


- **Attack Effect Prediction**

- Is a decision support SMP sub-system that provides a joint assessment of the information received from different sensors (event detectors)
- It creates a directed graph structure to describe the ATM system encoding all Supporting Assets (SA) as a subset of nodes and all threat scenarios as a set of paths to the SAs, that form the graph
- Additionally, an impact value for each type of attack for each security control is given (or a set of values for different Impact Areas).

- **Information Dissemination System:**

- Disseminate automatically security reports from the SMP at European level to connected SMPs at National levels, applying (automatic) filtering conditions
- Allow the SMP operator at National level to disseminate manually security reports to other connected Security Management Platforms at national or European level
- Show security reports on both tabular and geographical presentations and security critical subjects (e.g. aircraft, network trunk/nodes, critical infrastructures) on the concise situational awareness display allowing for early detection of potential causality/escalation.

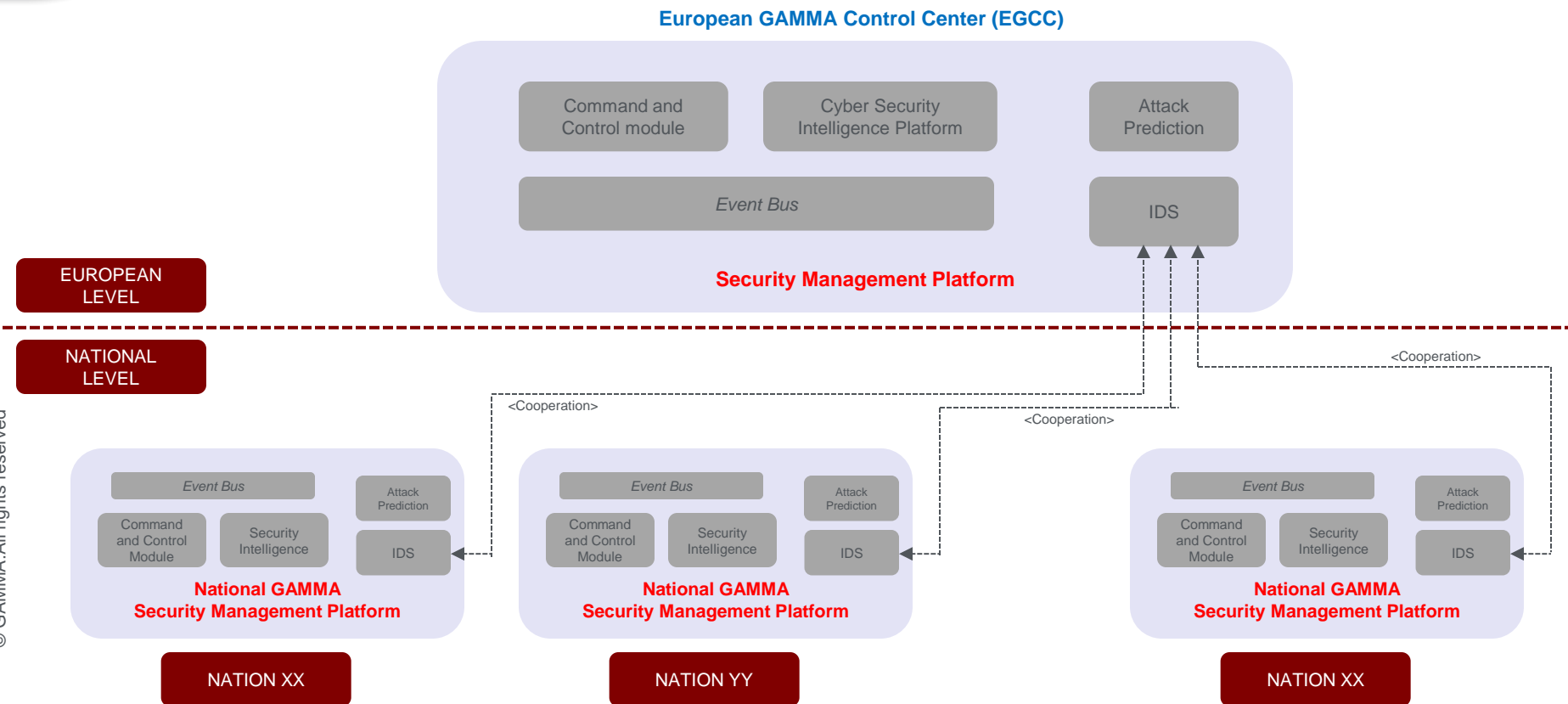


- SMP receives input from:
 - ✓ Local Security Systems (LGSOC or other Prototypes) (security events / detections)
 - ✓ ATC systems (alerts from systems within the ATM domain)
 - ✓ Other SMPs (disseminated alerts / messages)
 - ✓ The internet (open source information about possible attacks in social networks, chats, etc.)

- SMP outputs are
 - ✓ Security reports (to Local Security Systems or to other SMP)
 - ✓ Correlated alarms due to the correlation function
 - ✓ Recommended Countermeasures (to Local Security Systems or to other SMP)
 - ✓ Attack effect prediction reports (to Local Security Systems or to other SMPs)
 - ✓ Alarm clearing (to some other Prototypes)

- The SMP plays a central role in the GAMMA concept
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 - ✓ the **National** level represented by the **N**ational **G**AMMA **S**ecurity **M**anagement **P**latform (**NGSMP**)
 - ✓ the **Local** level represented by local security systems as well as **L**ocal **G**AMMA **S**ecurity **O**peration **C**enters (**LGSOC**).
- SMP deployment:
 - ✓ One instance at **European** Level in the **E**uropean **G**AMMA **C**oordination **C**entre (EGCC)
 - ✓ One instance **for each Nation** (NGSMP)

The SMP in the multilayer approach of GAMMA solution





- The most important concept of the GAMMA project, implemented by the federated architecture of the Security Management Platforms, is the sharing of security information between ATM stakeholders.
- The SMP architectural vision enlarges the scope for cooperative management of ATM security while assuring controlled sharing of information, which is fundamental for its acceptance in a multinational context
- The GAMMA concept opens the way for managing ATM security at European level, proposing (but not enforcing) recommendations on actions or measures to be taken at lower levels, in line with existing principles of national sovereignty and responsibilities over security issues.
- The SMP is an enabler for the implementation of this concept, and can be adopted for the management of ATM security as well as the management of security in any federated environment (i.e. military domain)

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- Two different human roles are considered within the GAMMA concept:
 - GAMMA Operators, represented by actors performing functions within the LGSOC, NGSMP and EGCC
 - GAMMA Users, represented by Users of the local security systems.

