

The Active Security Cycle

Keeping your Security Risk Assessment in step with a changing operational environment

The challenge

A Security Risk Assessment (SRA) is the best picture an organization has of its operational environment, but only at the moment it is made. The environment keeps changing, uncertainty grows around the assumptions behind the assessment, and monitoring usually checks whether measures are implemented rather than whether the picture still holds.

The answer

The Active Security Cycle (ASC) keeps your SRA dynamically connected to the changes in the operational environment. Inspired by the way the brain manages uncertainty, it starts from your completed SRA, treats it as an operational model, and is set in motion whenever new information challenges it.



The seven steps of the Active Security Cycle

● Complements

your current SRA/SRM method; it replaces nothing

● Uses

the structure and staff you already have

● Detects

change early and documents every decision

The cycle works through four functions your organization already performs

1 SRA complete

Recommended measures in place or under close monitoring.

2 Operations Centre

Holds the operational model and detects prediction errors.

3 Perception tools

Intelligence, liaison, community contacts, open sources.

4 Action tools

Protection, community acceptance, information-seeking.

Our services

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ASC introduction workshops

For groups of security professionals or in one-on-one sessions: the rationale, the seven steps and how to apply them in your organization.

2

Building your operational model

We turn the conclusions of your most recent SRA into a clear, monitorable set of assumptions, indicators, perception tools and review rhythms.

3

Three months of implementation support

We help you start the cycle, build and follow up the ASC log, and advise on each decision until the routine is established.

4

ASC consultancy for operations and specific problems

We advise on applying the cycle in daily security operations or to a specific security problem, whether or not it arises from a formal SRA.

About

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Resources: The discussion paper is available free at www.activecycle-risk.com. Every service includes the ASC Practitioner's Manual.

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