

Cybersecurity in Europe – Lessons learnt from Cybersecurity Capacity Maturity Assessments

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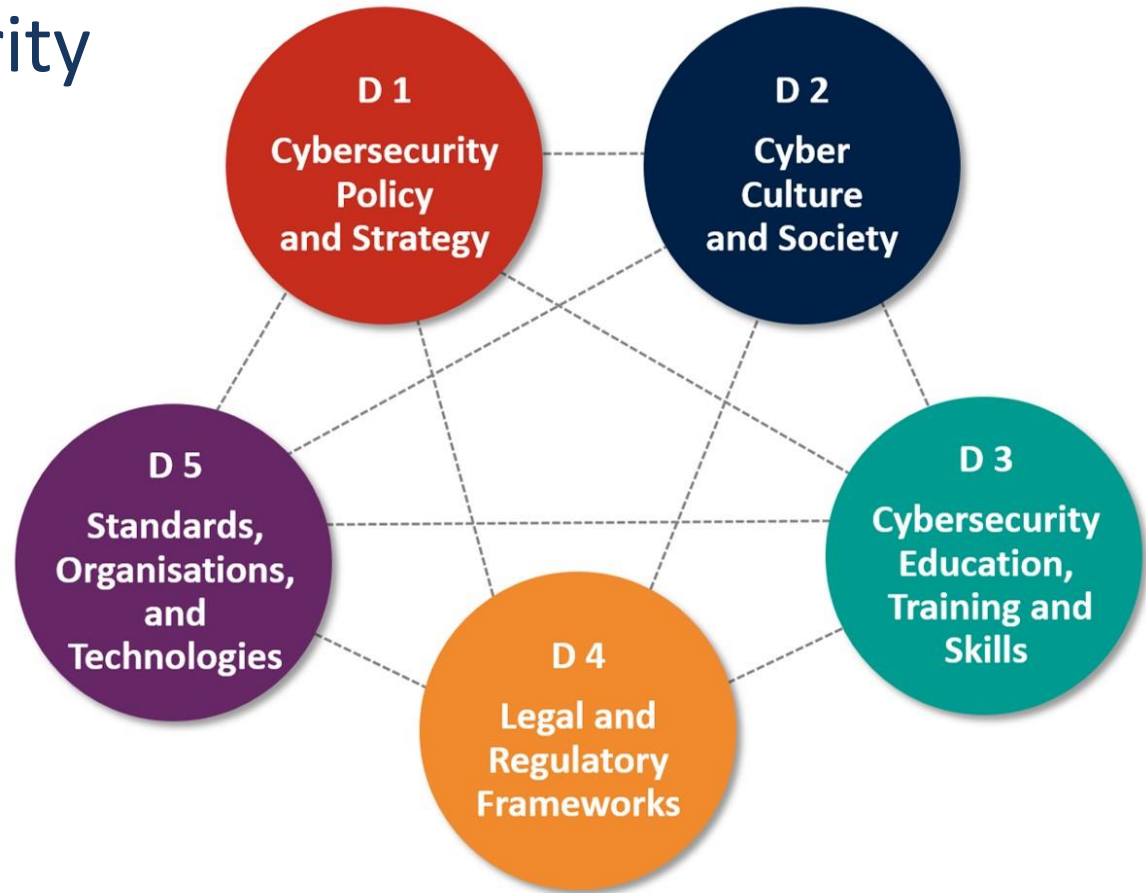
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Cybersecurity Capacity Maturity Model for Nations (CMM)

The 5 DIMENSIONS of Cybersecurity Capacity

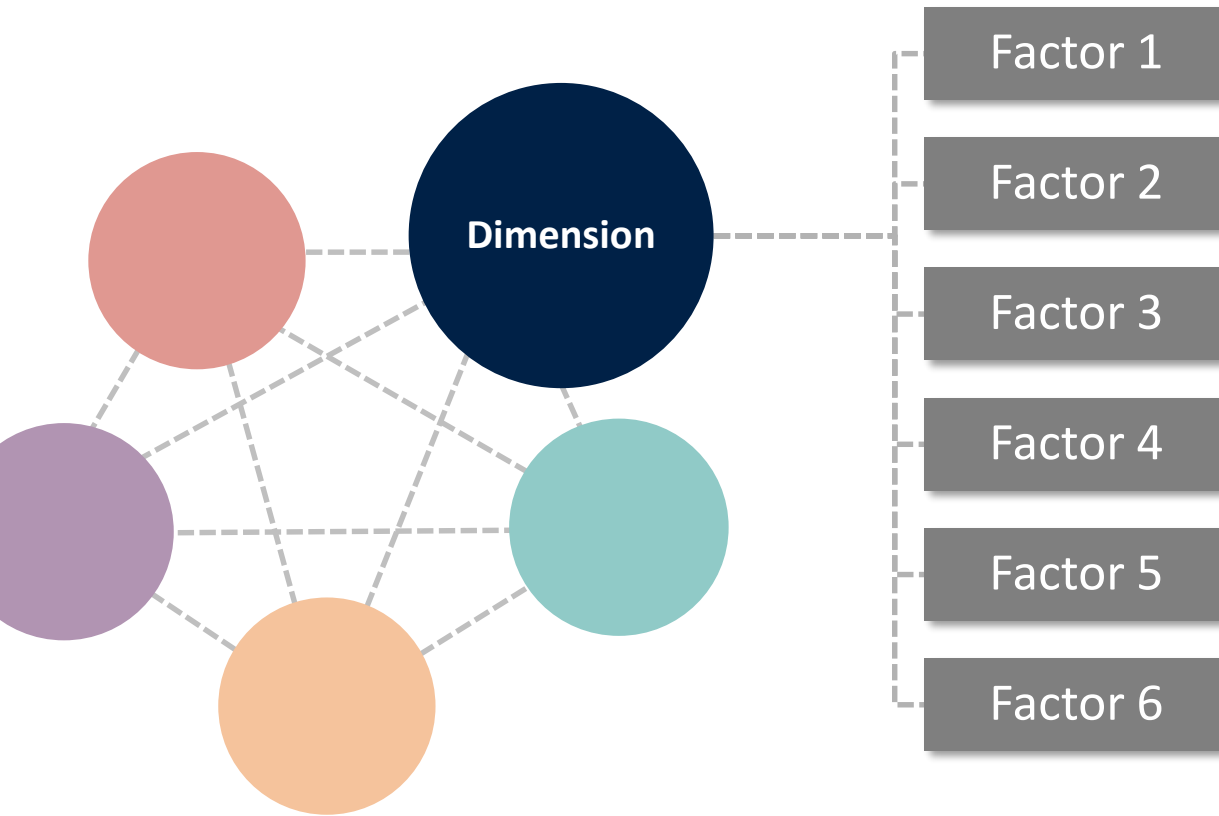


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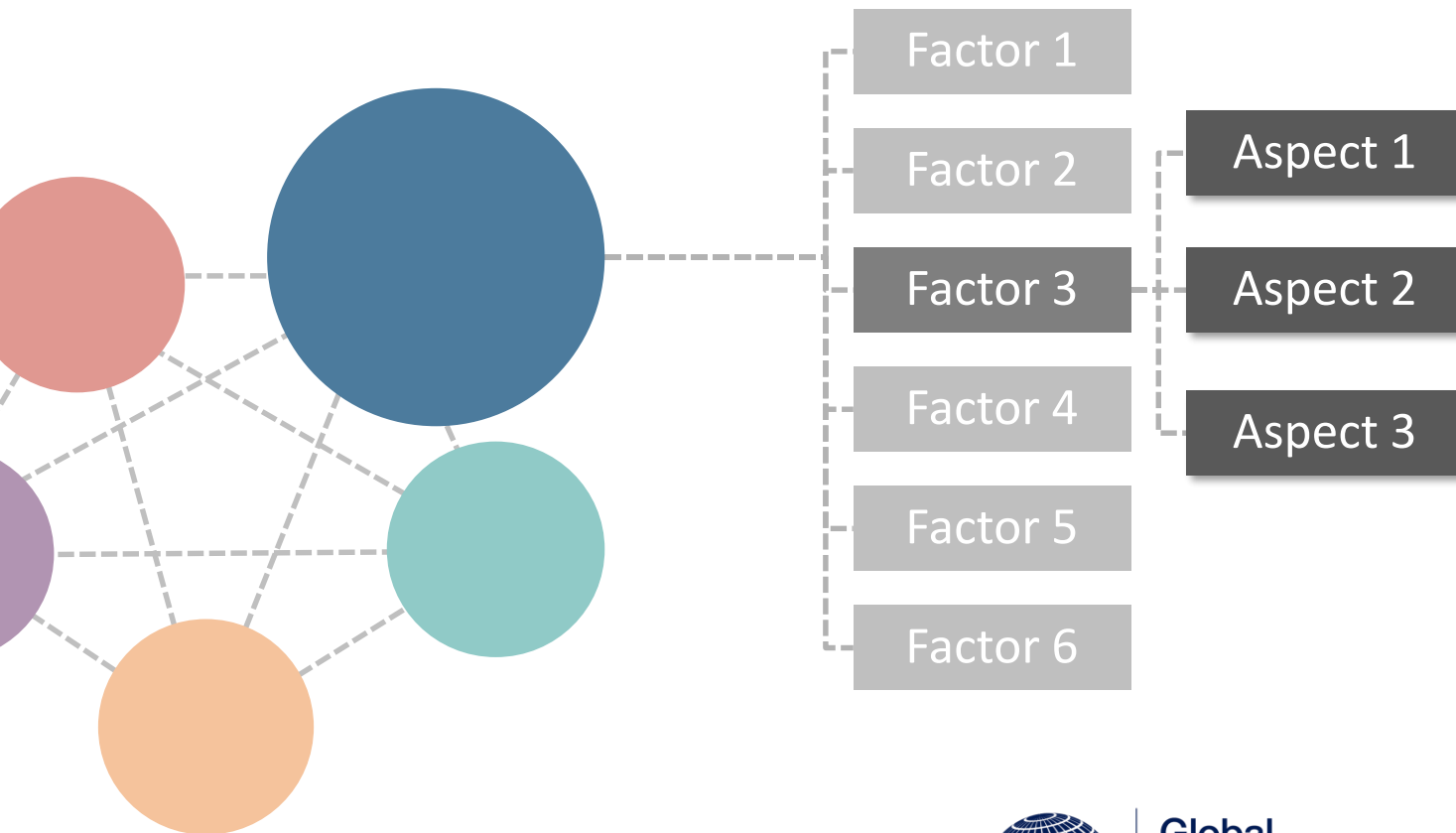
FACTORS: What it means to possess cybersecurity



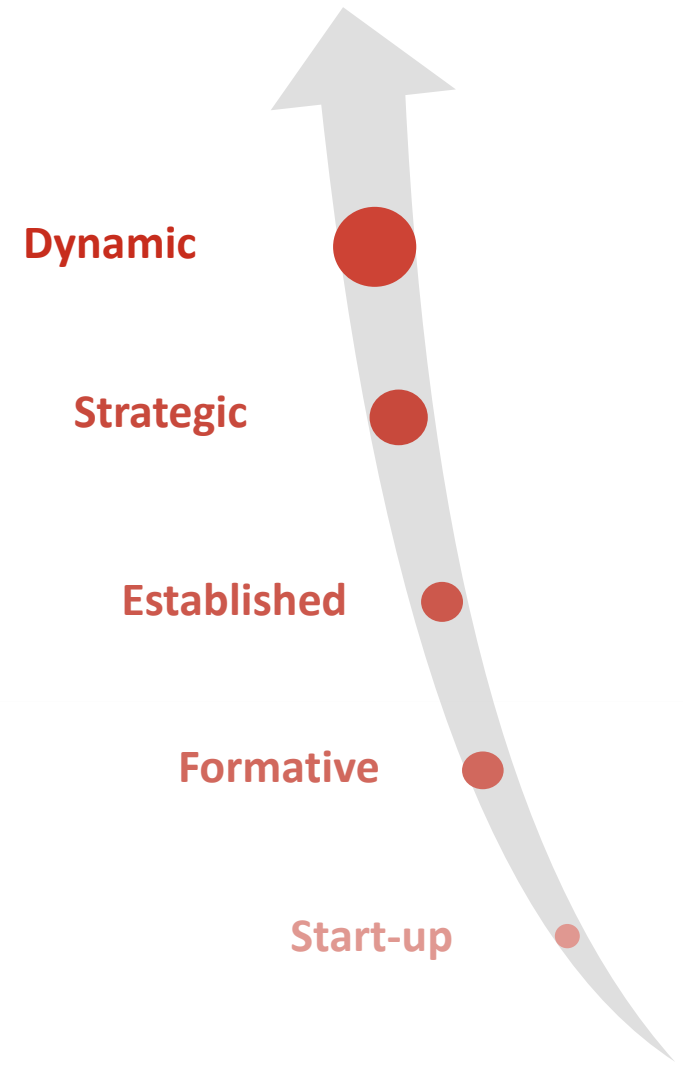
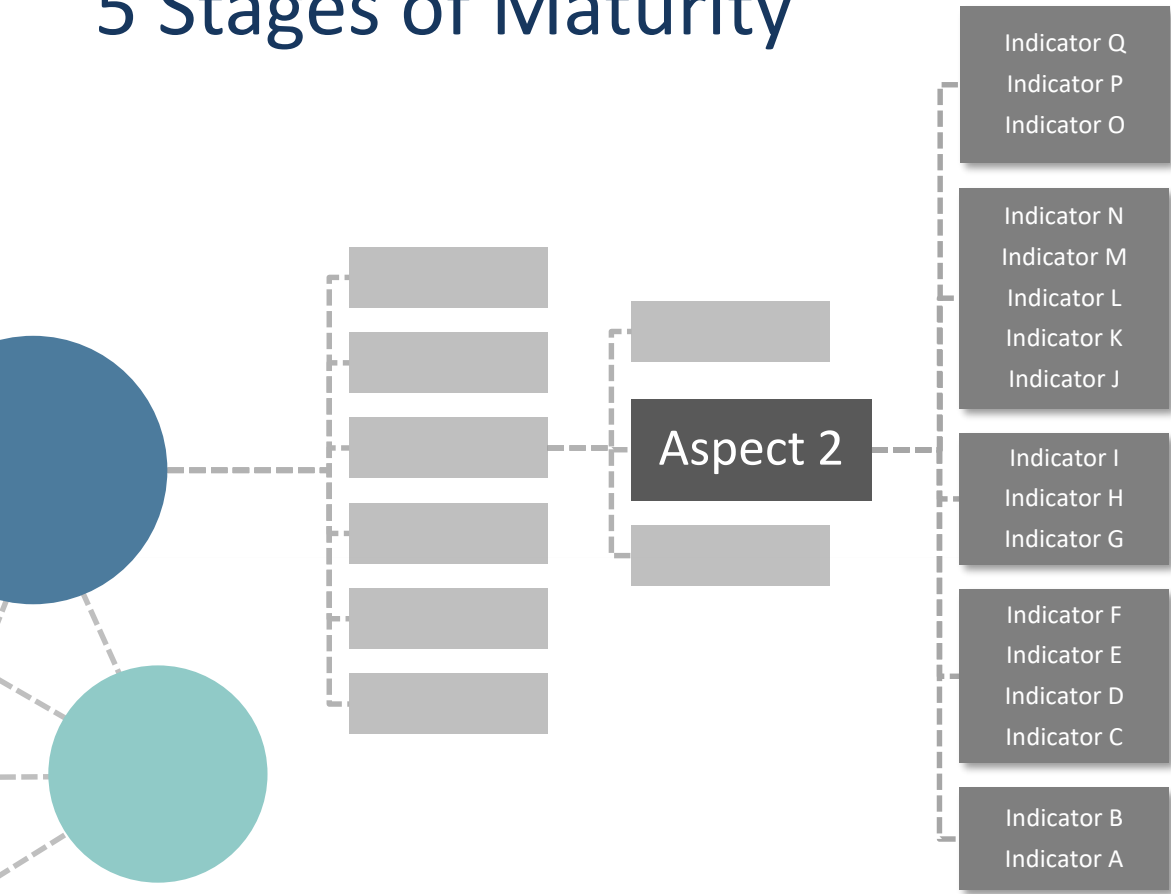
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ASPECTS: Structure the Factor's content into more concise parts



INDICATORS: Classify Aspects in 5 Stages of Maturity





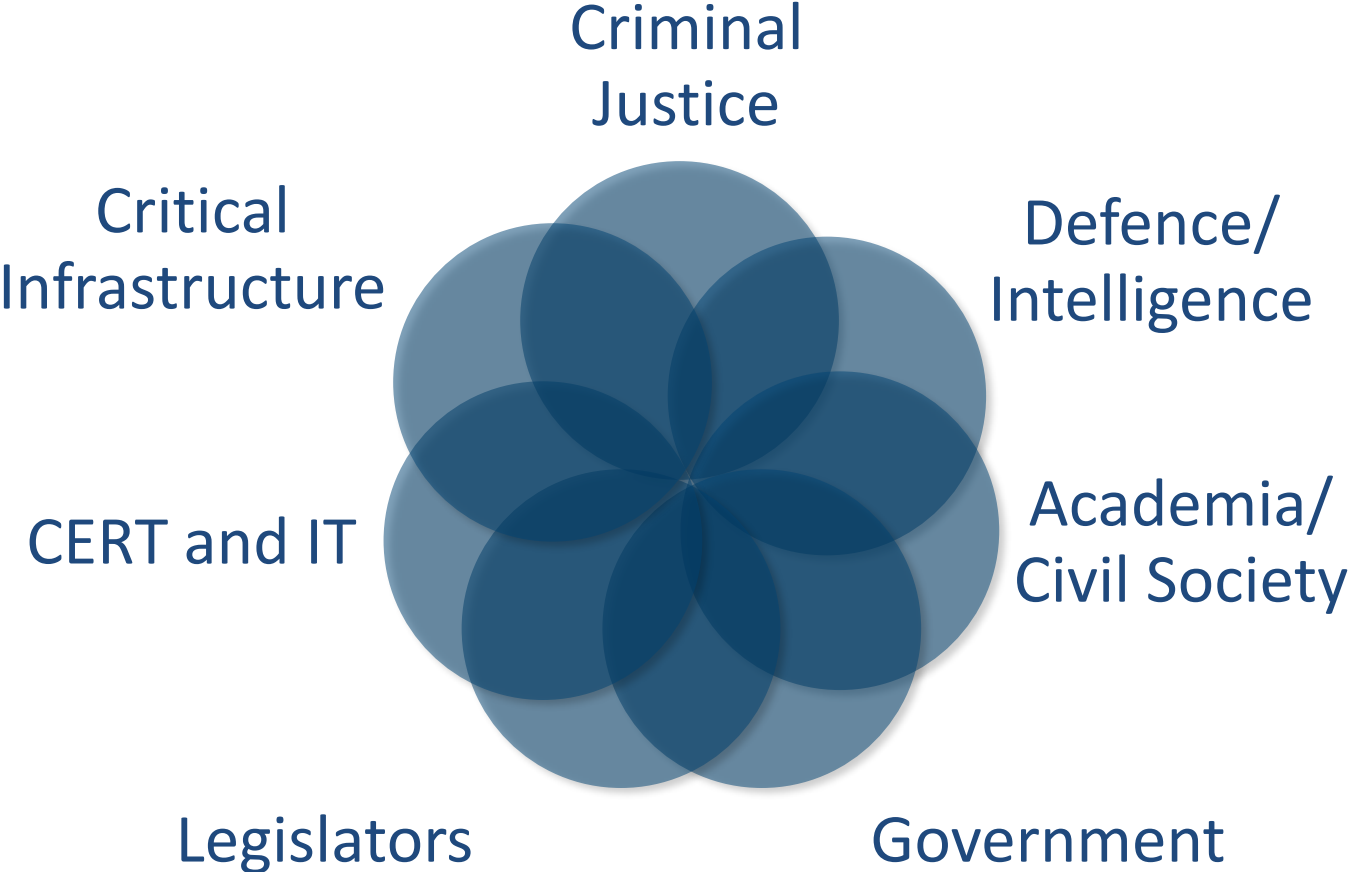
Deploying the CMM

Methodology

- In-country focus group discussions with key stakeholders
- 10 sessions over 3 days
- Research team from the GCSCC
- Interactive deployment tool makes it possible to identify current stage of maturity according to the CMM



Stakeholder Clusters



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“All models are wrong but some are useful.”
-- *George Box*

Added-value of CMM Deployments

- Facilitation of direct conversations with stakeholders in-country
- Organic awareness raising through stakeholder exchanges
- Nationally owned process, supported by neutral external evaluation
- Qualitative and quantitative benchmarking
- Assisted self-assessment
- Coordinated recommendations to guide investment priorities





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Feedback

- Countries found the reviews informative and helpful in identifying previously under-considered capacity gaps
- Diverse stakeholder groups enables comprehensive picture in report development
- Review itself as capacity-building exercise and allowed discussions among different stakeholders
- Various lessons learned across all five dimensions of cybersecurity capacity





Observations & Lessons Learnt

Lessons Learnt

- **Policy and Strategy:** Misperception of the role of the CSIRT
- **Culture and Society:** Lack of awareness and of understanding of the relationship between trust/confidence and security
- **Education and Training:** Disconnect between educational offerings and industry needs
- **Legal Frameworks:** Question whether new cybercrime/cybersecurity legislation is needed or adapting existing law is sufficient
- **Standards:** Standards adoption (particularly ISO standards) mostly ad-hoc
- **Overall:** Lack of cooperation and information-sharing; resources; data collection challenges



Observations

- Improvements in government cybersecurity mind-set drive development of national cybersecurity strategy
- No measure of cooperation at the operational level can substitute for institutionalized coordination
- NIS Directive, GDPR function as capacity building instruments (toolkit of best practices)
- Standards and certificates become educational backbone in absence of cybersecurity curriculum/ degree programs
- Informal cooperation facilitates capability advances with greater flexibility and speed ...
- BUT also creates single points of failure



Impact Examples of CMM Deployments in Europe

FYROM Around 70% of the CMM recommendations got incorporated into the NCS (adopted July 2018); the remaining ones will likely become part of the Action Plan (currently in the making).

Kyrgyz Republic Workshop with over 60 representatives of public sector and academia, topics incl. incident response and security teams, global cyber incident trends, cyber incidents in the finance sector; WB delivering targeted cybersecurity technical assistance for the Digital CASA-Kyrgyz Republic Project Implementation Unit.

Lithuania CMM results/recommendations were considered during the NCS drafting process and some of the recommendations turned into actions; national cybersecurity status report 2018 mentioned and gave reference to CMM assessment.

Cyprus Research collaboration of National Cyber Risk Management, start October 2018; signing of a Memorandum of Understanding on 15th October; we have identified and are in the process of arranging interviews with four people (all involved in Cyprus's risk assessment); Cyprus has shared their national risk-assessment methodology.

Going Forward

- Development of Cyber Harm Framework to assess and measure direct and indirect harms caused by cyber incidents
- Joint deployment of CMM and Cyber Harm Framework
→ results to facilitate **prioritisation of capacity investments** towards harm reduction
- CMM data analysis
- Consultation on CMM revision





Annex

Cyber Harm Framework (CHF) - Overview

- Additionally, the Capacity Centre is developing a robust methodology for the measurement of harm in/from cyberspace.
- The **CHF** would expand the existing CMM with a methodological underpinning, backed up by a data collection framework, for relating cybersecurity capacity indicators to the areas in which harm might be reduced.
- The results shall facilitate **prioritisation of capacity investments** towards harm reduction.



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From the GCSCC

CMM Assessments Around the World

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CMM Deployments

Since 2015, the **Cybersecurity Capacity Maturity Model (CMM)** has been deployed more than 60 times around the world. This was through key strategic international partners, such as the World Bank (WB), the Organization of American States (OAS), the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), NRD Cyber Security (NRD), NUPI, and Oceania Cyber Security Centre (OCSC) who either provided support to the GCSCC or deployed the CMM itself.

CMM Reports

Over 60 CMM reviews completed

31 single country reports by GCSCC completed or in progress:

2 Regional Reports completed or in progress by the OAS

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