



# Security and Privacy Incident Response at Ericsson

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# Ericsson PSIRT

## TEAM BACKGROUND

Team established in 2004  
Accredited by Trusted Introducer (GEANT/TF-CSIRT) in 2005  
Full membership in FIRST since 2006  
Main organization located in Finland  
Current team size 1+13

## MAIN OPERATIONS

Vulnerability management (monitoring and alerting)  
Product security assurance

- risk assessments
- privacy impact analysis
- security and vulnerability assessments

Development and maintenance of assessment methodology and tools

**Triage and product related incident response**  
Tier-2 support for security issues raised by customers

## FIGURES

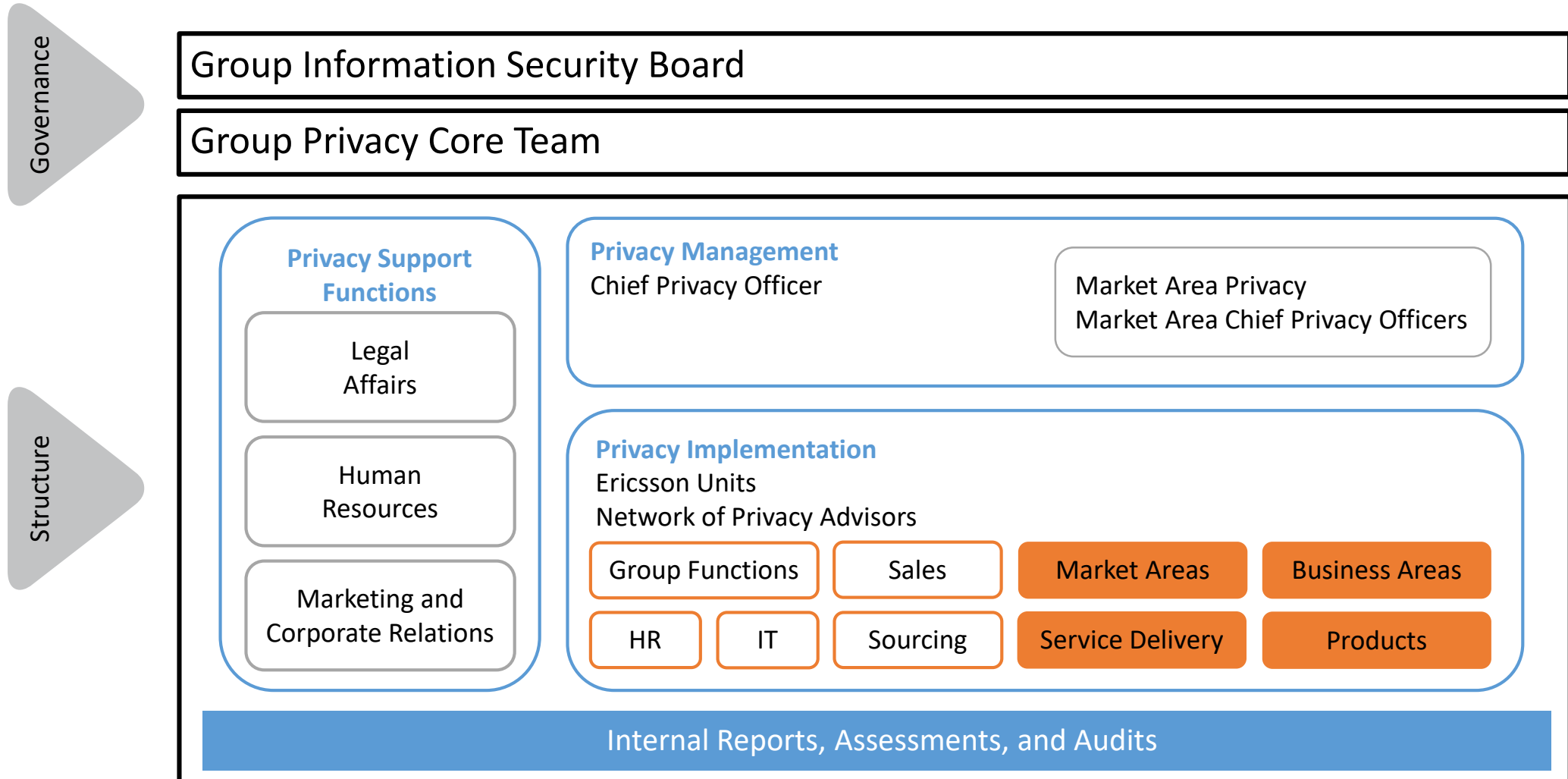
Products and services deployed in over 180 countries  
Our managed networks serving over one billion subscribers  
Tracking vulnerabilities in close to 500 active products  
17.000+ vulnerabilities analyzed yearly  
3.000+ vulnerabilities registered yearly in vulnerability database

## COOPERATION

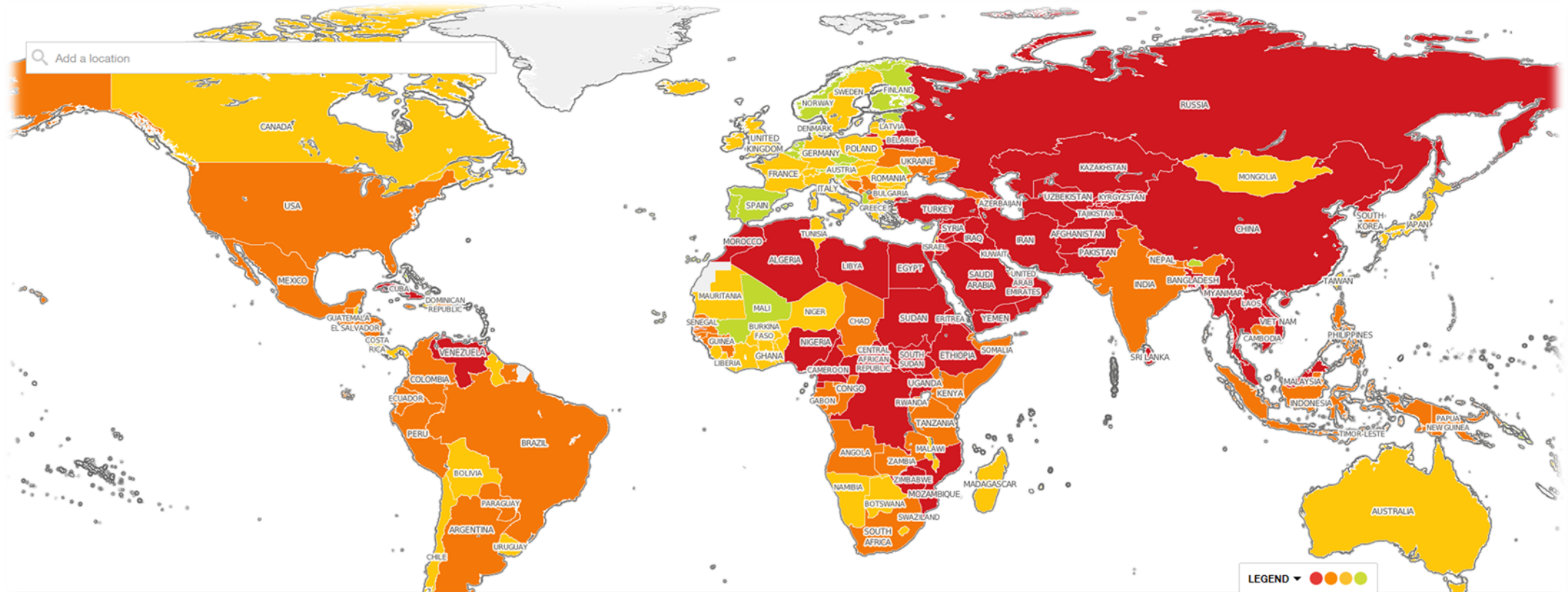
Active cooperation with national / international CERT communities  
Contacts established with vendor and operator CSIRT teams  
Participating in EU Commission workgroups  
Contributing to ETIS



# Privacy Governance



# Privacy Risk Heatmap



The index score is presented on a scale of 0-10, where 0 represents highest risk and 10 represents lowest risk. The risk category is based on the index score as follows:

● Extreme 0-2.5

● High > 2.5-5

● Medium > 5-7.5

● Low > 7.5-10

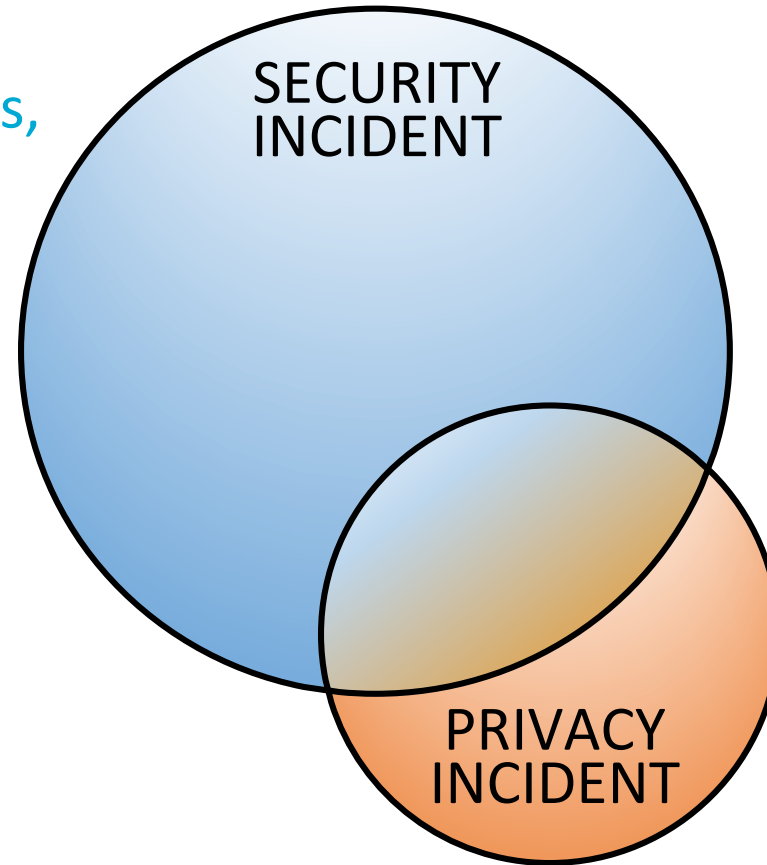
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# Incident Handling Flow

- The incident process cover everything from identification of a reported case up to closure and follow up of the final incident report
- Customers rarely report incidents directly to PSIRT, instead they file support cases
- The first step of the handling process is to determine if the incident is product related and if privacy aspects need to be taken into account
- Potential privacy incidents with activate the privacy officer(s) and trigger a subprocess for determining Ericsson's relationship to the Data Subjects

# Privacy and Security Incident Relationship

Protecting information from unauthorized access, disclosure, modification or destruction

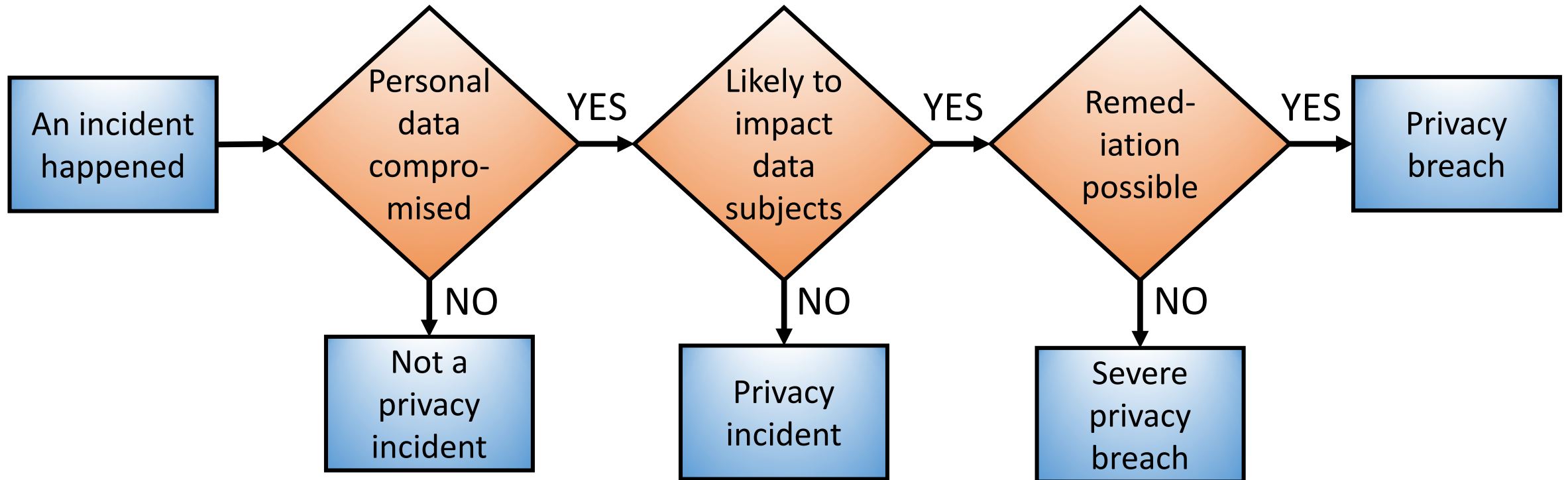


Respecting a fundamental right to the protection of personal data

# Incident Triage

- Appoint an incident lead
- Verify and record provided initial information
- If applicable, support in assessing the privacy impact
- Identify the urgency and criticality in order to prioritize the case
- Create a response strategy plan (and keep it updated)
- Identify and handshake with essential stakeholders (e.g., administrators, technical experts, KAMs, service delivery manager, privacy officers, etc.)
- Determine the need to preserve forensic evidence
- Clarify the outcome and the expectations of the incident investigation

# Privacy Incident vs. Privacy Breach





# Incident Communications

- Keep stakeholder up-to-date during investigation
  - regional service delivery managers
  - involved product organization
  - customer
- Additional communications for privacy incidents
  - approve all communications through appointed privacy officer
  - depending on the local legislation, communicate with DPA, other public authorities and directly with data subjects (if needed)
- If needed, PSIRT will assist in formulating a privacy breach notification

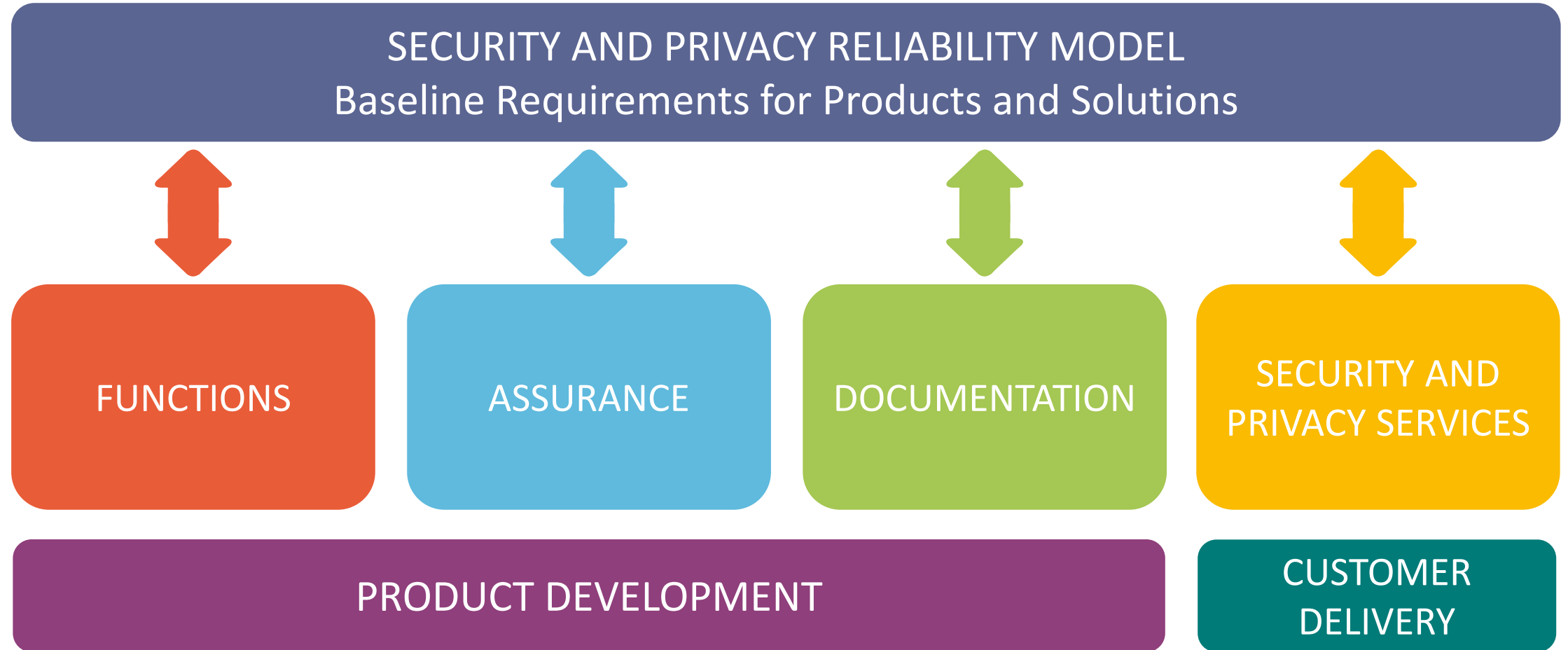
# Common Causes of Privacy Incidents

- Lack of security controls
  - loss of equipment containing data
  - transfer, sale or disposal of equipment containing data (without wiping it first)
  - use of equipment without adequate transfer or storing protection for data
  - failing to protecting against intrusion into equipment containing data
  - insufficient rights to access or modify data (e.g., wrongful access, tampering)
  - inadequate security or access controls for data in print or electronic format
  - processing data without or in contradiction with consent

# Common Causes of Privacy Incidents (cont.)

- Lack of privacy controls
  - low privacy awareness and data handling competence within staff, contractors and third parties
  - lack or inadequate provisions to protect privacy in contracts or in agreements on processing and information sharing
  - lack of data recognition
  - transfer of data outside country without adequate protection measures
  - lack or privacy processes or policies at Data Controller's or Processor's end
  - lack of policy implementations or consent management in product, services, and operations

# Security and Privacy by Design



# Implementation Examples

## Baselined Logging and Data Tagging

- A minimum criteria for logging
  - **Who** accessed personal data
  - **When** was the data accessed
  - **What actions were performed** on the data
  - **Data item tags** applied to personal data

Before Subscription-Id-Data 919961345678

After Subscription-Id-Data [1]919961345678[/1]

Data Item	Tag
MSISDN	[1]
IMSI	[2]
IMEI	[3]
Location (LAC / Cell ID)	[4] / [5]
Location (Other)	[6]
IP-address	[7]
First Name	[8]
Last Name	[9]
...	

# Implementation Examples (cont.)

## Pseudonymization of Log Files

### Normal log file in plain text

```
[Mon 2017-05-29 13:37:00 +0300] Received purchase request from user [1:123]smith
[Mon 2017-05-29 13:37:00 +0300] User [1:123]smith phone number [2:123]358123456789
[Mon 2017-05-29 13:37:00 +0300] Transaction by user [1:123]smith using credit card [3:123]342433922947072
[Mon 2017-05-29 21:31:46 +0300] Received purchase request from user [1:456]johnson
[Mon 2017-05-29 21:31:46 +0300] User [1:456]johnson phone number [2:456]358123454321
[Mon 2017-05-29 21:31:47 +0300] Transaction by user [1:456]johnson using credit card [3:456]510510510510510
...
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### De-identified log file with format preserving encryption

```
[Mon 2017-05-29 13:37:00 +0300] Received purchase request from user [1:123]aqugj
[Mon 2017-05-29 13:37:00 +0300] User [1:123]aqugj phone number [2:123]397174510075
[Mon 2017-05-29 13:37:00 +0300] Transaction by user [1:123]aqugj using credit card [3:123]187624087423143
[Mon 2017-05-29 21:31:46 +0300] Received purchase request from user [1:456]omqnfjh
[Mon 2017-05-29 21:31:46 +0300] User [1:456]omqnfjh phone number [2:456]038601359323
[Mon 2017-05-29 21:31:47 +0300] Transaction by user [1:456]omqnfjh using credit card [3:456]199738641157294
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# Key Takeaways

- As a Data Controller or Data Processor
  - know the data, know where it is stored, know the local legislation
  - have (rehearsed) processes in place, have well-defined responsibilities
  - agree on communications channels, get to know the local DPA, agree on templates (e.g., breach notification)
  - avoid making contracts that can block or slow down your investigation
  - transfer legal liability for data protection to parties involved in data processing
  - employ forensic investigators or keep a shortlist of local third parties that quickly can aid with needed technical investigation
  - have the technical capability to notify victims (potentially in the millions)

# Key Takeaways (cont.)

- As a technology provider
  - identify and document personal data being processed by the product
  - have requirements in place to ensure that the product privacy impact is assessed
  - implement needed technical features to
    - allow classification of personal data according to local regulation and law
    - ensure high data quality (allow updating or deleting outdated information)
    - enable data de-identification, anonymization, and scheduled erasures acc. to retention times
    - enable data transfers (through machine-readable exports and imports)
    - allow fine grained access controls to all processed data item
    - protect confidentiality and integrity of personal data at rest and when in transfer
    - collect sufficient logging (i.e., audit trails) for all vital privacy related events





**Thank You!**

