

The SURF logo consists of the word "SURF" in white, bold, uppercase letters inside a black speech bubble shape that points downwards and to the right.

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# Enhancing member satisfaction about security of your NREN

With certified security & suitability classification

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# | About SURF

## Around:

- 500 staff
- 60 IT services
- 100+ members/institutes

## 100+ Members:

- Vocational and adult education
- Higher education
- Universities/scientific education
- University medical centres
- Research institutes



# ISO 27001 certification Suitability classification

# | Security Framework

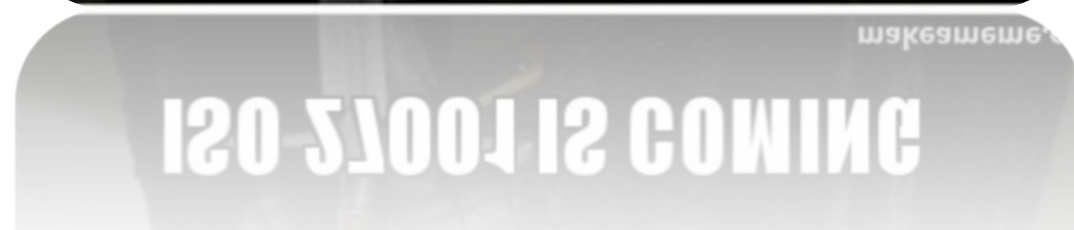
## Global ISO 27001/27002 standard for infosec

January 2024:

- 24 SURF services under the ISO 27001 certification

Scope: *“computing, data storage and analysis, visualisation, authentication, authorisation and cloud and grid services”*

An external audit takes place annually in which compliance with this standard is tested.



**NIS2**

**surge in cyber attacks**

**nationwide programme cyber resilience  
educational sector**

**Why??**

**Ministry of Education, Culture, Science**

**digital defence**

**the stakes are high**

**We are SURF!**

**cyber attack 2019**

**Universiteit Maastricht**

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# | Compliance is not security

This is true. Of course. Yes.

Framework says:

<<*some number – physical measures*>>

“A security gate is required to secure the premises and entrance of a building with your server room.”

Implementation for compliance:

A security gate is installed

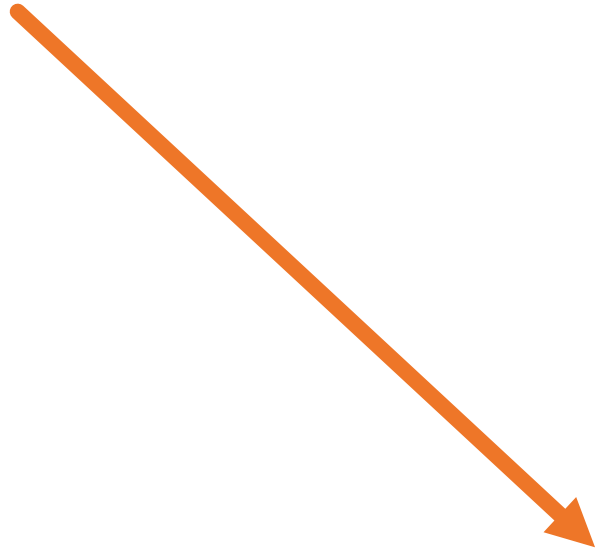
Actual “compliant” situation:



**It is not about  
nonconformities**

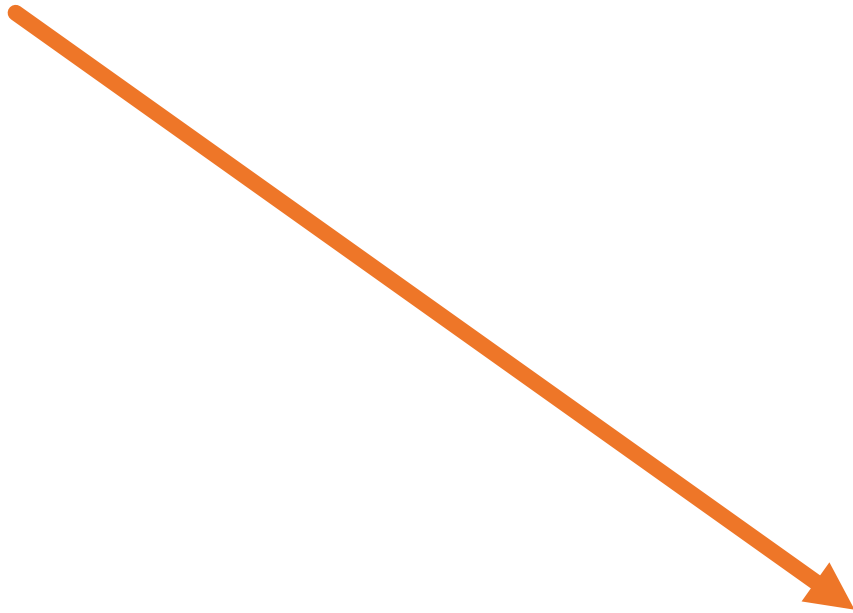
**It is about effectiveness**

| We actually  
aim to improve 😊





| To prevent

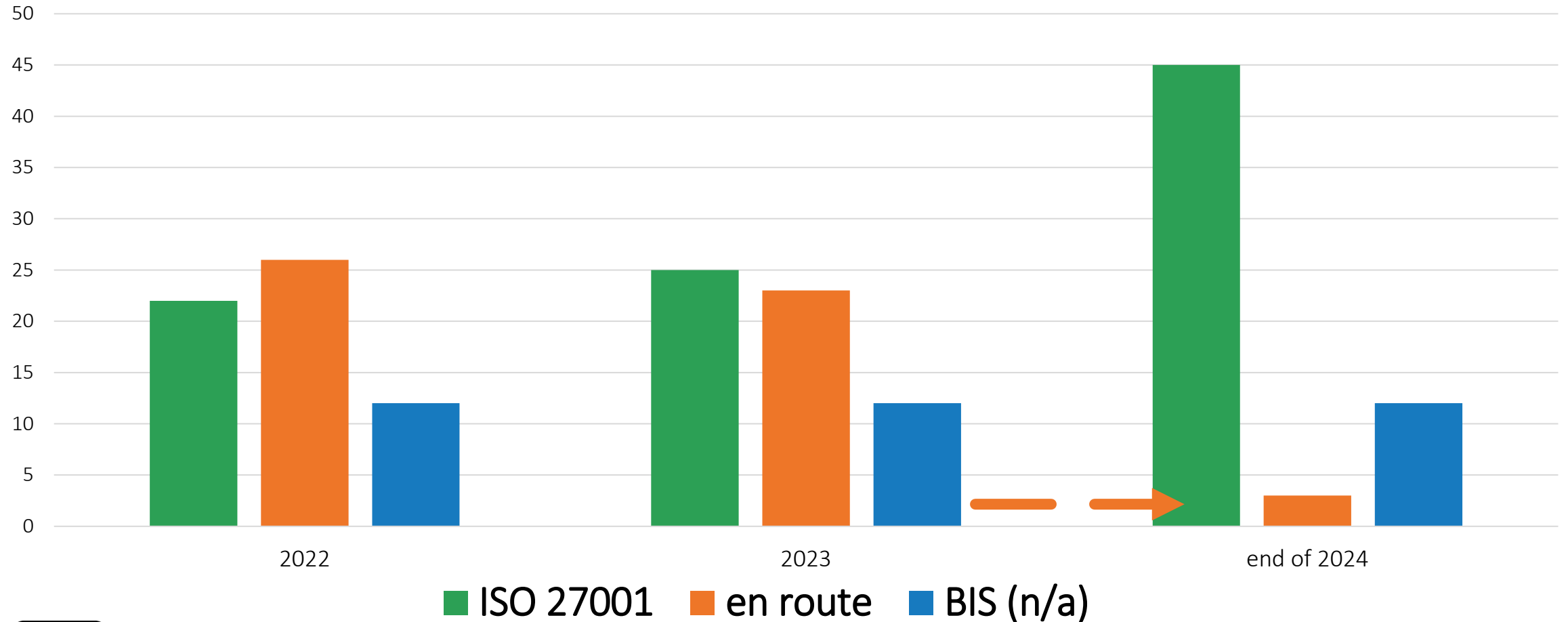


Before the audit

During the audit

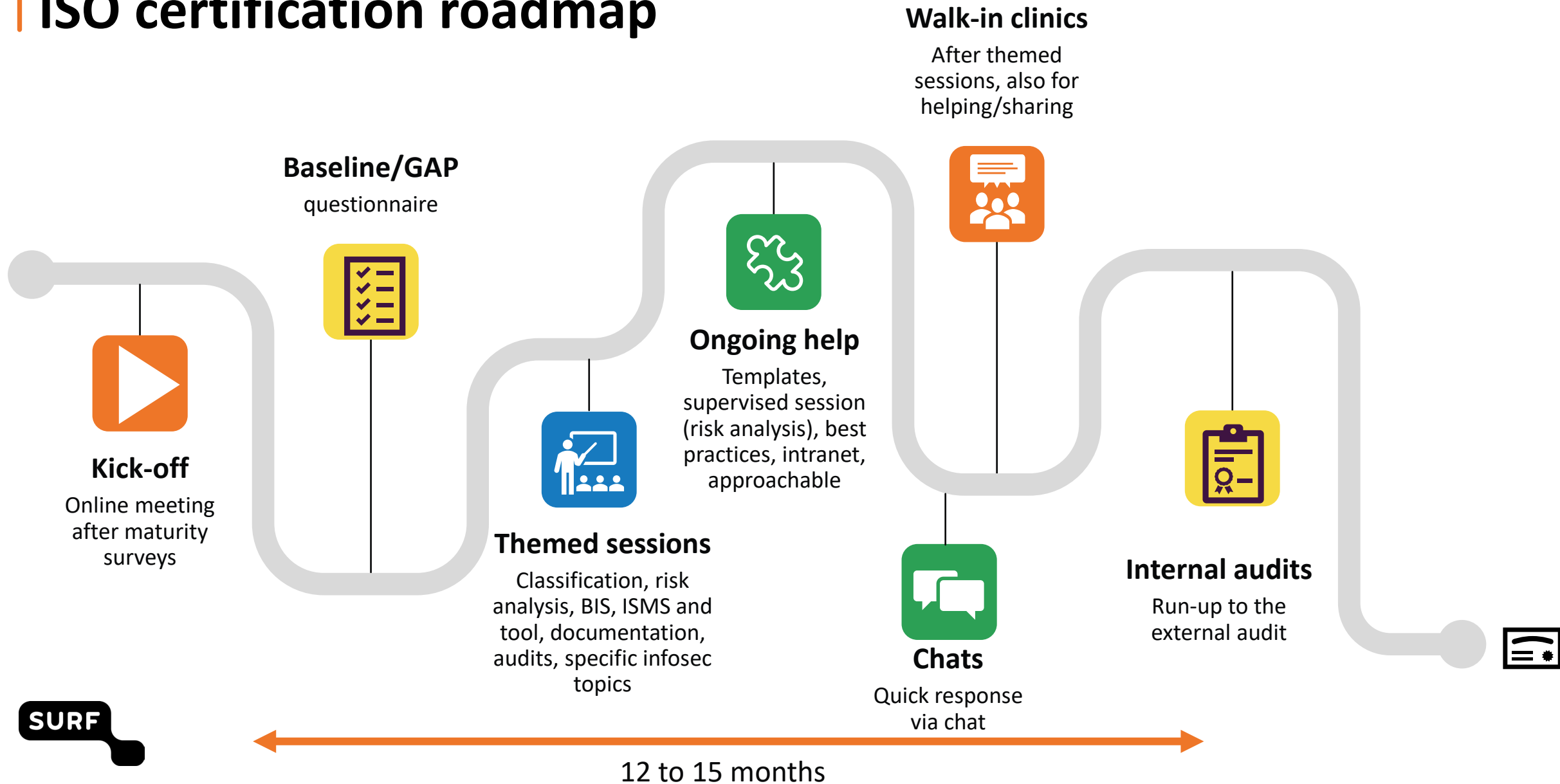
After the audit

# ISO 27001 certification where relevant (48 services of 60)



BIS = Baseline Information security SURF

# ISO certification roadmap



# | Keeping colleagues motivated

If we're not drowning in our work,  
we'll drown in regulations on top  
of the work

How not to drown?

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# Help, support, advice from the CISO team

kind  
understanding  
witty  
helpful  
tailored



## Programme

Clear roadmap



## Themed sessions

All topics covered



## Online collaboration

Teams, intranet



## Documentation

Documentation, recorded sessions, Q&A, explanations



## ISMS tool/GAP

Clear focus when you know what you need



## Online walk-in sessions

Questions, questions, help



## Tailored help

Help for the team in guided sessions



## Chats, quick response

Quick help, ... and off you go

# Roadmap

## 7 steps in 7 months

In between: walk-in clinics

Most important:  
risk analysis and classification

Most difficult:  
change management, IAM,  
supplier assessment

| Online sessions                          | Lorem ipsum   |
|--|---|
| Run-up                                   | Determining maturity level  |
| 1 – Kick off                             | ISO 27001, H4-H10: ISMS & governance and discuss results baseline measurement           |
| 2 – Classification (CIA) & risk analysis | After this session, we will schedule risk workshops to get you started (where required) |
| 3 – Baseline                             | Best practices, how to use, on what to focus  |
| <i>Time</i>                              | <i>GAP, risk analyses, getting things in order, individual help teams</i>               |
| 4 – Base27                               | Explanation on our ISMS tool  |
| 5 - Documentation                        | What documentation do you need, where do you find policies, procedures, templates       |
| 6 – internal and external audits         | How to go about audits, what to expect, why you must not worry                          |
| 7 – concluding session                   | Last questions, panic, help   |



Next up:

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internal audit

+ 3 to 4 months:

external audit



# Baseline Information Security SURF (BIS)



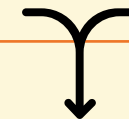


# Protection level, example: exam results

Guideline: the protection level '**Basic**' at SURF is approximately appropriate for information with confidentiality labels '**public**', '**internal**' and '**confidential**'

| Score  | Confidentiality | Integrity | Availability |
|--------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|
| Basic  | X               |           | X            |
| High   |                 | X         |              |
|        | basic           | high      | basic        |
| Result | B               | H         | B            |

Same measures



H

*This CIA score is for the service as a whole*

Tools:

- Excel-template CIA score
- Business Impact Criteria (risk based, monetary damage)

So:



CI = High  
A = Basic

# Easiest approach to determine the protection level

| Availability (B)   | Integrity & confidentiality (IV)  |
|--|---|
| <p><b>BASIC</b></p> <p>Overall loss or unavailability for longer than <b>1 working day</b> causes noticeable damage to the interests of user and organisation.</p> | <p><b>BASIC</b></p> <p>The Business process allows some to <b>few integrity mistakes</b>. Information accessible to limited to large group of users. Information is <b>public to confidential</b> and may contain personal data.</p> <p>→ Up to € &lt;amount&gt;</p>  |
| <p><b>HIGH</b></p> <p>Total loss or unavailability for more than <b>2 hours</b> causes significant damage to the interests of user and organisation.</p>           | <p><b>HIGH</b></p> <p>The business process does <b>not allow integrity mistakes</b>. Information accessible only to specific individuals. Information is <b>highly confidential or sensitive</b> and may contain sensitive or special personal data. Unintended disclosure outside this group causes great harm to the interests of user and organisation.</p> <p>→ From € &lt;amount&gt;</p> |

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Classification =  Responsible =  Version =  Procurement =

Keywords =  Control/measure =  ISO 27002 =  ID =

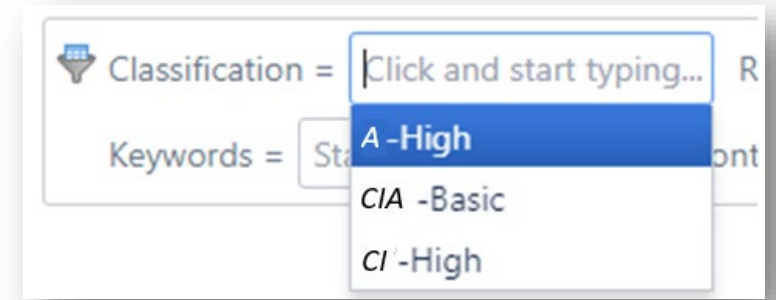
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Baseline associated with ISO 2017 (in 2024 transition phase to ISO 2022, for more about the 11 new controls, see <https://advisera.com/27001academy/explanation-of-11-new-iso-27001-2022-controls/>).

| Chapter                         | Sub-chapter                | ISO 27002 | ID      | Control/measure   | Classification | Responsible | Procurement | Explanation | Version | Keywords |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|---------|---|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------|----------|
| Safe staff                      | Prior to employment        | 7.1.1     |         | Screening - Background verification of all candidates for employment should be conducted in accordance with relevant laws, regulations and ethical considerations and should be proportionate to the business requirements, the classification of information accessed and the risks identified.  | BIV-Basic      | Central     |             |             | 1.1     |          |
| Safe staff                      | During employment          |           | 7.2.2.1 | All employees have a responsibility to protect company information. Everyone knows the rules and obligations related to information security and, where relevant, the special requirements for classified environments.   | BIV-Basic      | Central     | x           |             | 1.1     |          |
| Safe staff                      | During employment          |           | 7.2.3.3 | For specific projects and sensitive data processing at classification high (for confidentiality and integrity), a more explicit link is made between the employee's role regarding these processing operations and disciplinary measures. It should be communicated that the threshold for proceeding to the application of disciplinary measures is lower due to the nature of the processing operations and the sensitivity of data processed | IV-High        | Service     |             |             | 1.2     |          |
| Management of company resources | Responsibility for assets  |           | 8.1.1.2 | The Asset Management system clearly notes which systems should be up to classification high (for confidentiality and integrity).  | IV-High        | Service     | x           |             | 1.2     |          |
| Management of company resources | Information classification | 8.2.1     |         | Classification of information - Information should be classified with respect to legal requirements, value, importance and susceptibility to unauthorised disclosure or modification.   | BIV-Basic      | Service     |             |             | 1.1     |          |
| Management of company resources | Information classification |           | 8.2.1.1 | The information in all Information Systems is classified through an explicit risk assessment, so that it is clear which protection is needed.   | BIV-Basic      | Service     |             |             | 1.1     |          |
| Management of                   | Information                | 8.2.2     |         | Information labelling - To label  | BIV-Basic      | Central     |             |             | 1.1     |          |



# Baseline Information Security SURF (BIS)



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# | Suitability Classification

# | Suitability classification

- Is derived from the CIA score, i.e. the level of protection.
- Is a tool for the purchasing institutions.
- We publish the Baseline related to the score, so security professionals can look up what to expect
- All rights reserved (it is an aid, a tool, not a contract).

Designation at SURF service:

*Service X is suitable  
for data/information with a classification  
Cl: B/H and A: B/H*



*Tip: The lowest protection in a chain usually determines the overall suitability rating.*



# | Communication: our website



[View the SURF Information Security Baseline \(pdf\)](#)

## ISO 27001-certified services

The services covered by Research Facilities have been ISO-certified for some time. The declaration of applicability states the current scope of ISO certification. We are gradually expanding the scope of certification to more SURF services.

### SURF services under ISO 27001 certification (February 2024)



- National supercomputer Snellius
- High-performance Dataprocessing - Grid/GSP, Spider, dCache
- Jupyter Notebook Hub
- Data Archive
- Data Persistent Identifier
- B2SAFE
- HPC Cloud
- iRODS Hosting
- RDM Storage Scale-out
- SURF Data Repository
- SURF Research Cloud
- Custom Cloud Solutions

## | New situation website

| Service               | ISO 27001 certified? | Availability | Integrity & confidentiality |
|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Domeinen              |                      | Basic        | Basic                       |
| SURFcertificaten      | ✓                    | Basic        | Basic                       |
| SURFsoc               |                      | Basic*       | Basic*                      |
| iRODS Hosting         | ✓                    | Basic        | Basic*                      |
| RDM Storage Scale-out | ✓                    | basic        | Basic*                      |

*\* Under evaluation for the protection level 'high; for availability or integrity/confidentiality*

| Tools ... making things easier

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    - Omgaan met verwijderbare media

# Classificatie: risico en BIV

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**✓ Goal Information and suitability classification**

By categorising data, we can determine how well that data needs to be protected. We then know what security measures are needed to protect Availability, Integrity and Confidentiality, the 'BIV'.

- you know what the BIV is and what is important for each component
- you learn how to determine the risk level at which your service needs to be protected
- you know which measures belong to that risk level
- we can inform customers about the level of protection of the service (suitability classification)

We call this 'risk classification'. The approach follows from the Baseline Information Security SURF (BIS). In addition, you can use risk analysis to further specify specific threats and impacts for your service.

## What does it bring you?


- After the classification, you know what security measures you need. You achieve that you can use or offer your service/product in terms of security with peace of mind: it meets the requirements for security according to the classification at the right risk level.
- You can tell the customer which level of protection is applied to your service, so that the customer can determine whether the service is suitable.
- You can use a comprehensive risk analysis to determine which risks are greatest and reduce them using the BIS.
- You know how to implement an improvement cycle.

**Basic information**

- > Basics Classification and risk level
- > Information and suitability classification
- > Explanatory note BIV
- > Two security levels: basic and high

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## Summary

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Topic               | information classification   |
| Document            | Chapter 3 from the BIS-document<br> |
| Goal                | Determine level of information protection  |
| <a href="#">BIS</a> | BIS 8.2.1 - Classification of information  |
| Managed by          | CISO-team  |
| LCPM phase          | BP 0.5   |



# Information confidentiality labels

## Which information

Financial data

Technical information

Personal data

Special categories of personal data

Strategic information

Commercial information

Research data

## Confidentiality (sensitivity) label

Public

Internal

Confidential

Strictly confidential/secret

*Guideline: the protection level '**Basic**' at SURF is approximately appropriate for information with confidentiality labels '**public**', '**internal**' and '**confidential**'*

*Note: institutions determine this for themselves*



# BIC – Business Impact Criteria

| <i>Impact level</i> →                                 | <b>1</b><br><b>Negligible</b><br>Virtually no harm to the organisation                     | <b>2</b><br><b>Low</b><br>Limited damage to the organisation                                 | <b>3</b><br><b>Significant</b><br>Substantial damage to the organisation  | <b>3</b><br><b>Significant</b><br>Substantial damage to the organisation | <b>4</b><br><b>High</b><br>High damage to the organisation  | <b>5</b><br><b>Catastrophic</b><br>Very high or catastrophic damage to the organisation  |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|
| <i>Impact area</i> ↓                                  |  |  |   |  |   |  |
| Business impact: disruption of operations             | Minor inconvenience for some employees   | Short disruption (hours) for a few to dozens of employees                                    | Short disruption (hours) for all employees or long-term (days) disruption some employees                          | idem   | Long disruption (days) for all employees or prolonged (weeks) disruption to some employees                                  | Total disruption (weeks) or delay of operations within the company.  |
| Business impact: disruption of services               | Disruption of service with some interruptions. Customer notices little to nothing of this. | Disruption of service with multiple interruptions. Customer experiences moderate disruption. | Disruption of service with multiple interruptions and or prolonged. Customer experiences considerable disruption. | idem   | Prolonged major disruption (multiple) services. Customer temporarily unable to continue own activities/business operations. | Prolonged major disruption large part of services. Customer unable to continue own activities/business operations for extended period.       |
| Financial loss: loss of income/expenses/fines         | Up to  | Between  | Between   | Between  | Between   | More than  |
| Reputation damage                                     | No negative media coverage, only internal publicity.                                       | Limited coverage in local/social media and or sector publications.                           | Clear negative coverage in regional/social media and/or sector publications                                       | idem   | Extensive negative coverage in national/social media and/or critical voices from leading figures in industry publications   | Very large and very negative coverage in international/social media and/or critical publications by leading figures in industry publications |
| Failure in laws and regulations/conditions compliance | No   | Informal questions from authorities  | Formal letter from authorities  | idem   | Investigation by authorities  | Possible suspension of business operations by authorities  |
|   | ↓  | ↓  | ↓   | ↓  | ↓   | ↓  |
| Risk level BIV  | Basic  | Basic  | Basic   | High   | High  | High   |

# | You express availability in a a percentage. But what exactly does it mean?

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| 99,00 percent    | 3,65 days     |
| 99,50 percent    | 1,83 days     |
| 99,80 percent    | 17,52 hour    |
| 99,90 percent    | 8,76 hour     |
| 99,99 percent    | 52,56 minutes |
| 99,999 percent   | 5,26 minutes  |
| 99,9999 percent  | 31,5 seconds  |
| 99,99999 percent | 3,15 seconds  |

Availability from 'high' translates at SURF into approximately 99.97 to 99.98 per cent (maximum two hours).

It is important to look at the second decimal place in the procurement agreements/"SLA.

Even though 99.9% seems high, the availability percentage of this level is 'basic'.

# Tool with CIA classification

## Help questions in Excel

Direct download:

[Download dit Excel-template](#)

Dutch only



| Beschikbaarheid   |   | geringe schade,<br>ca. tot 50 K | aanzienlijke schade,<br>tussen 50K en 250K            | zeer hoge<br>schade vanaf<br>250K tot meer<br>dan € 2,5 mln. |
|---|---|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Beschikbaarheid: in welke mate staat een systeem ter beschikking staat en is data toegankelijk en bruikbaar. Bedenk welk proces de ICT-toepassing ondersteunt. Vul aan de hand van onderstaande vragen eventueel de motivatie in en plaats een X in de bijbehorende kolom Laag, Midden of Hoog, altijd in samenhang met het schadebedrag. |   | afdelingshoofd of teamleider    | diensteigenaar en portefeuillehouder Privacy/Security | RvB  |
| Tip: gebruik de Business Impact Criteria om het juiste niveau te kiezen (5e tabblad).   |   | uitval circa 1 week             | uitval circa 1 dag                                    | uitval circa 1 uur   |
| Vragen  | Motivatie   | Basis                           | Basis/Hoog  | Hoog   |
| Wanneer moet de dienst beschikbaar zijn en wat is de schade als dat niet lukt?<br>Denk aan: regulier (kantooruren), ruim (bijvoorbeeld 07:00 - 23:00), altijd (24/7 x 365)  |   | X                               |   |  |
| Wat is de maximale periode dat de ICT-toepassing onbeschikbaar mag zijn?<br>Denk aan: maximaal tot een week, een dag, een uur   |   | X                               |   |  |
| Welke rol speelt de dienst organisatiebreed intern qua aantal gebruikers en belasting? Bedenk hoeveel gebruikers worden getroffen bij uitval van de dienst en schat het schadebedrag in. Merk op: ook bij weinig gebruikers kan de schade groot zijn bij uitval.  |   | X                               |   |  |
| Wat is de invloed op het proces als de gegevens of de dienst niet beschikbaar is in relatie tot schade?<br>Denk aan: niet, geen invloed, of het proces wordt belemmerd maar kan wel doorgaan of het proces kan in zijn geheel niet doorgaan.  |   | X                               |   |  |
| Leidt het niet beschikbaar zijn van de toepassing tot imagooverlies?<br>Denk aan: nee, enig imagooverlies of ernstig imagooverlies in relatie tot het schadebedrag  |   | X                               |   |  |
| Zijn er contractuele of wettelijke eisen/verplichtingen voor de beschikbaarheid van gegevens (zoals accountant) en hoe groot is de schade als deze niet worden nageleefd?<br>Denk aan: n.v.t., of ja, deze eisen stelselmatige controle of ja, deze eisen stelselmatige controle en bewijs van werking                                    |   | X                               |   |  |
| B=  |   | L - basis                       |   |  |
| Omschrijving  |   |                                 |   |  |
| Niveau 1:   | Beschikbaarheid is minder belangrijk.                                   |                                 |   |  |
| Laag  | Algeheel verlies of niet beschikbaar zijn van deze informatie gedurende |                                 |   |  |

> Inleiding

Beschikbaarheid

Integriteit

Vertrouwelijkheid

BIC - Business Impact Criteria

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# Risk analysis

1. Copy template + new Confluence page
2. Who takes notes?

| Threat                                    | CIA?<br>* | Are we vulnerable now (and how)? | Chance      | Impact** | Risk score<br>(chance*impact) | Mitigation/measure  | Status               | Explanation | Part of BIS ... |
|---|-----------|----------------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------------------|---|----------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Unauthorised access to management systems | V         | Yes, ... (explain how/the risk)  | medium<br>2 | high 3   | 2 * 3 = 6                     | How can you solve this, what is your solution?<br><br>For example.: implement policy xx and MFA | Measure implemented? |             |                 |
| etc.                                      |           |                                  | medium<br>2 | medium 2 | 2*2 = 4                       |   |                      |             |                 |
| etc.                                      |           |                                  |             |          |                               |   |                      |             |                 |
|   |           |                                  |             |          |                               |   |                      |             |                 |
|   |           |                                  |             |          |                               |   |                      |             |                 |

\* CIA: Is it a threat to availability, integrity or confidentiality?

\*\* Impact: to determine impact, you can use the BIC, Business Impact Criteria. See [Business Impact Criteria \(BIC\)](#)

# | Kans \* Impact = Risicoscore

| Are we vulnerable now (and how)? | Chance      | Impact** | Risk score<br>(chance*impact) |
|----------------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| Yes, ... (explain how/the risk)  | medium<br>2 | high 3   | $2 * 3 = 6$                   |
|                                  | medium<br>2 | medium 2 | $2 * 2 = 4$                   |
|                                  |             |          |                               |
|                                  |             |          |                               |
|                                  |             |          |                               |

| Impact<br>* | 1 | 2 | 3 |
|-------------|---|---|---|
| Kans        |   |   |   |
| 3           | 3 | 6 | 9 |
| 2           | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| 1           | 1 | 2 | 3 |

# Risk ownership in a chain of services

