

From RISK to ACTION

The CAIS-RNP risk-based approach to cybersecurity

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IS SECURITY A FEELING OR
A TANGIBLE CONDITION?



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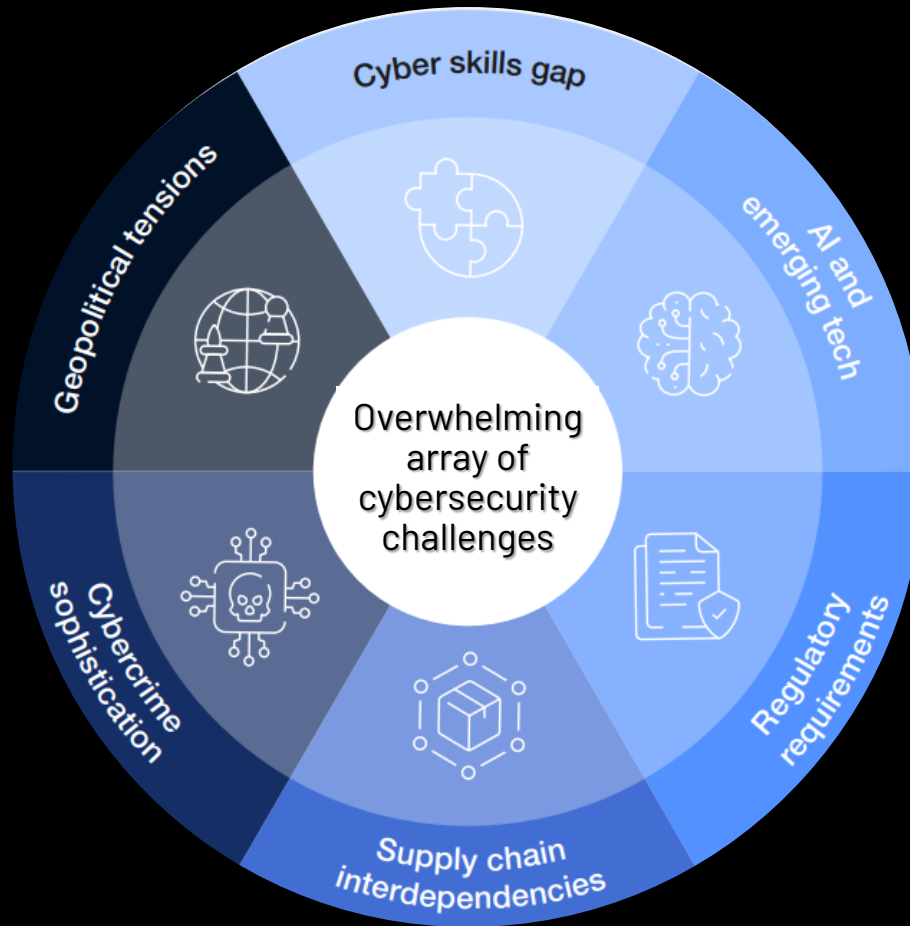
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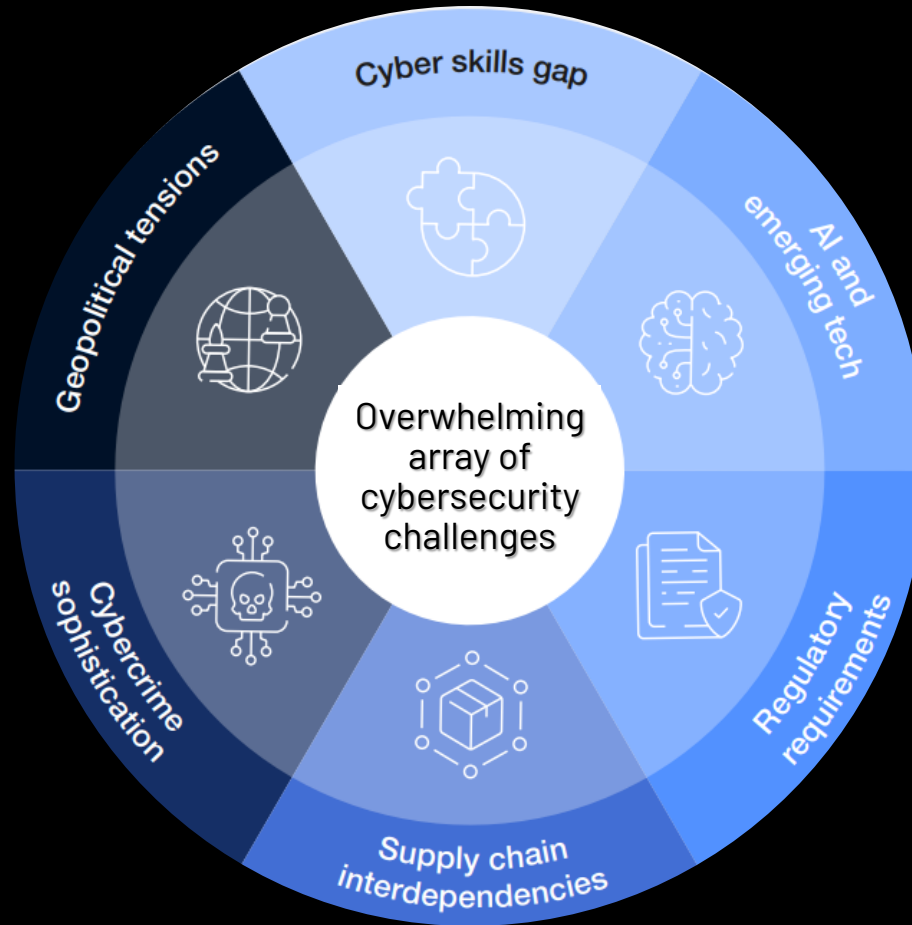


**THE DANGERS OF A MISTAKEN
SENSE OF SECURITY**



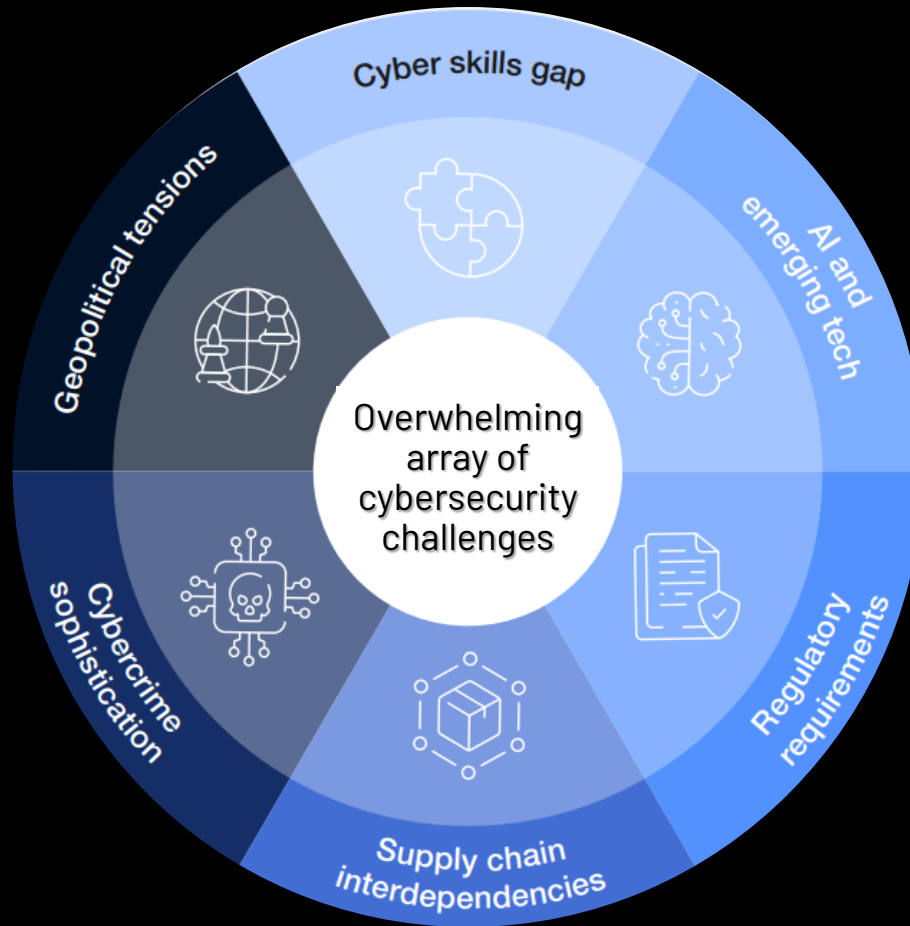
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We cannot protect everything



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**We cannot
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**and perhaps,
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not even try**

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But, what truly matters to you?



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Should I ...?



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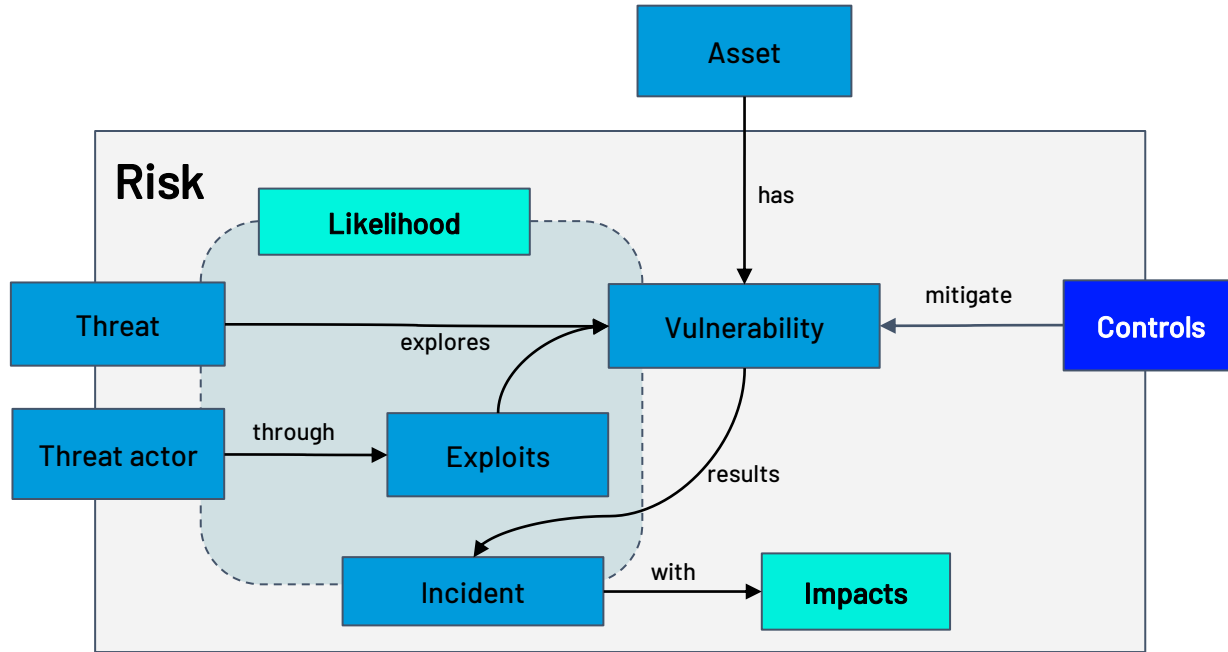
A risk-based security approach

“Preservation of the Confidentiality, Integrity, and Availability of information through a risk management process(...)”

ISO/IEC 27001:2022



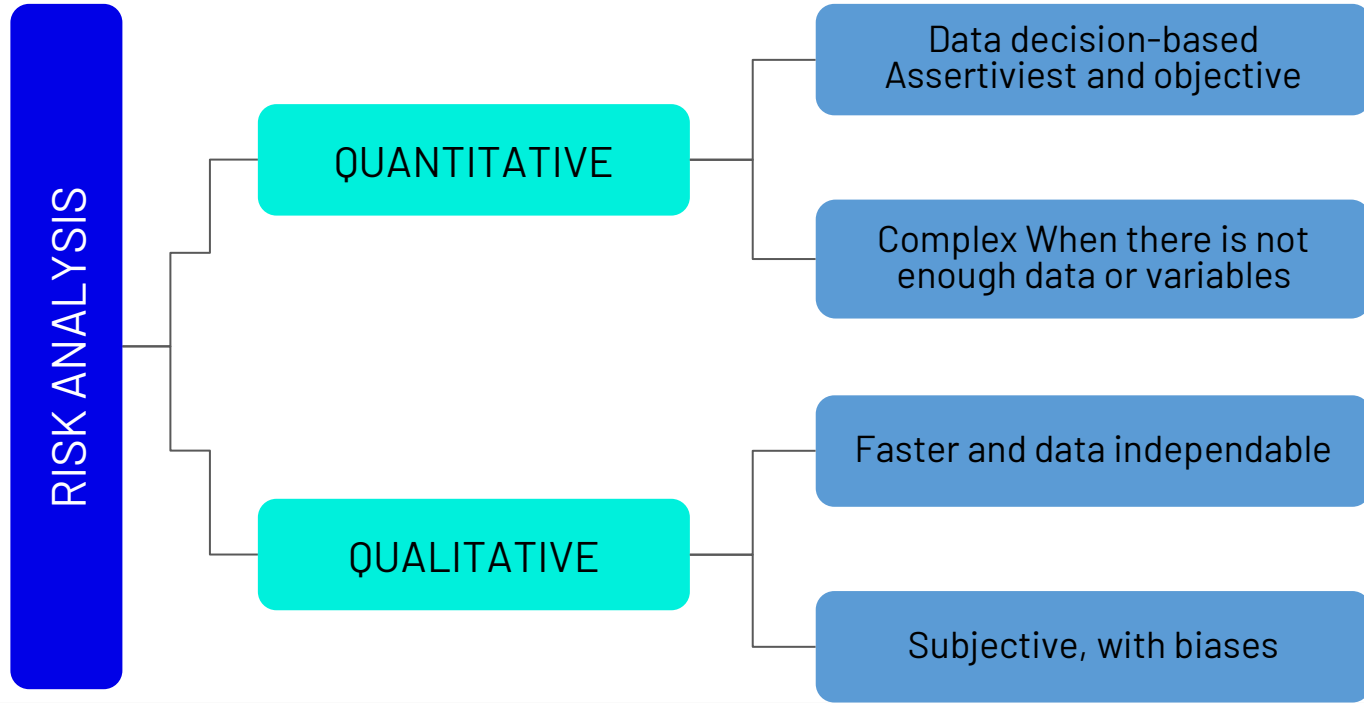
Cyber Risks



Risk Analysis



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How regularly do your NREN adopt cybersecurity risk assessments?

1 - Lack of clarity to bridge theory and practice

2 - The tendency to prioritize what appears urgent over what is strategically important

CAIS-RNP was a pioneer in starting discussions on information security, being one of the first incident response groups (Csirts) to operate in Brazil.

Today, the area encompasses several skills and is recognized nationally and internationally for its experience and broad scope of action.

For 26 years, CAIS-RNP has been ensuring security in hundreds of Brazilian education and research institutions. RNP's cybersecurity intelligence area develops preventive, educational and corrective actions in incidents and threats in the academic network, which faces daily challenges related to the increasing complexity of cyber threats.

SHARE TO EXPAND:

WE CONNECT PEOPLE
IN AN ENVIRONMENT CREATED FOR
THE PRODUCTION OF KNOWLEDGE
AND WE PROVIDE SAFE AND
HIGH CAPACITY SERVICES

500

Connected organizations

+ 3.5 million

User


70

Community connections

+ 100 Gbps

Connections

VELOCIDADES DAS CONEXÕES

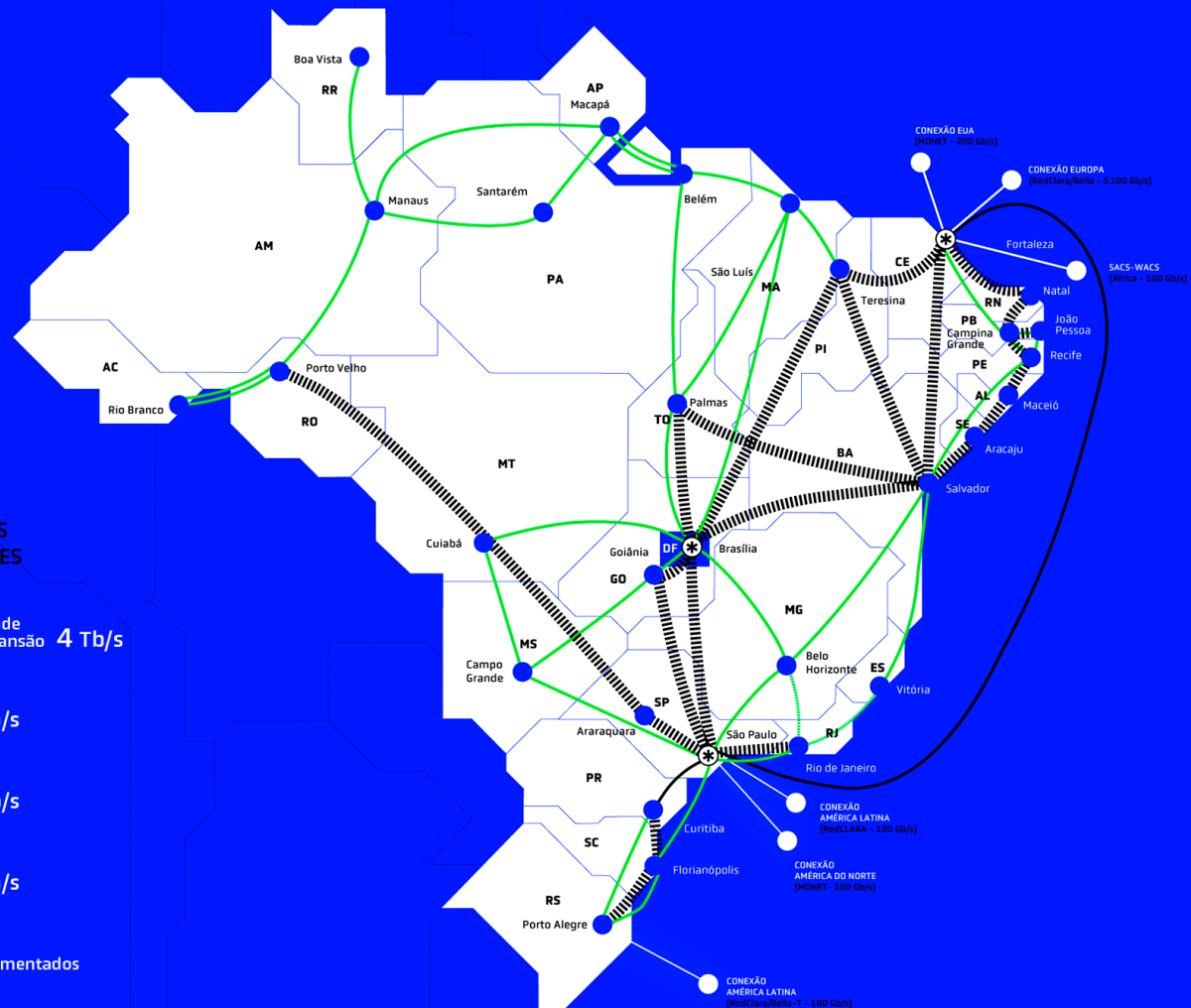
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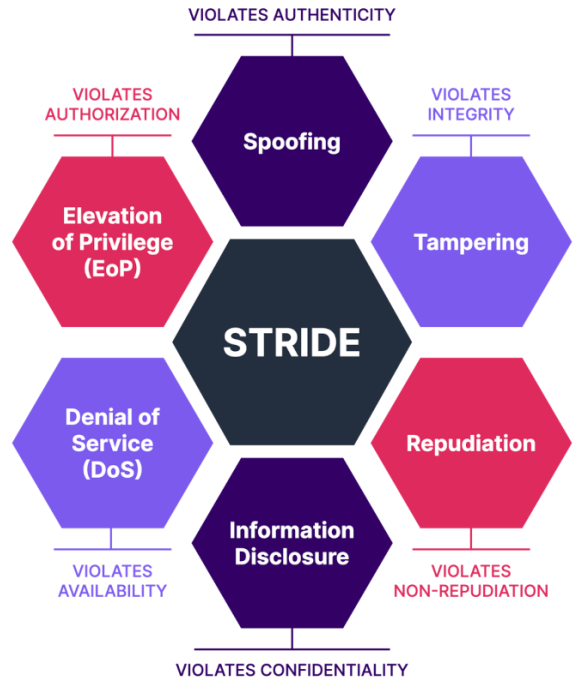
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 200 Gb/s

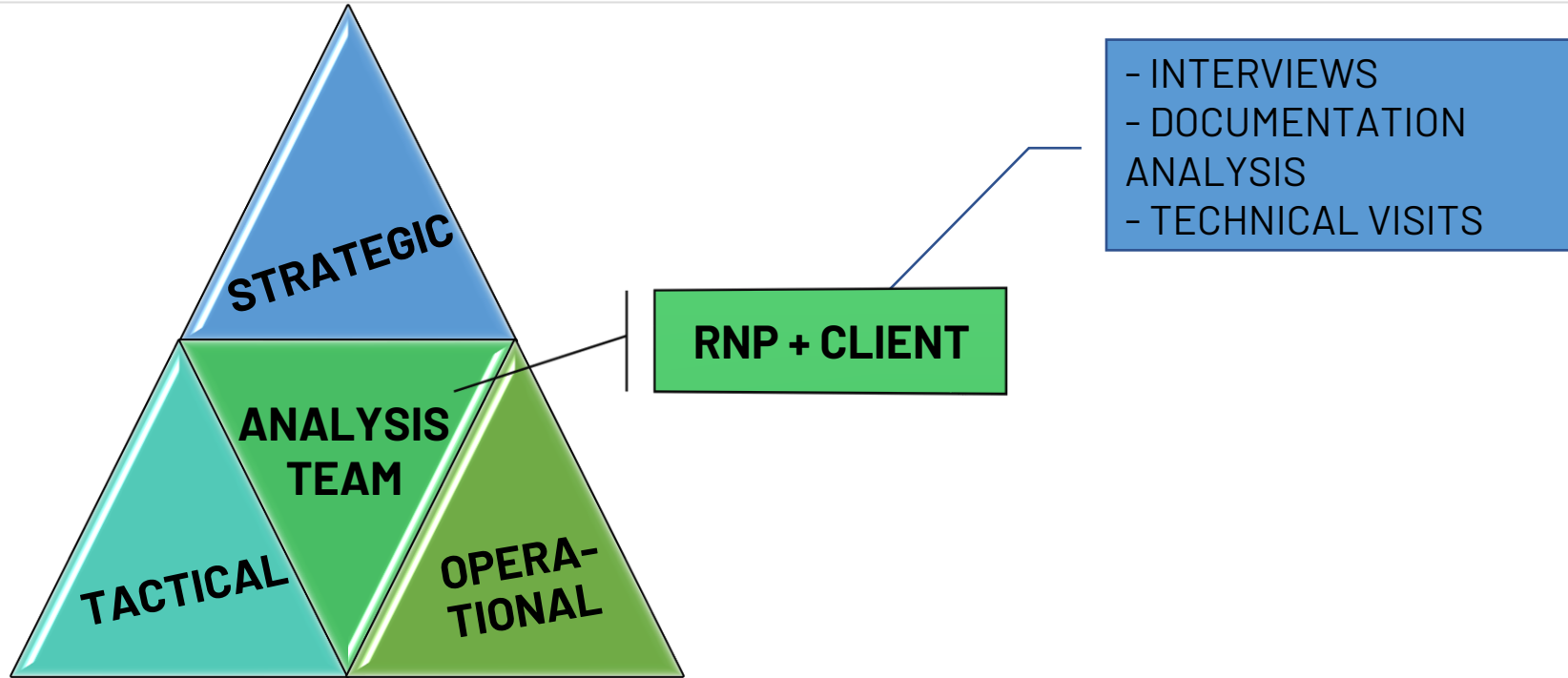
 100 Gb/s

 3 CNDs implementados

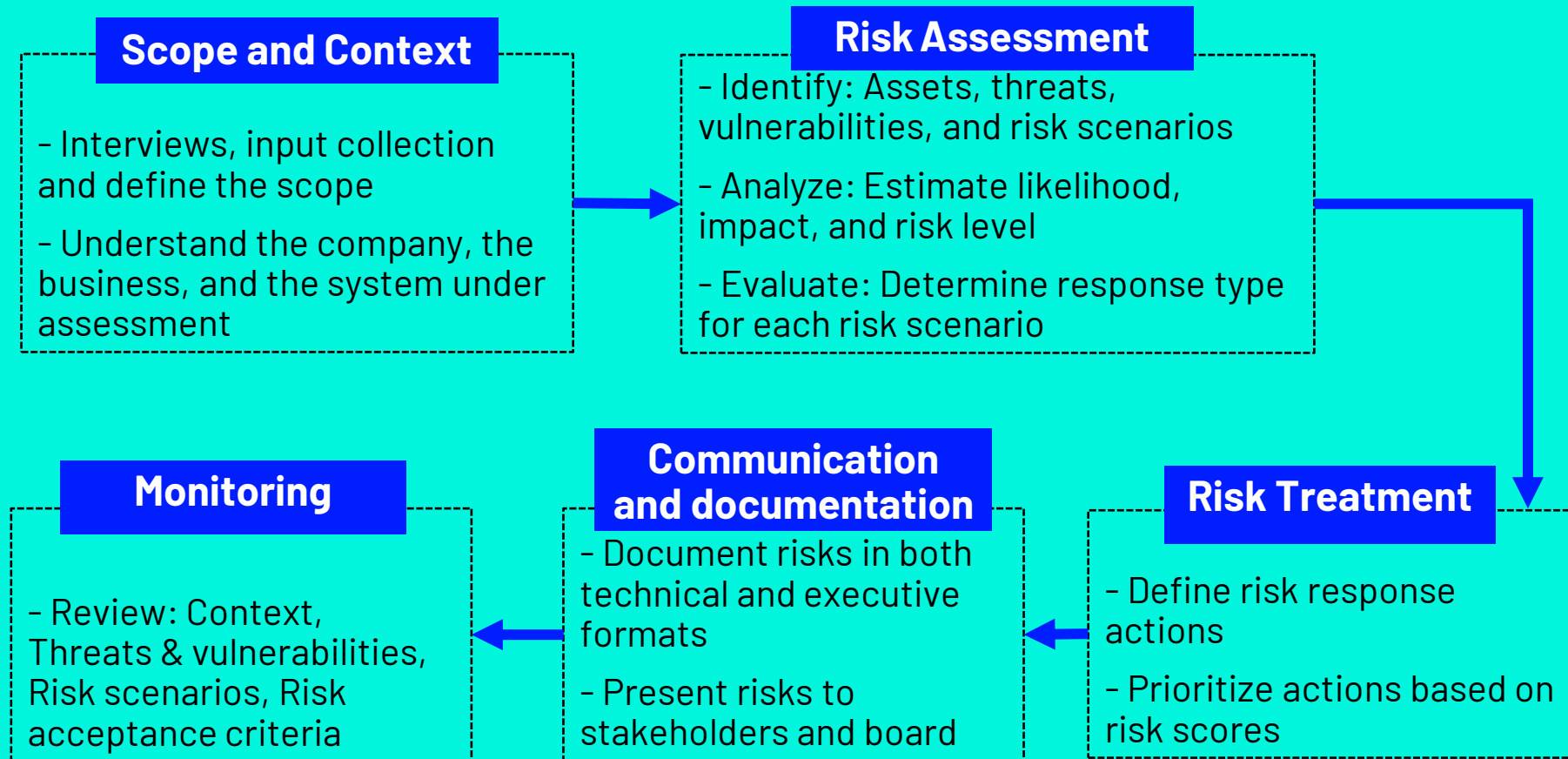




3D VIEW



Information Security Risk Management



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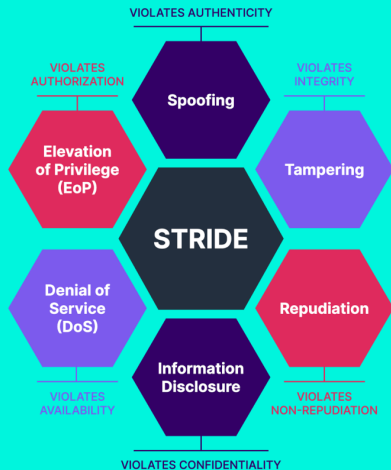
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OWASP Risk Rating Calculator

Likelihood Factors

Threat Agent Factors

Skill Level

9 - No technical skills

Motive

1 - Low or no reward

Opportunity

7 - Some access or resources required

Size

5 - Partners

Threat Agent Factor:
Medium (TAF: 5.5)

Vulnerability Factors

Ease of Discovery

3 - Difficult

Ease of Exploit

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Awareness

9 - Public knowledge

Intrusion Detection

9 - Not logged

Vulnerability Factor: High
(VF: 6)

Likelihood Factor: Medium (LF: 5.75)

Impact Factors

Technical Impact Factors

Loss of Confidentiality

6 - Minimal critical data or extensive non-

Loss of Integrity

3 - Minimal seriously corrupt data

Loss of Availability

0 - N/A

Loss of Accountability

9 - Completely anonymous

Technical Impact Factor:
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Business Impact Factors

Financial Damage

3 - Minor effect on annual profit

Reputation Damage

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Non-compliance

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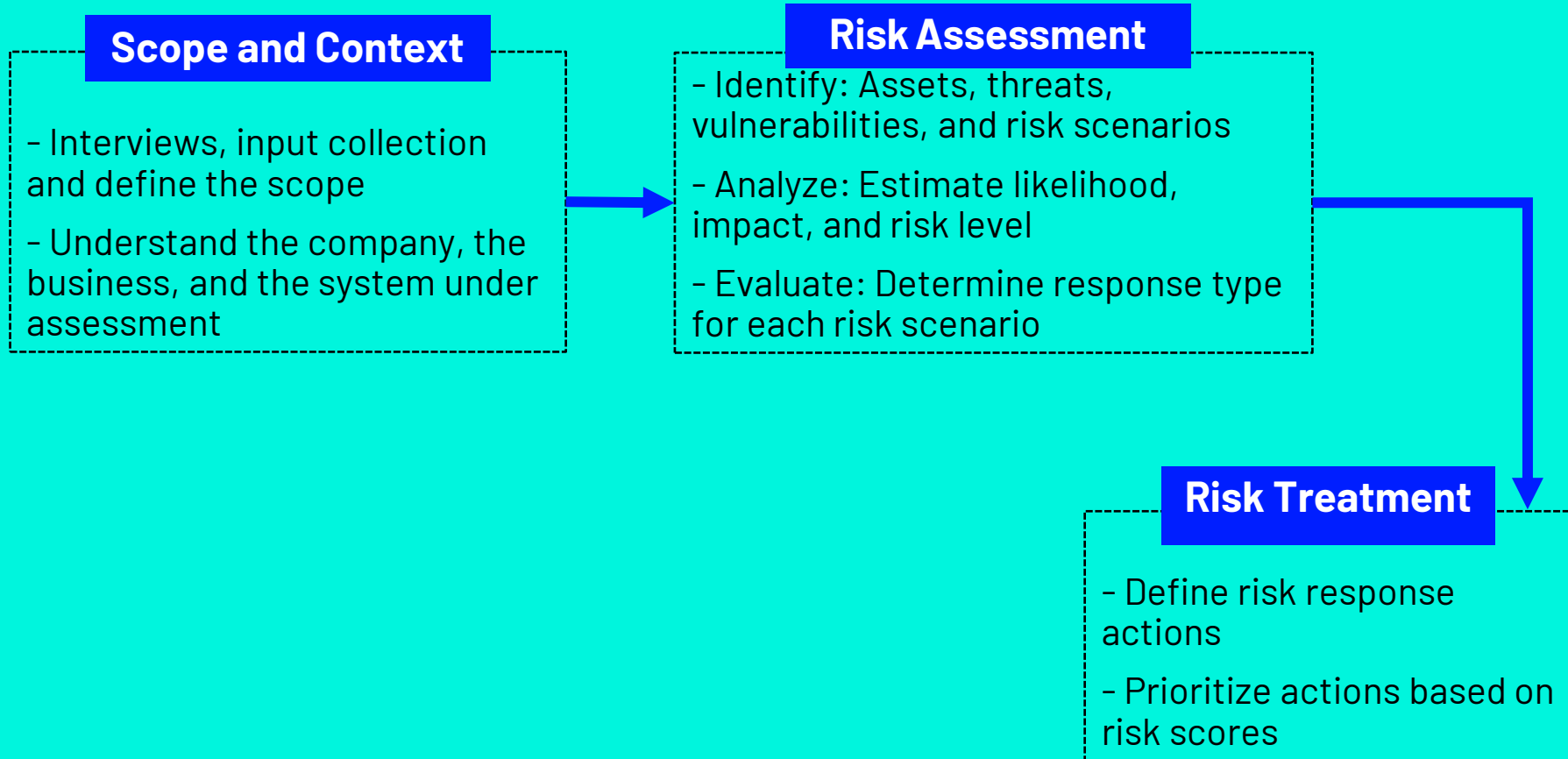
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2. Mitigate
3. Transfer
4. Accept

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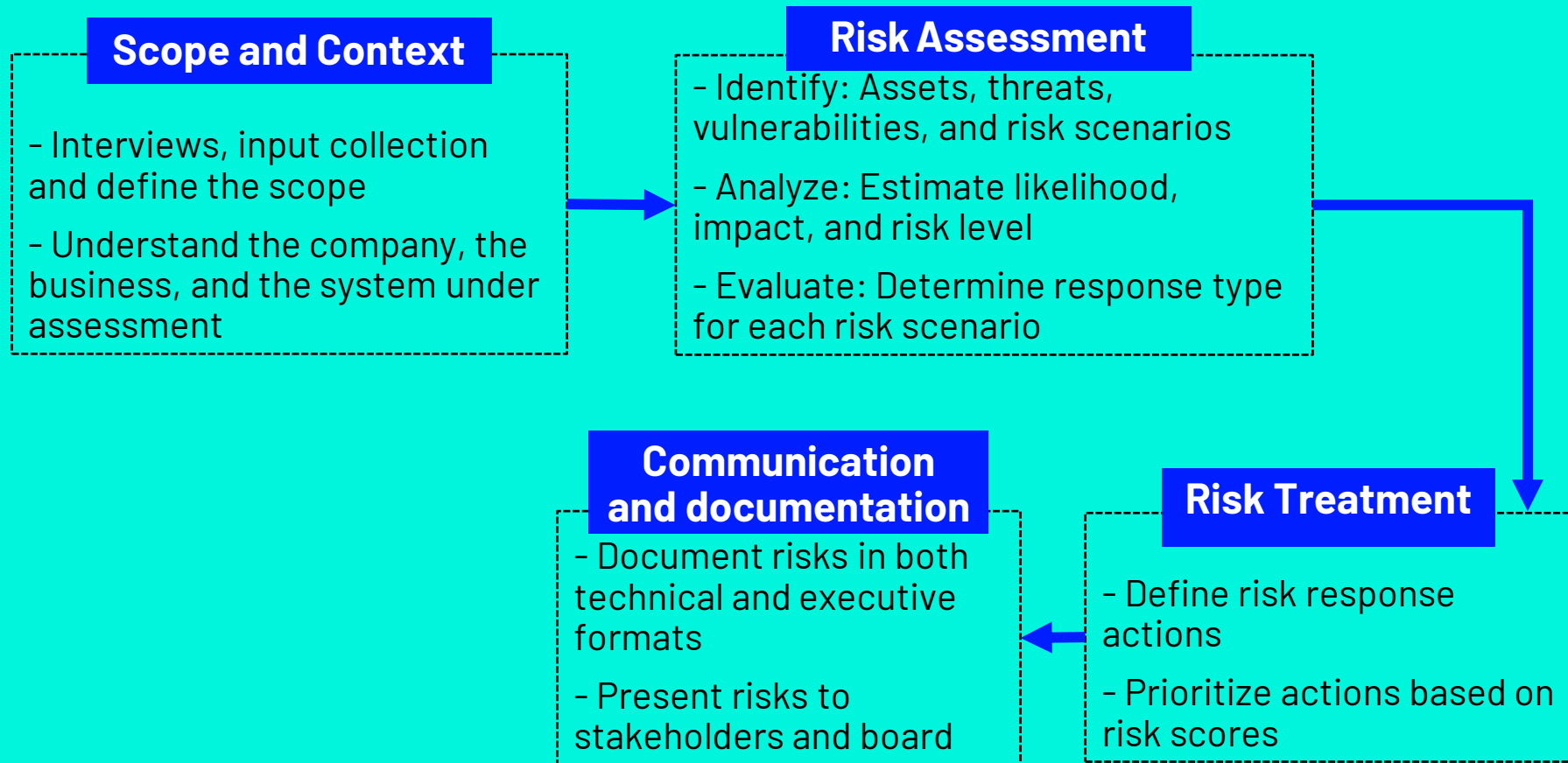
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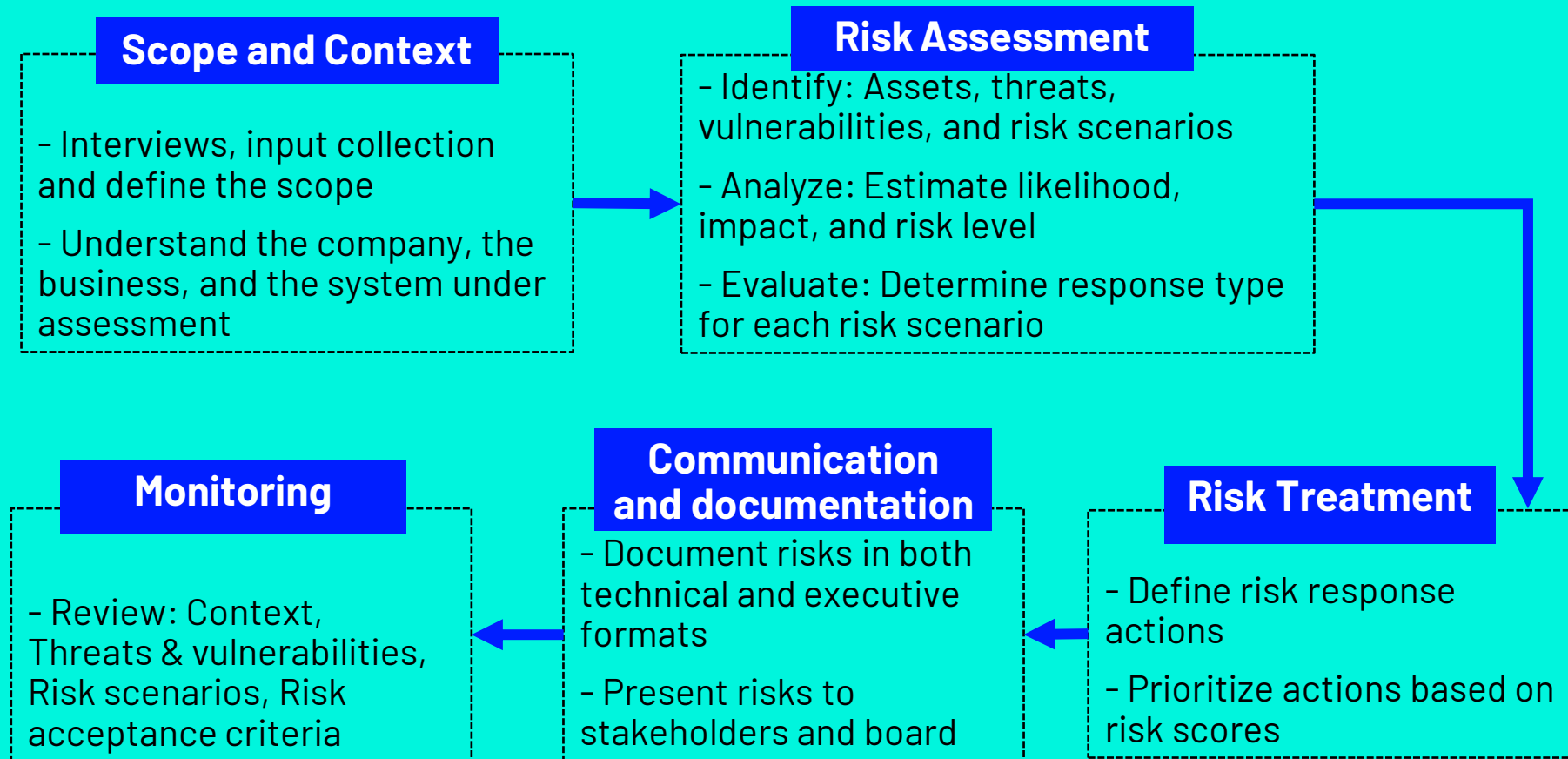


ASSOCIATED RISKS
+
RISKS SEVERITY
SCORE

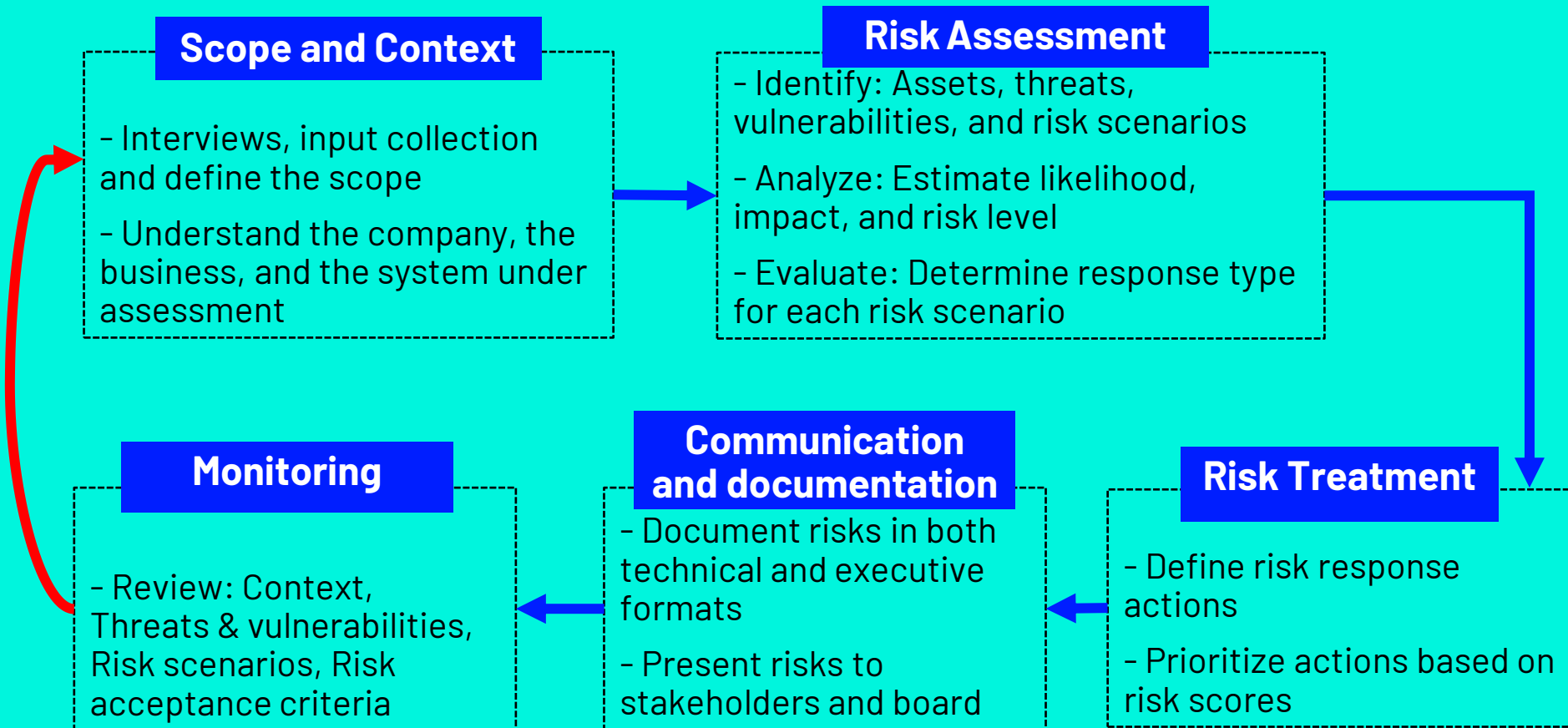
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Example of application

Riscos

Plano de Ação

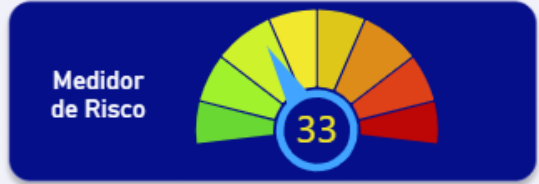
Informações



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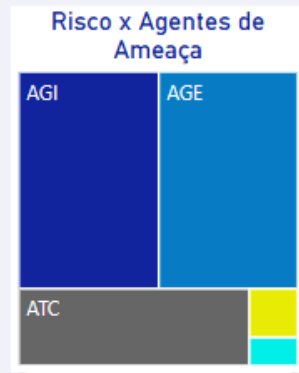
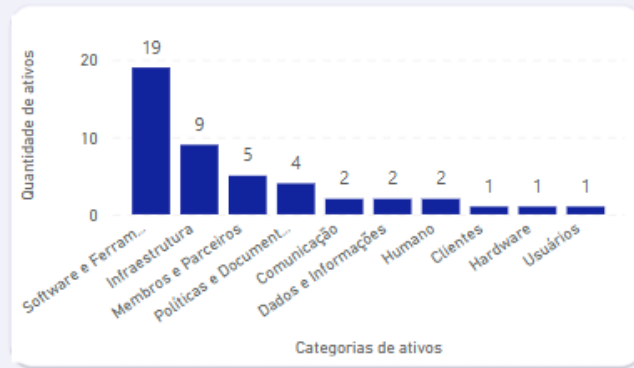
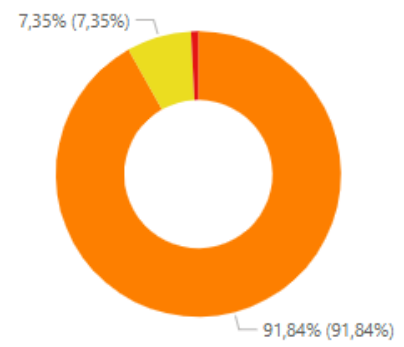
Vulnerabilidades
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Riscos
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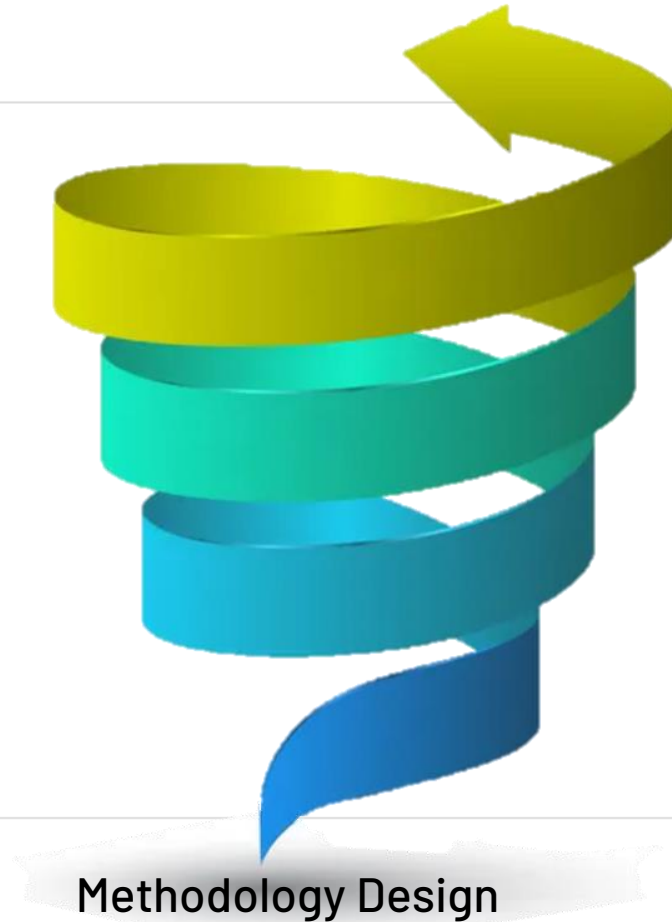
Probabilidade	BAIXO	IMPORTANTE	SIGNIFICATIVO	Total
PROVÁVEL	4	128	89	221
OCASIONAL	1	7	13	21
FREQUENTE		2	1	3
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Nível dos Riscos

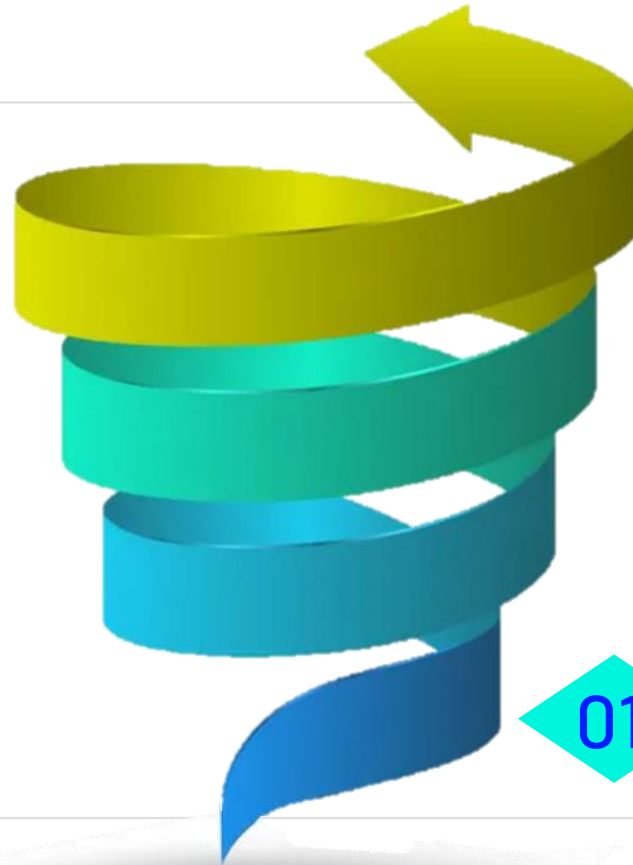


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Upward spiral



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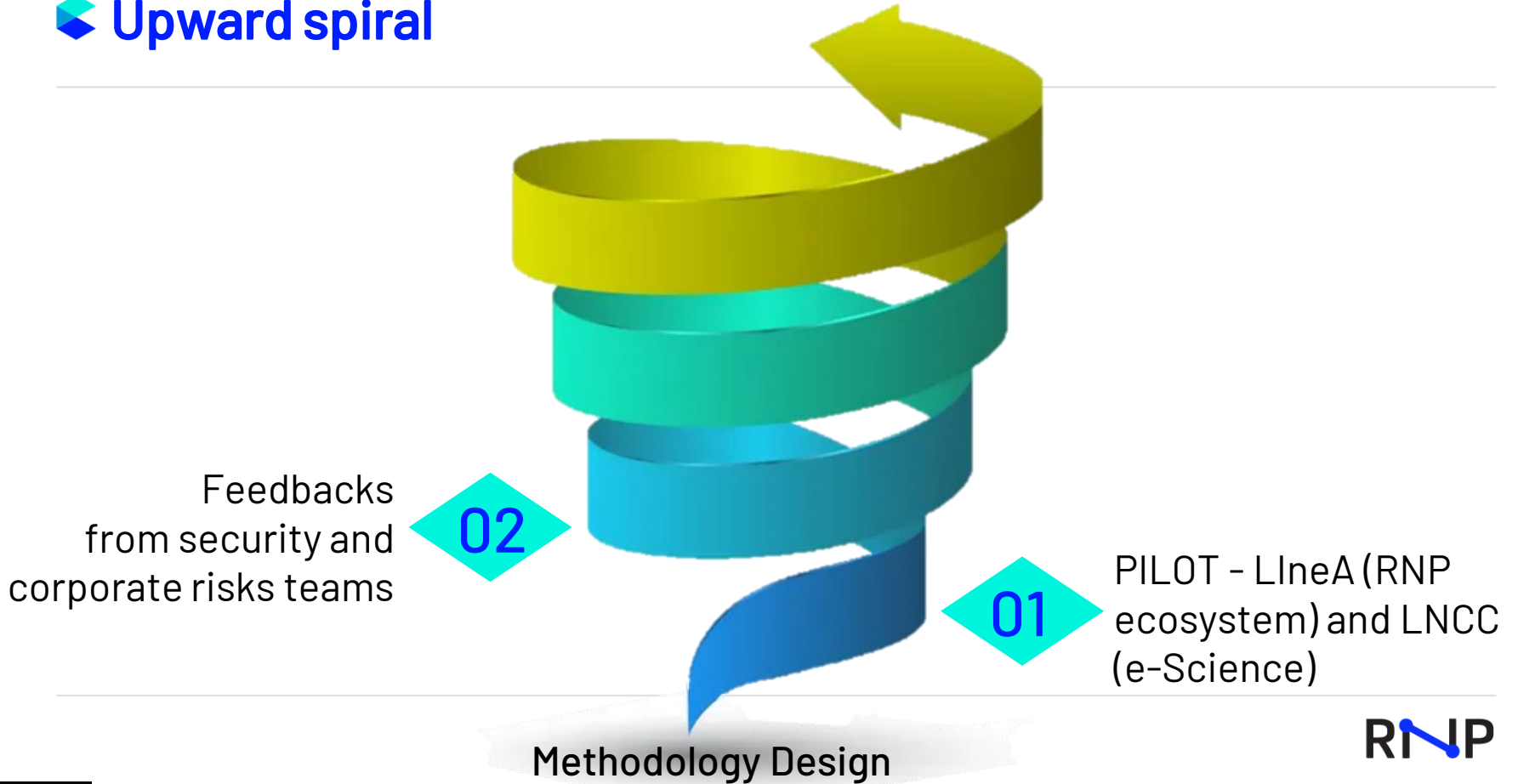
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PILOT - LineA (RNP ecosystem) and LNCC (e-Science)

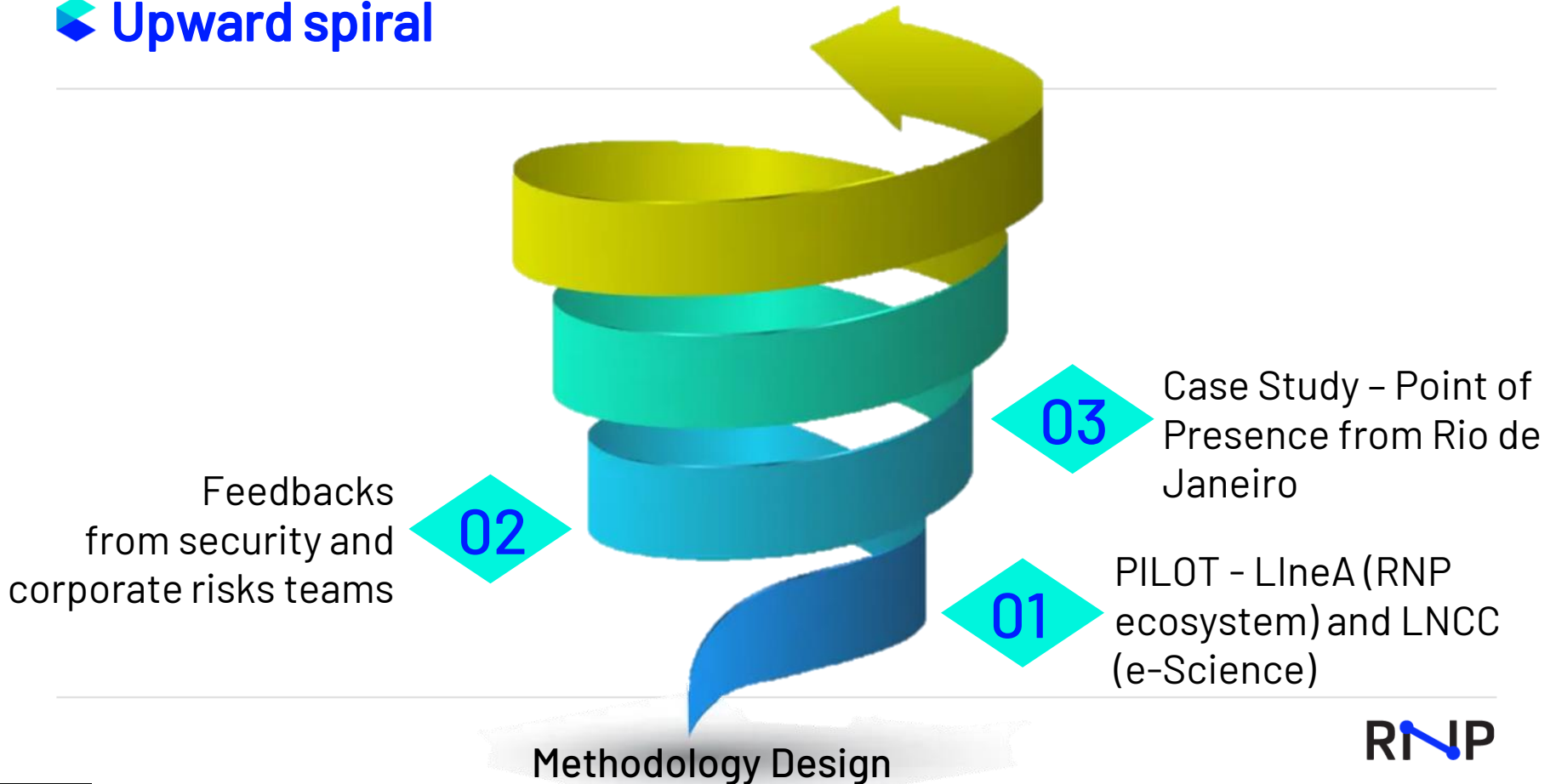
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RNP

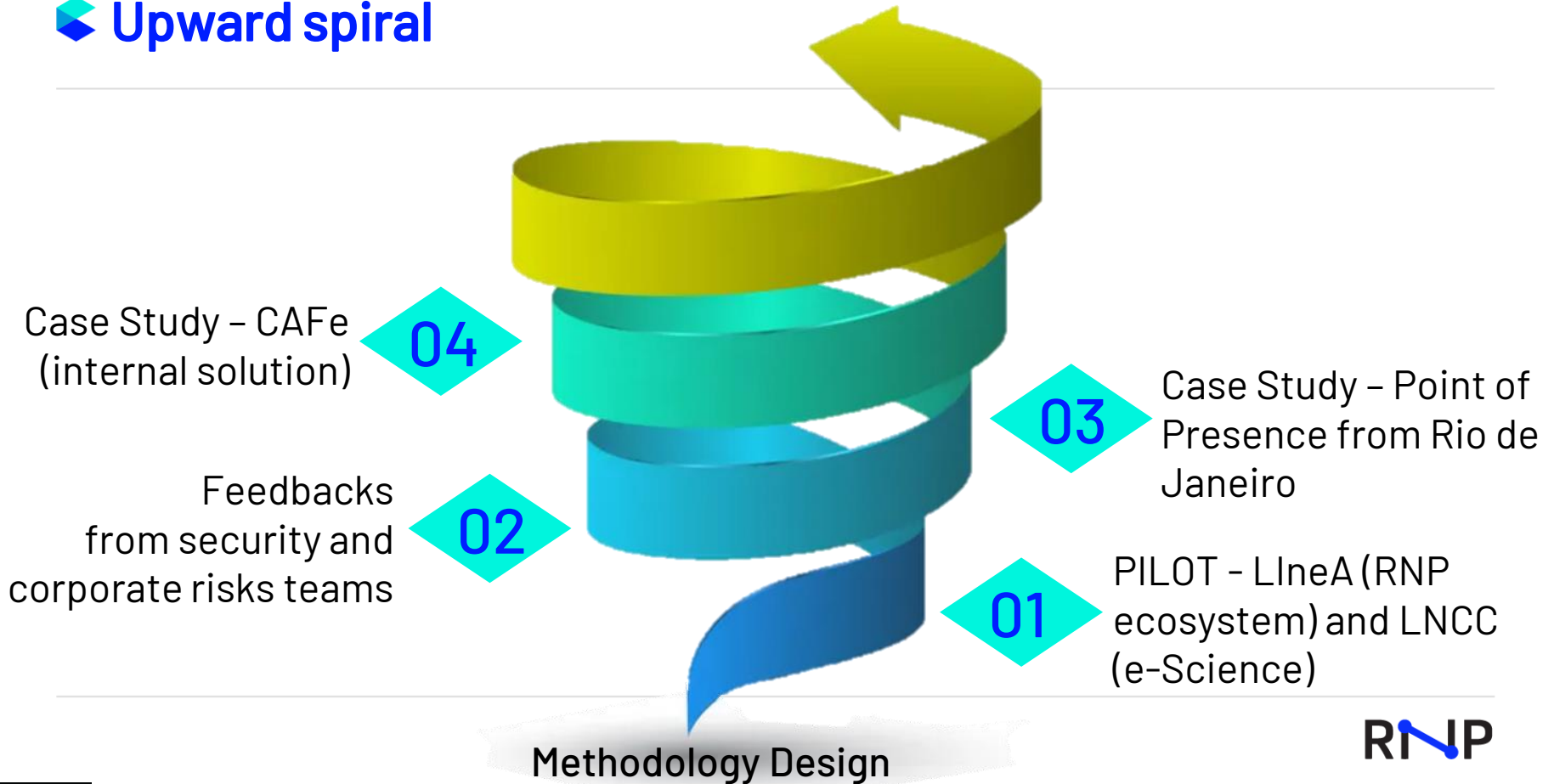
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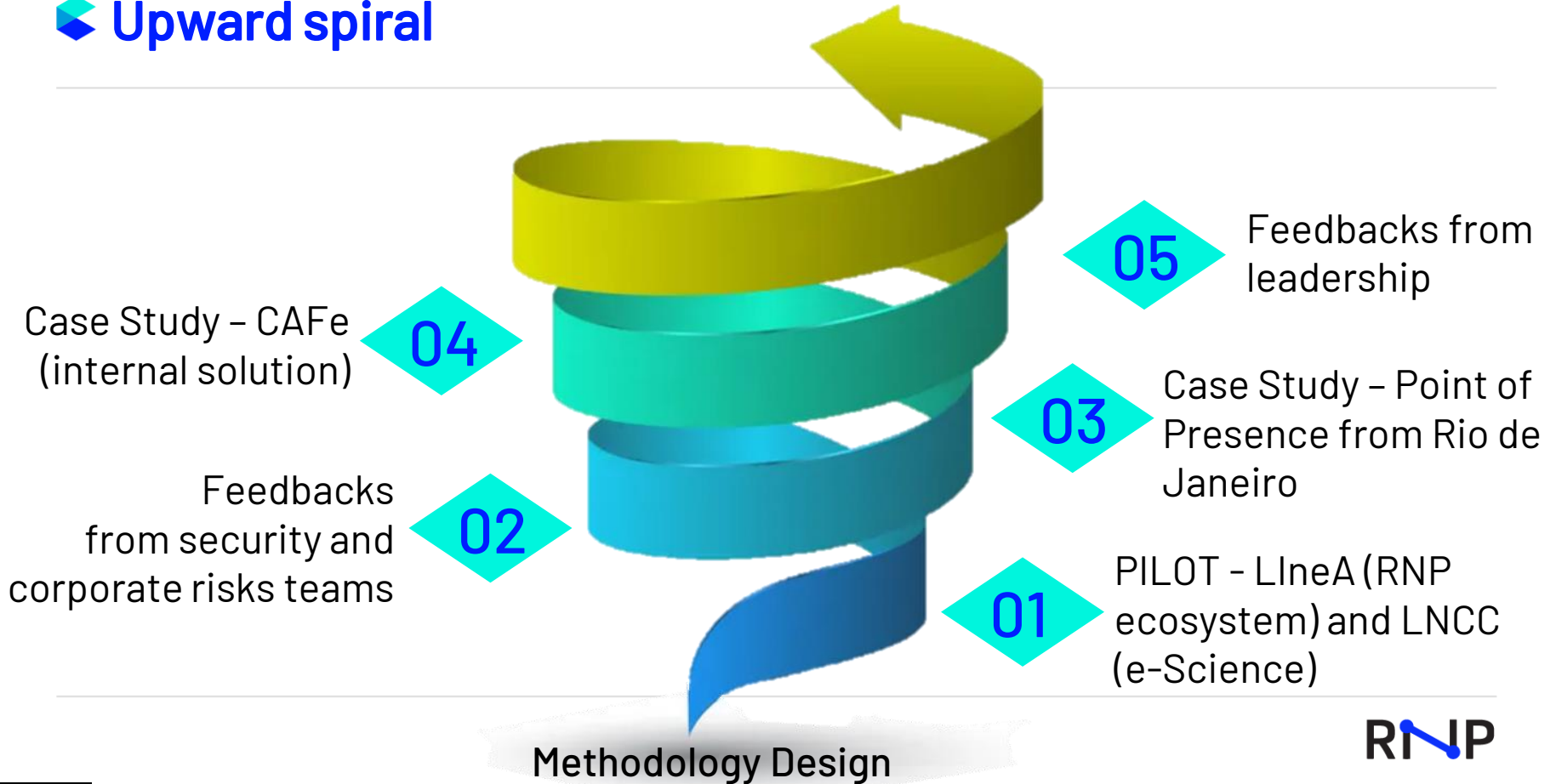
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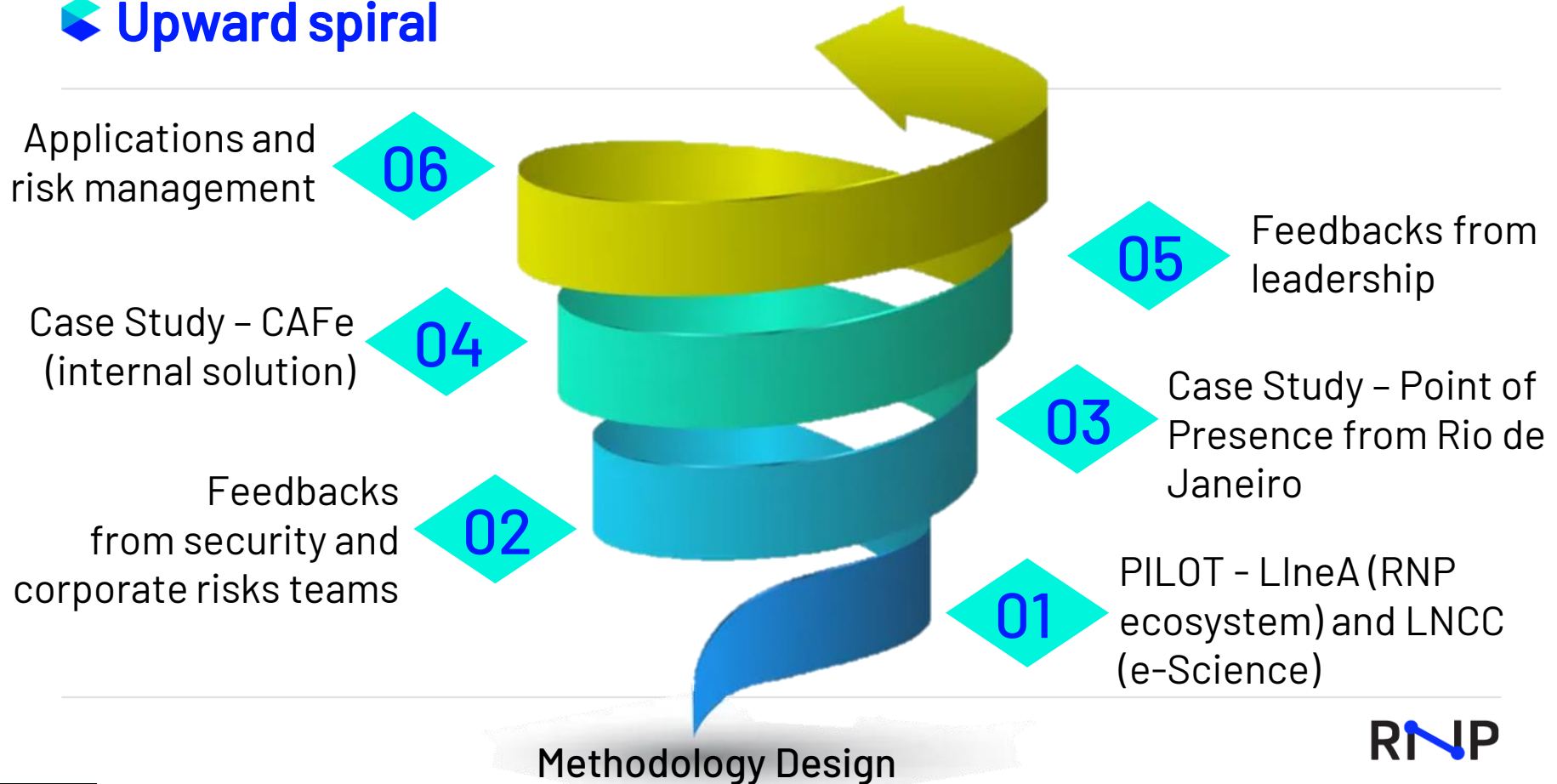
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Applications and
risk management

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Case Study - CAFe
(internal solution)

04

Feedbacks
from security and
corporate risks teams

02

Methodology Design

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Case Study - Point of
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NRENs
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 - **Culture eats strategy** – With practice, risk-thinking becomes second nature.
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A risk-based strategy isn't just protection –
it's the art of **making uncertainty work for you.**

That's not just security – **that's working
smarter** with focus



In the end, cybersecurity is about enabling the great mission of the academic community: to do science, to improve the world, and to improve people's lives.

We can't let security challenges get in the way of that mission.

THANK YOU!

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