

9. Integration of supply chain cybersecurity through the product and service life-cycle

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Lifecycle

Purpose, participants and application

- **Purpose**

- To ensure that products and services are protected against cyberattacks throughout their entire lifecycle.

- **Participants**

- Management, IT, procurement, and other relevant functions.

- **Application**

- Continuous monitoring.

Life-cycle and cybersecurity practice

Life-cycle phase	Focus	Cybersecurity practices	Date	Responsibility	Status
Development					
Introduction					
Growth					
Mature					
Decline					

Examples of content elements

Certain practices may fall within different phases

Life-cycle phase	Focus	Cybersecurity practices
Development	Security by Design — ensure architecture from the start.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Threat modeling • Secure coding standard • Penetration testing of prototypes • Secure development pipeline
Introduction	Hardening and compliance — avoid security flaws at launch.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Hardening” of systems and networks • Patch management strategy • Compliance with relevant standards (ISO 27001, NIST, NIS2, GDPR) • Incident response plan
Growth	Scalable security — protect growing infrastructure and data.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous monitoring and incident handling • Automated threat detection • Access control and identity & access management • Data protection (encryption, data loss prevention)
Mature	Optimization and compliance improvement — maintain a high level of security.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular audits and security reviews • Updated penetration tests • Supply chain security • User security training
Decline	Secure phase-out — protect data and avoid residual vulnerabilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure data deletion • Decommissioning of systems and servers • Removal of access rights • Communication about end-of-life risks