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# *“Human Firewalls”*

*Making your people a “cost” effective line of defence*

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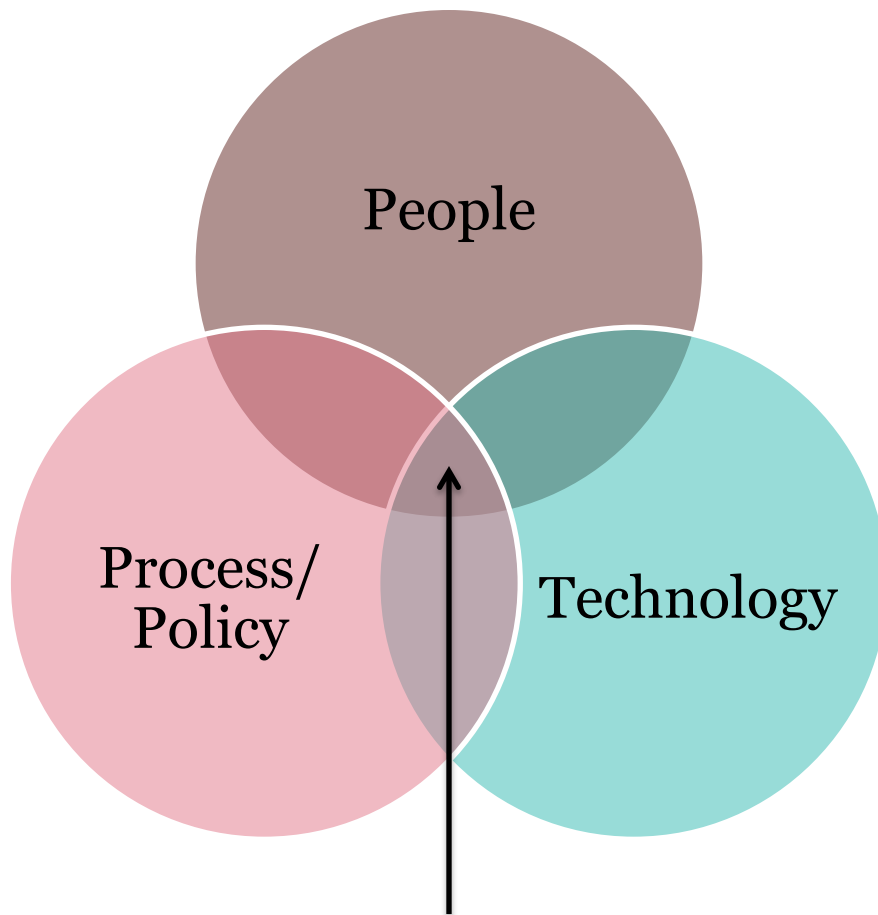
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# Introduction

## Security Positive Environment



**People** – the people execute and support or comply with process, policy or technology

**Policy/Process** – supporting documentation and directions

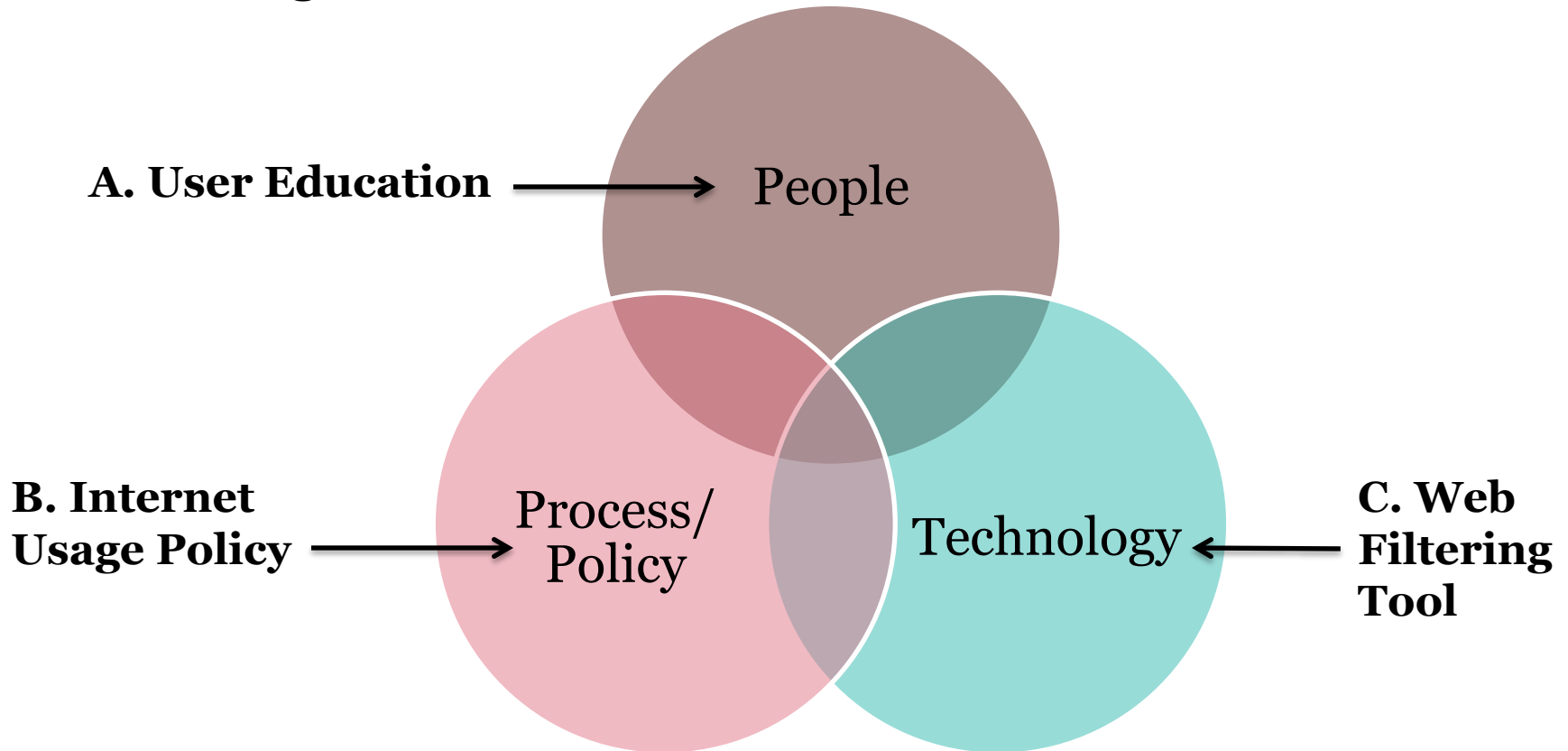
**Technology** – the tools (H/W & S/W) facilitate the process or policy

*The security control environment is greatly enhanced when these three elements work in combination*

# *Introduction*

## *Security Positive Environment*

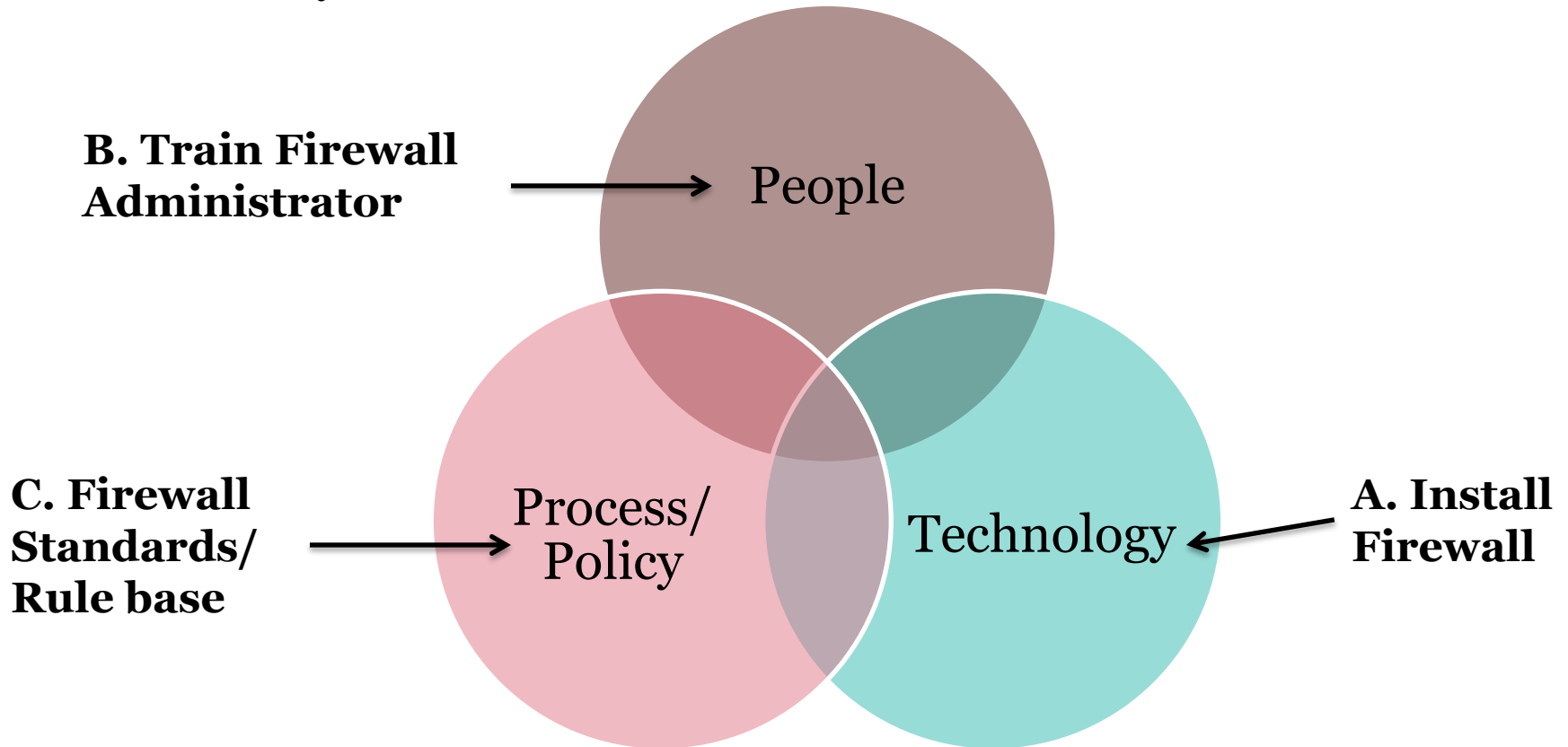
### **Internet Usage and Misuse**



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## ***Security Positive Environment***

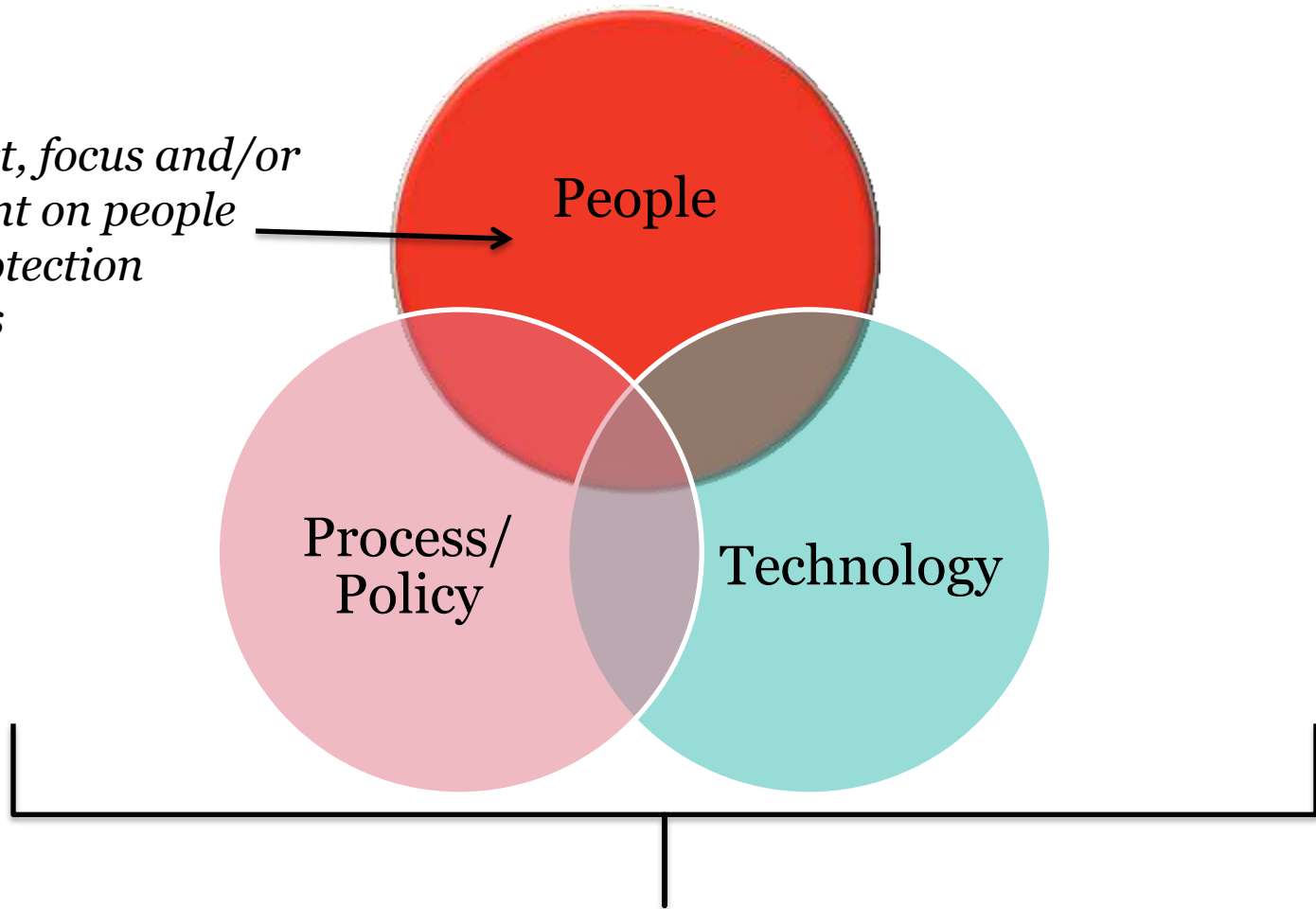
### **Firewall Policy**



# Introduction

## Security Positive Environment

*Less effort, focus and/or investment on people based protection strategies*



*Investment and efforts traditionally focused towards technology or policy development based protection strategies*

# Introduction

## Typical “People” Strategies



# Introduction

## “People” based protection strategies

There is always a human element ; negligence, ignorance, anger or even curiosity that can give rise to incidents

“Security aware” employees will often be best placed to identify a potential breach or a weak link and reduce the impacts of incidents when they do occur

**People**

*Making your people a “cost” effective line of defence*

Getting the right balance



# ***Introduction***

## ***“People” based protection strategies***

*Making your people a “cost” effective line of defence*

So how do we achieve this ?

1. Understanding the key drivers and the changing trends around people security behaviours (“Soft” factors); and
2. Adopt a well planned approach using focused methods to change people’s behaviour in a sustained manner

# Key Drivers

## Social networks

*In today's socially connected workplace, employees swap updates on Facebook and Twitter, log opinions at blogs, and upload snapshots to photo-sharing sites..... a phenomenon that will only continue to gain force.*

*During the first half of 2009, 19 percent of all Internet attacks targeted social networking sites. This represented a dramatic increase over previous years, according to a study by Breach Security Inc.*

- Employees may easily leak sensitive information via the use of social networks
- Social networks provide ambitious cybercriminals with as additional launching pads to exploit vulnerable corporate networks or users (end points)
- The user or workforce education is key to responsible use of social networks

## **Key Drivers**

### **Mobile devices**

*The proliferation of mobile devices including portable storage devices are causing significant security challenges*

- Portability – they tend to get lost /misplaced and tend not to be well protected
  - Mobile storage devices are cheaper, increasing storage capacity and getting smaller
  - Work provided mobile devices are also used by employees for personal activities
  - Many employees tend to use their personal smartphones and other mobile devices to handle work-related tasks (*shadow IT*)
  - Use of public (and insecure) wireless access points
- ...In April 2011, Google removed 55 apps from its Android Market after tens of thousands of users downloaded applications that were infected by the DroidDream trojan. The list of infected Android applications included Chess, Super Guitar Solo, Bowling Time, Super History Eraser, and Photo Editor....*
- Users typically engage in high risk behavior – users sometimes keep passwords, pin codes or credit card details, download apps etc

## Key Drivers

### Complexity & Rapid Evolution

- Technology is evolving at a more rapid pace as are the related security threats - *zero day exploits, cybercriminals are beating the patch cycle*
- Sophistication of attacks (Attacks are much more targeted and sophisticated - *attackers are more patient harvesting information over long periods without detection e.g. APTs*)
- Complexities in technology demand better trained IT / and security staff
- New IT delivery models such as cloud computing require new security approaches

*“The most recent threat landscape report from Forrester claims the gap between hacker threats and suitable security defenses is widening, at a faster pace than ever before”* — “The New Threat Landscape: Proceed With Caution Understand The New Threat Paradigm To Make Your Responses More Effective by Khalid Kark (survey of 2,803 IT executives and technology decision-makers, August 13, 2010

# Key Drivers

## Regulation & Compliance

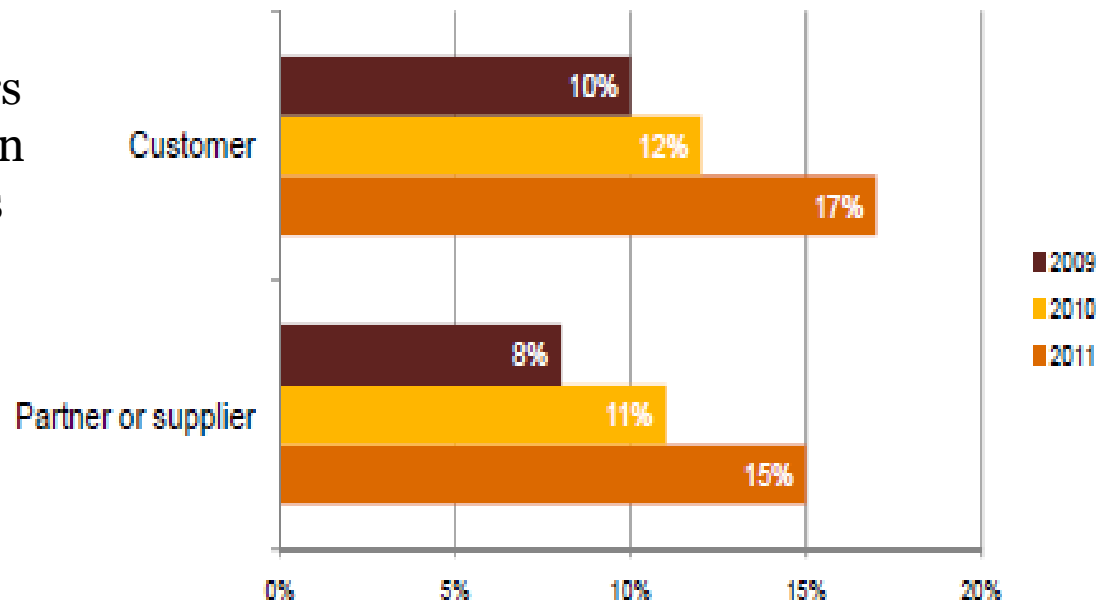
Standard	Reference in standard
ISF Standard of Good Practice for Information Security (2007)	SM2.4 Security awareness  Specific activities should be undertaken, such as a security awareness programme, to promote security awareness to all individuals who have access to the information and systems of the organisation.
ISO/IEC 27002 (2005)	8.2.2 Information security awareness, education, and training  All employees of the organization and, where relevant, contractors and third party users should receive appropriate awareness training and regular updates in organizational policies and procedures, as relevant to their job function.
NIST 800-14 (2004)	3.8 Awareness and Training  An effective computer security awareness and training program requires proper planning, implementation, maintenance, and periodic evaluation.
COBIT (2007)	PO7.4 Personnel Training  Provide IT employees with appropriate orientation when hired and ongoing training to maintain their knowledge, skills, abilities, internal controls and security awareness at the level required to achieve organisational goals.
Cloud Security Alliance (2010)	IS-11 Information Security Training / Awareness  A security awareness training program shall be established for all contractors, third party users and employees of the organization and mandated when appropriate.
PCI/DSS (2008)	12.6 Implement a formal security awareness program to make all employees aware of the importance of cardholder data security.

**Other regulations indirect security awareness requirements:**  
*Industry or regulator prescribed*

# Key Drivers

## Non-Employees – Customers, Partners, Suppliers

Customers and “insiders” like partners and suppliers traditionally have not been considered likely suspects in data breaches. That’s changing – fast. Over the past 24 months, the number of security incidents attributed to customers, partners, and suppliers has nearly doubled.



2012 Global State of Information Security Survey®,

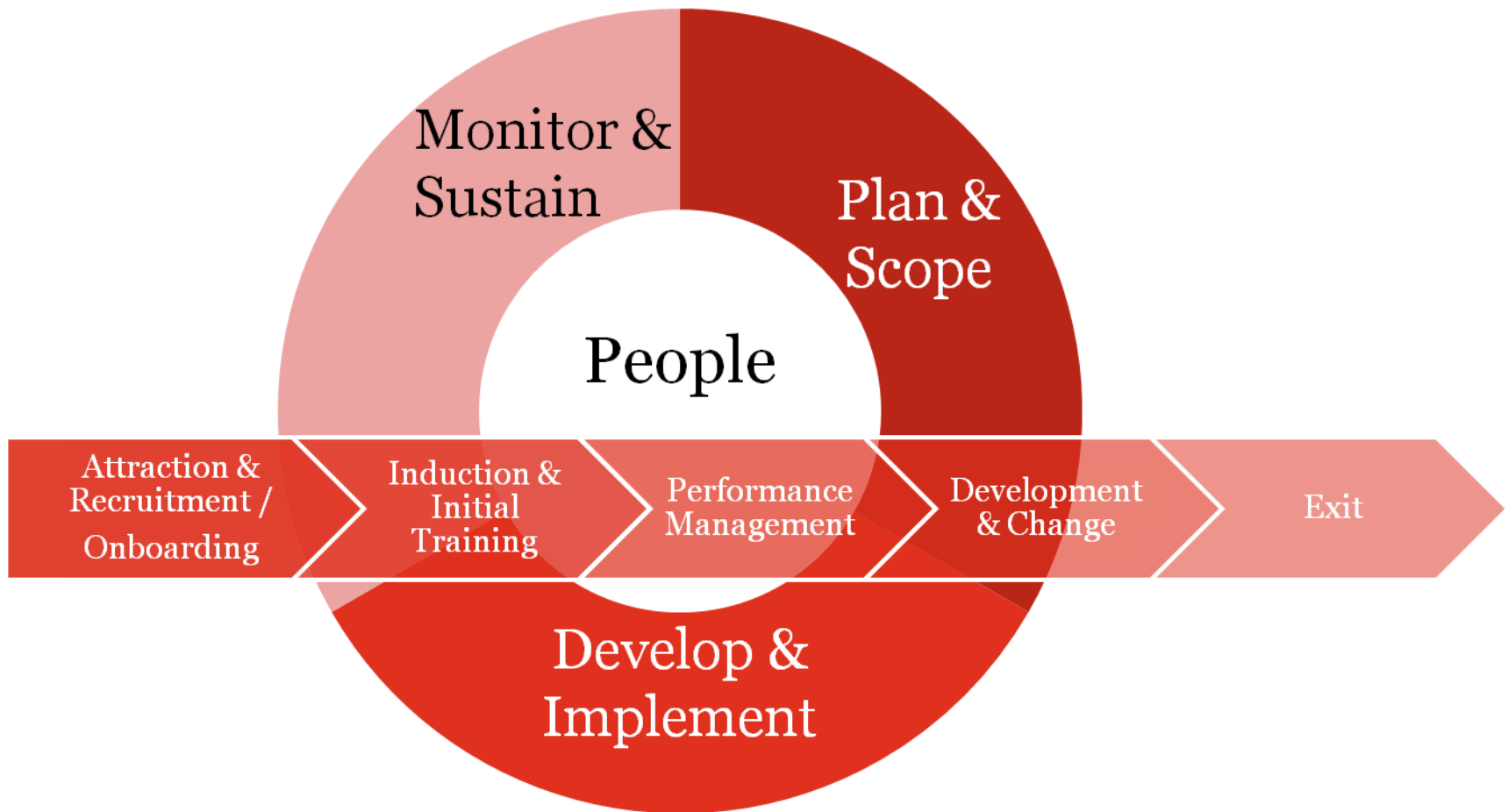
## *Key Drivers*

### *Socio-Cultural Trends*

- **The techno-generation** - (also termed Generation-Y) is a term used to describe a generation that has grown up within the information age (typically born after 1990) entering / entered the workplace
- **The avatar effect** - used to describe people who have difficulty distinguishing between real life and fantasy life (i.e. multiplayer online role-playing games, such as World of War-craft )..... *also sometimes leading to addictive behaviors on line gambling effecting workplace productivity as well*

# ***Approach & Methods***

## ***Security Awareness***





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## ***Security Awareness***

Employee ( Customer or supplier) Life Cycle Events –

- We have to ensure we re-enforce the information security messages throughout the lifecycle of the employee n(or supplier, customer etc)



# ***Approach & Methods***

## ***Plan & Scope***



- Perform stakeholder and requirements analysis
- Identify driving and resisting forces
- Set clear and achievable objectives
- Plan to achieve objectives

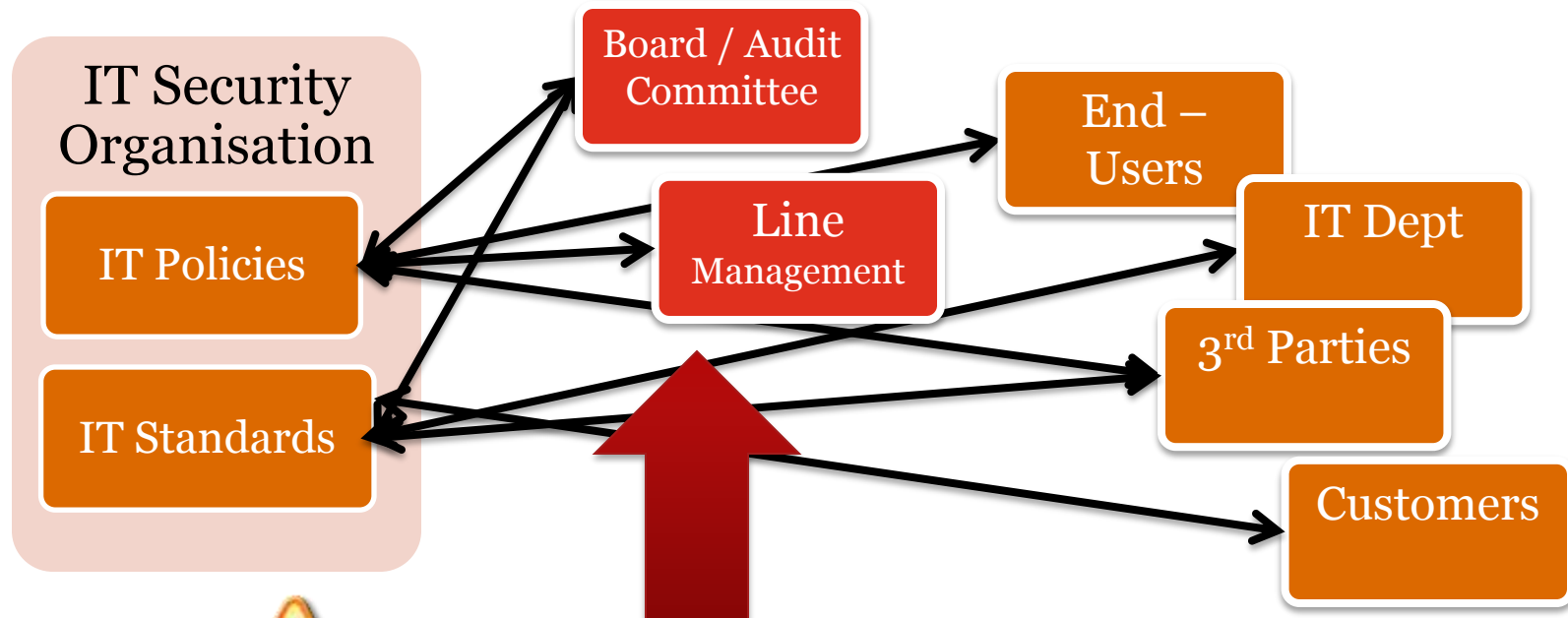
### **Key Considerations:**

- Information security policy; risk assessment results - key inputs
- Legislation/compliance requirements
- Understanding of organisational and cultural aspects including resisting forces
- Audience segmentation
- Clear management sponsorship from the beginning
- Lifecycle approach
- Team up with HR – or People & Change experts

# Approach & Methods

## Plan & Scope

### Target audiences

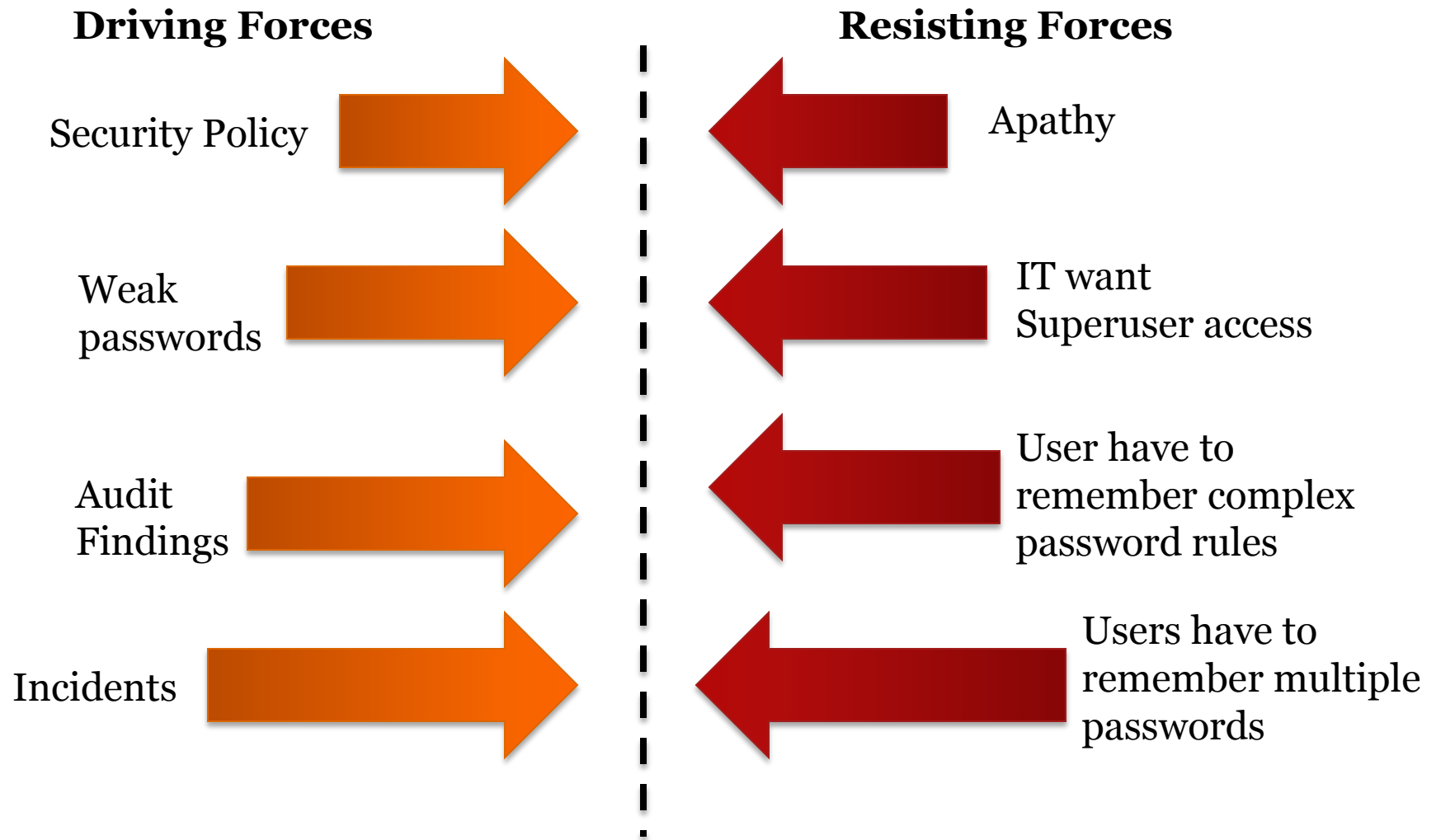


**Start with these guys !**

*Buy-in & commitment ...it will make things easier later*

# Approach & Methods

## Force field analysis (Kurt Lewin) & ISF



# Approach & Methods

## Develop & Implement



- Define security awareness messages
- Develop campaign strategy (incl. methods & frequency)
- Implement strategy - deliver messages or training

### Key Considerations:

- Clear “audience focused” messages delivered in a way the user can understand – use of innovative methods
- Make sure material is relevant - use “real life “ case studies
- Ensure you include clear home vs work security parameters & consequences of noncompliance for both the company and the individual
- Look for quick wins integrate with existing induction or other training or intranet sites
- Key management involvement (e.g. At introduction of training)



# Approach

## Develop & Implement

### PwC Economic Crime Survey

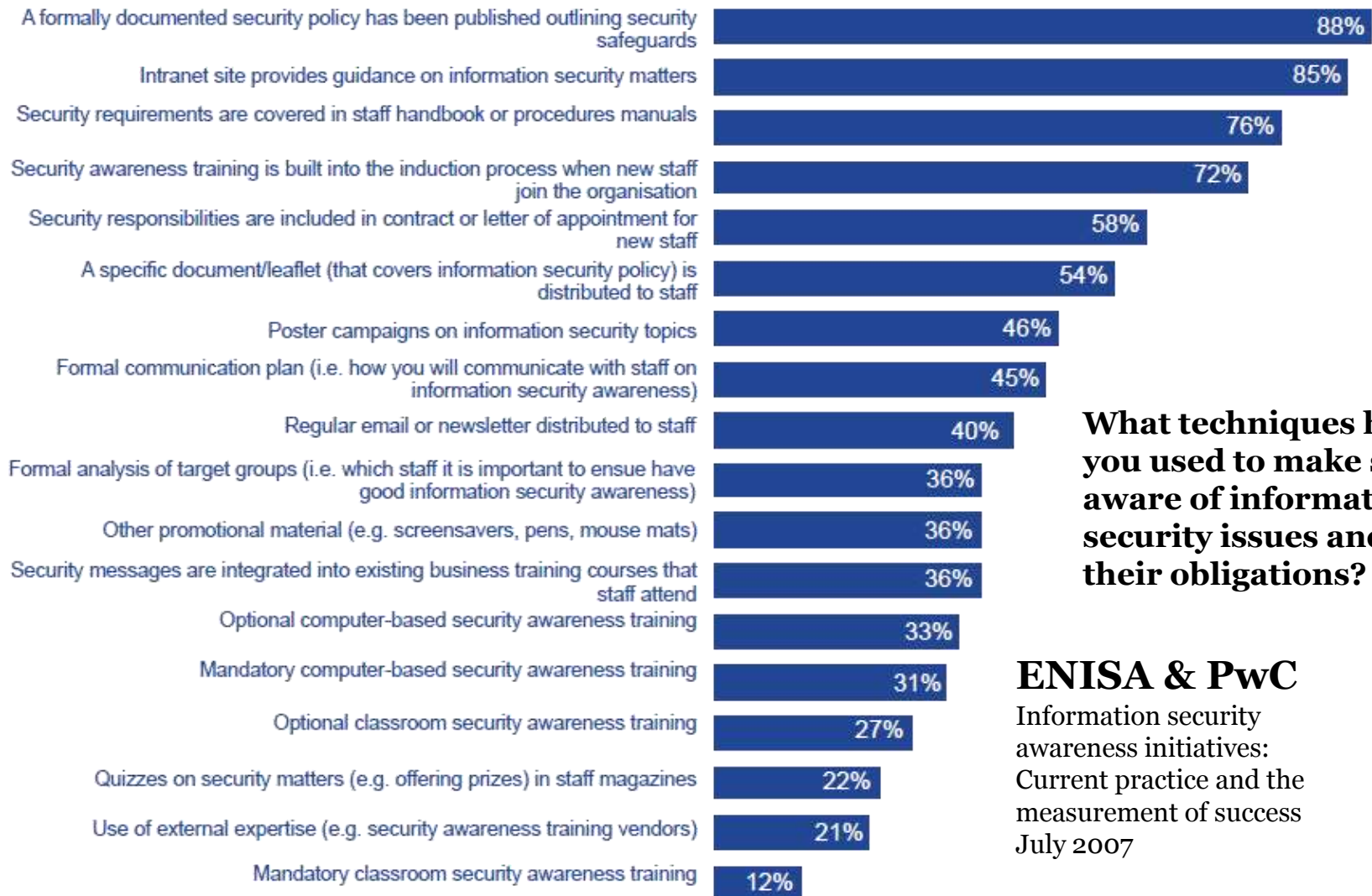
- 38% of Greek Companies have not performed any cybercrime/ security training in the last 12 months / security (47% Europe & Global 42%)
- Electronic messages (e.g. email, banners ) are still the most popular message delivery messages (Greece 44% Europe 36% & Global 40%)
- Seminars / Training are considered the most effective method cyber crime awareness training (Greece 44% Europe 36% & Global 40%) followed by CBT, and then emails
- 23% of Greek Companies use security awareness training methods (33% Europe & Global 37%) to educate users about Social media

<http://www.pwc.com/gr/en/surveys/economic-crime-2011.jhtml>

*The 6th Global Economic Crime Survey was conducted by PwC in collaboration with Professor Peter Sommer, visiting Professor at LSE and Open University, between June and November 2011. The survey was completed by approximately 4,000 respondents from 78 countries, including Greece, and turns the spotlight on the growing threat of cybercrime. In the context of the global survey, PwC Greece conducted its second study specifically for the country, involving a total of 92 senior executives. The study compares the results with the corresponding survey for Greece conducted in November 2009.*

# Approach & Methods

## Develop & Implement



**What techniques have you used to make staff aware of information security issues and their obligations?**

### ENISA & PwC

Information security awareness initiatives:  
Current practice and the measurement of success  
July 2007

## Approach & Methods

### Innovative “message” delivery Ideas & Tools



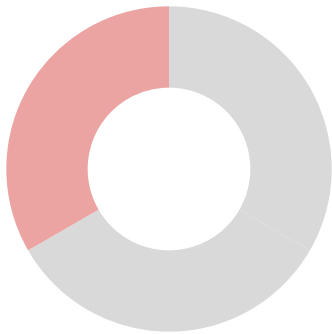
#### Other examples:

- Log on Banners
- USB sticks
- SMS / MMS messages to company mobile phones
- Pens / MUGS
- Use of social media / videos etc



# ***Approach & Methods***

## ***Monitor & Sustain***



- Evaluate method and campaign effectiveness
- Revise & refresh
- Integrate into performance management

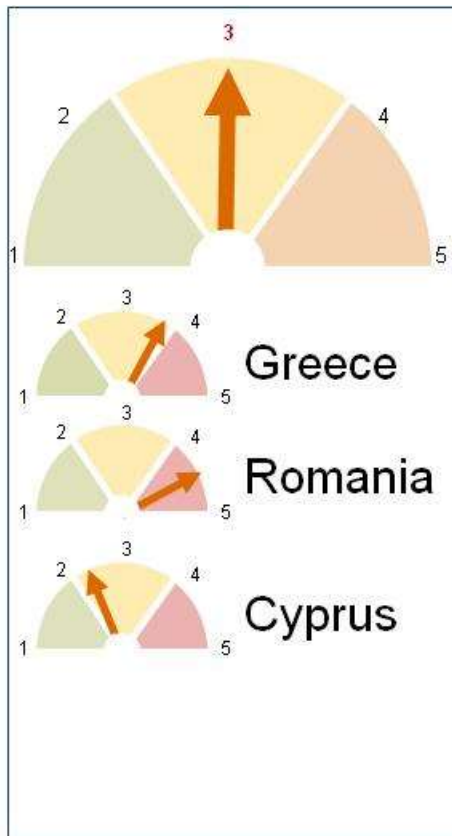
### **Key Considerations:**

- Obtain user feedback after all training sessions
- Use qualitative metrics (users' behaviours) not just quantitative
- Maintain the momentum - revising and optimising, repeating & introducing new campaigns
- Monitor changes in compliance requirements and technology usage, risks etc - update campaigns
- Link security to personal performance objectives / appraisals
- Integrate with overall GRC program

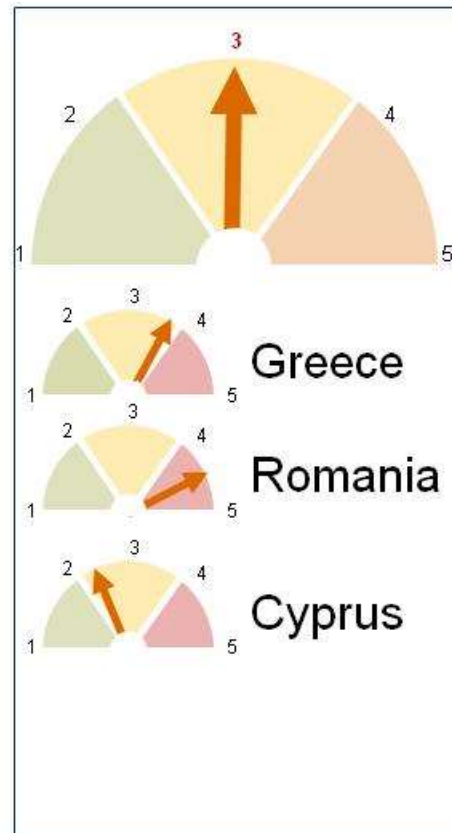
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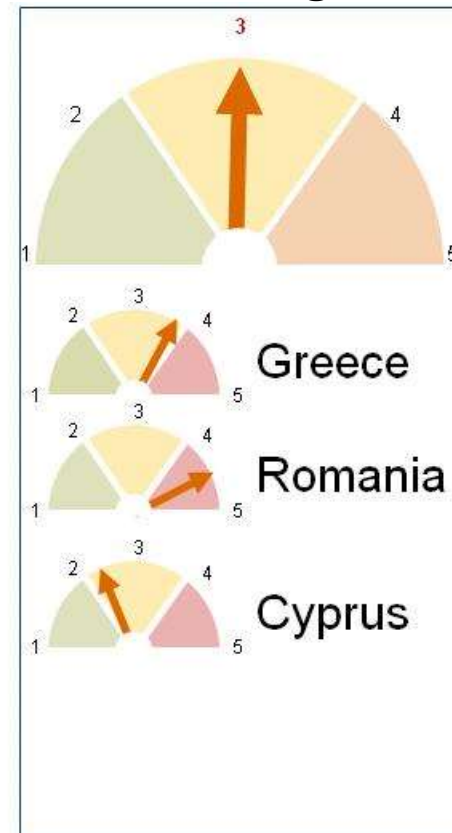
**No. of Security Breaches attributable to Employees / IT Staff / 3<sup>rd</sup> Parties**



**No. of Internal & External Security Audit findings**



**No. of Staff Passed Security Awareness Testing**



### Sample Methods:

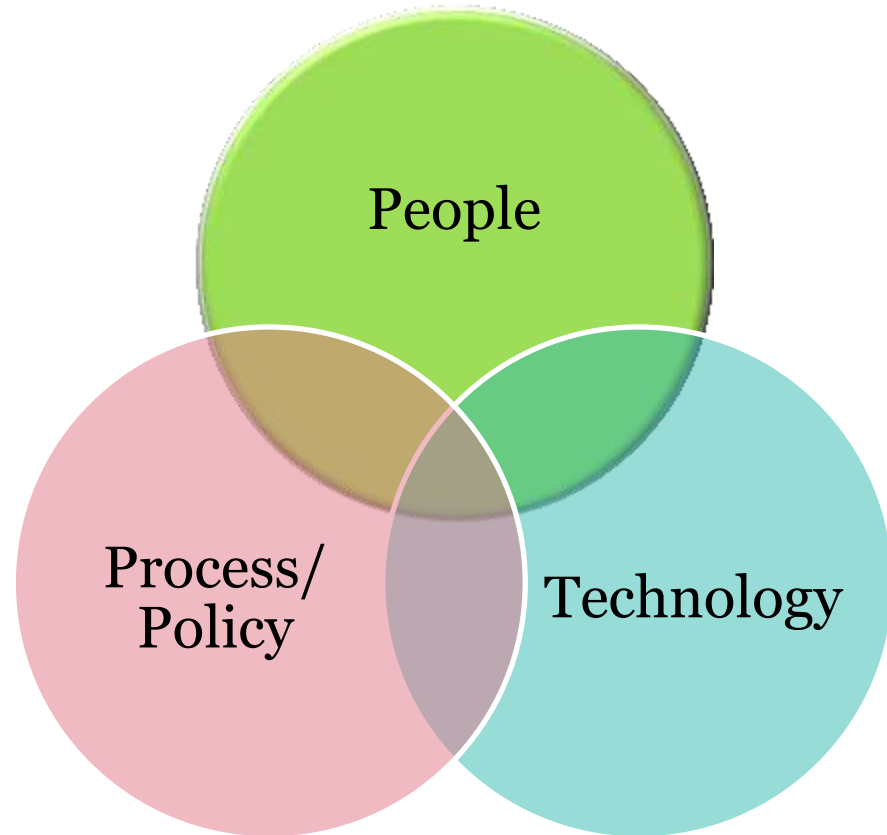
- Use of Social Engineering methods
- Use of Survey / Testing / Certification Procedures /
- Periodic Security Monitoring & Assessments

## *In Summary*

### *Closing Message*

*A security-aware workforce will provide improved protection for an organisation's assets in a **cost-effective** and efficient manner*

*A robust approach to information security awareness is an effective approach to changing people's behaviour in a sustained manner and to make people the "an important line of defence."*





# *Thank You !*

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