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New generation of electronic equipment to build a more secure power grid

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Digitalisation is increasing vulnerability in the grid

- The number of external connection attempts has increased in the last years
- Regulation is confused
- The measures applied in other sectors are not directly applicable:
  - Availability versus confidentiality. We can not disconnect a system when we suspect an attack.
  - Response times.
  - Geographic and equipment dispersion

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Nuevas Tecnologías de Ciberseguridad y Analítica de Datos para Subestaciones Eléctricas

- Funded by the Basque Government
- HAZITEK Programme (2016-2018)
- Budget: ~ 4M€
- Develop technology to Increase the security of the IEDs in electrical substations.
- Positioning the Basque Country as an international reference in cybersecurity for Smart Grids.

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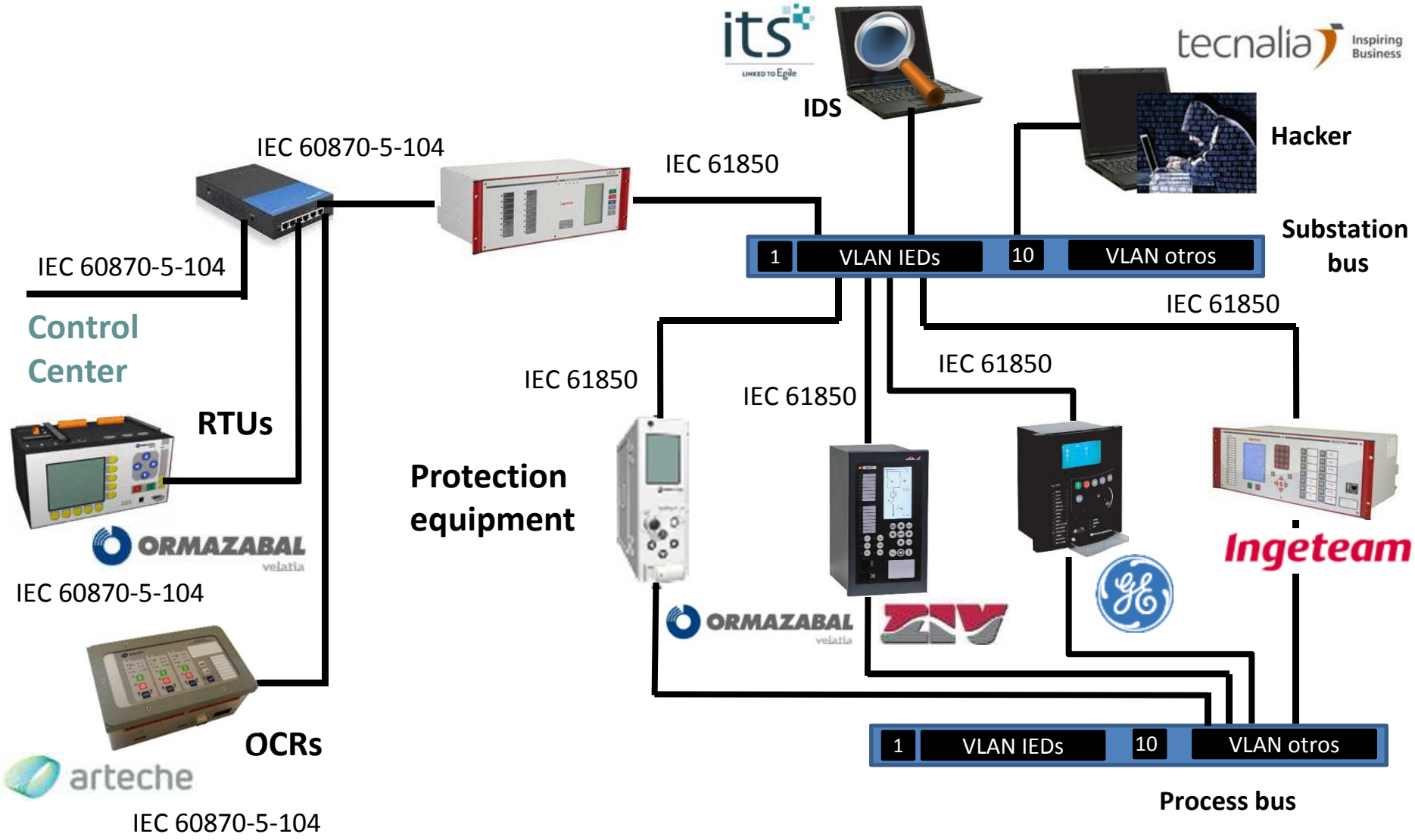
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IEC 60870-5-104

Regulation

- Which regulation should I apply?
  - IEC 62443. Evaluation of the safety of systems and equipment.
  - IEEE 1686. Security model for IEDs.
- How to apply it?
  - IEC 62351 (IEC 60870, IEC 61850)
    - Part 3 - IEC 60870-5-104
    - Part 4 to 6 - IEC 61850
    - Part 8 - RBAC
    - Part 10 – Architecture
- How to certify it?
  - Testbook of the IEEE 1686

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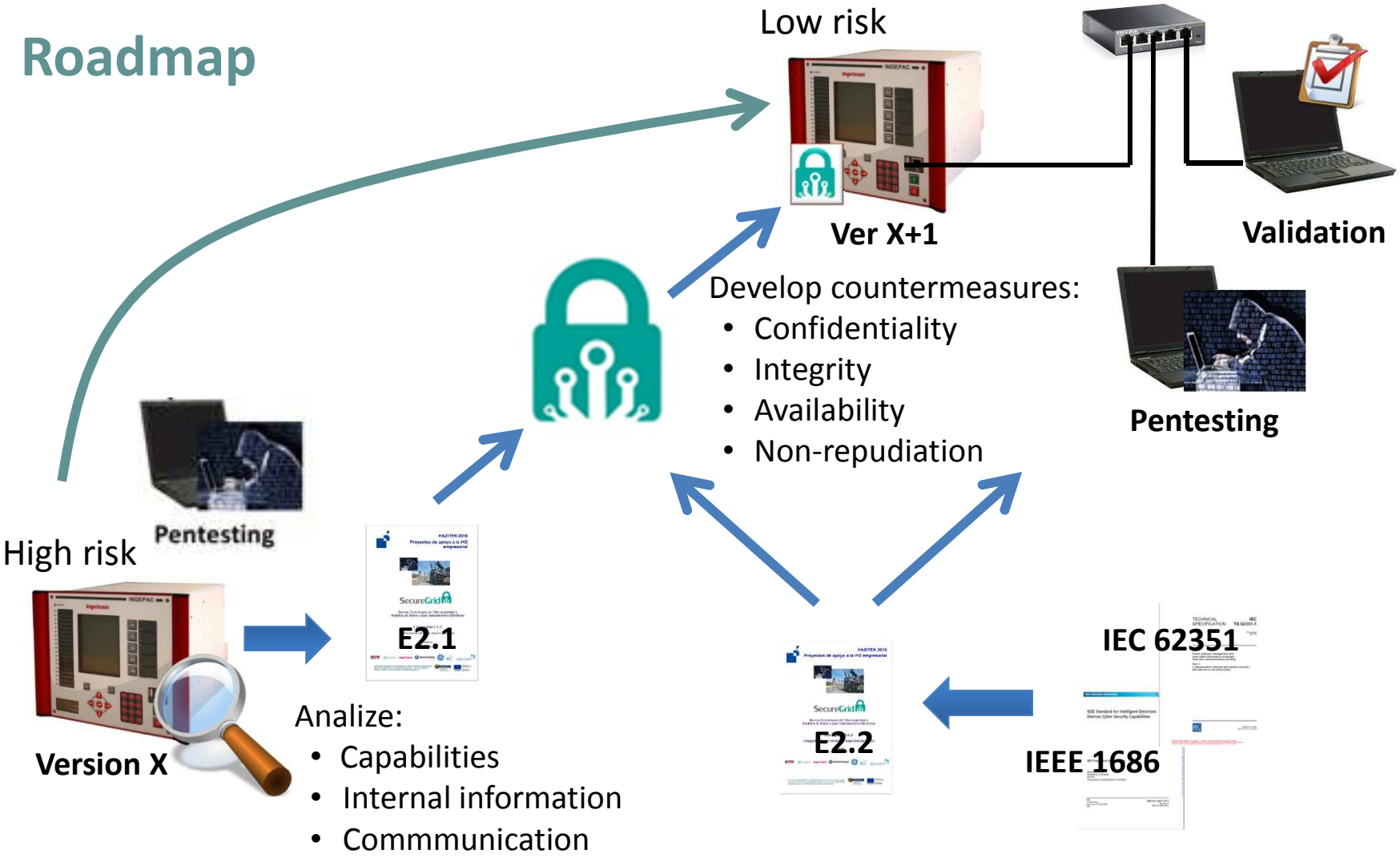
SecureGrid Model – Specification IEEE 1686				
High (A)	**5.4.x** – Communication encryption **5.5.x** – Firmware signing	**5.4.x** – Communication encryption **5.5.x** – Firmware signing	**5.5.x** – Role management in the config SW **5.5.x** – Firmware signing	**5.4.x** – Communication encryption
Medium (B)	**5.1.x** – Role management **5.5.x** – Role management in the config SW	**5.1.x** – Role management **5.5.x** – Role management in the config SW	**5.3.x** – Events and alarms monitoring **5.6** – Port activation and deactivation	**5.1.x** – Role management **5.2.x** – Audit record **5.3.x** – Events and alarms monitoring **5.5.x** – Role management in the config SW
Low (C)	**5.1.x** – Access control to IED **5.5.4** – Access control to config SW	**5.1.x** – Access control to IED **5.3.x** – Events and alarms monitoring **5.5.4** – Access control to config SW	**5.1.x** – Role management **5.2.x** – Audit record	**5.1.x** – Access control to IED **5.5.4** – Access control to config SW
Level / Req.	**Confidentiality**	**Integrity**	**Availability**	**Non-repudiation**

Roadmap

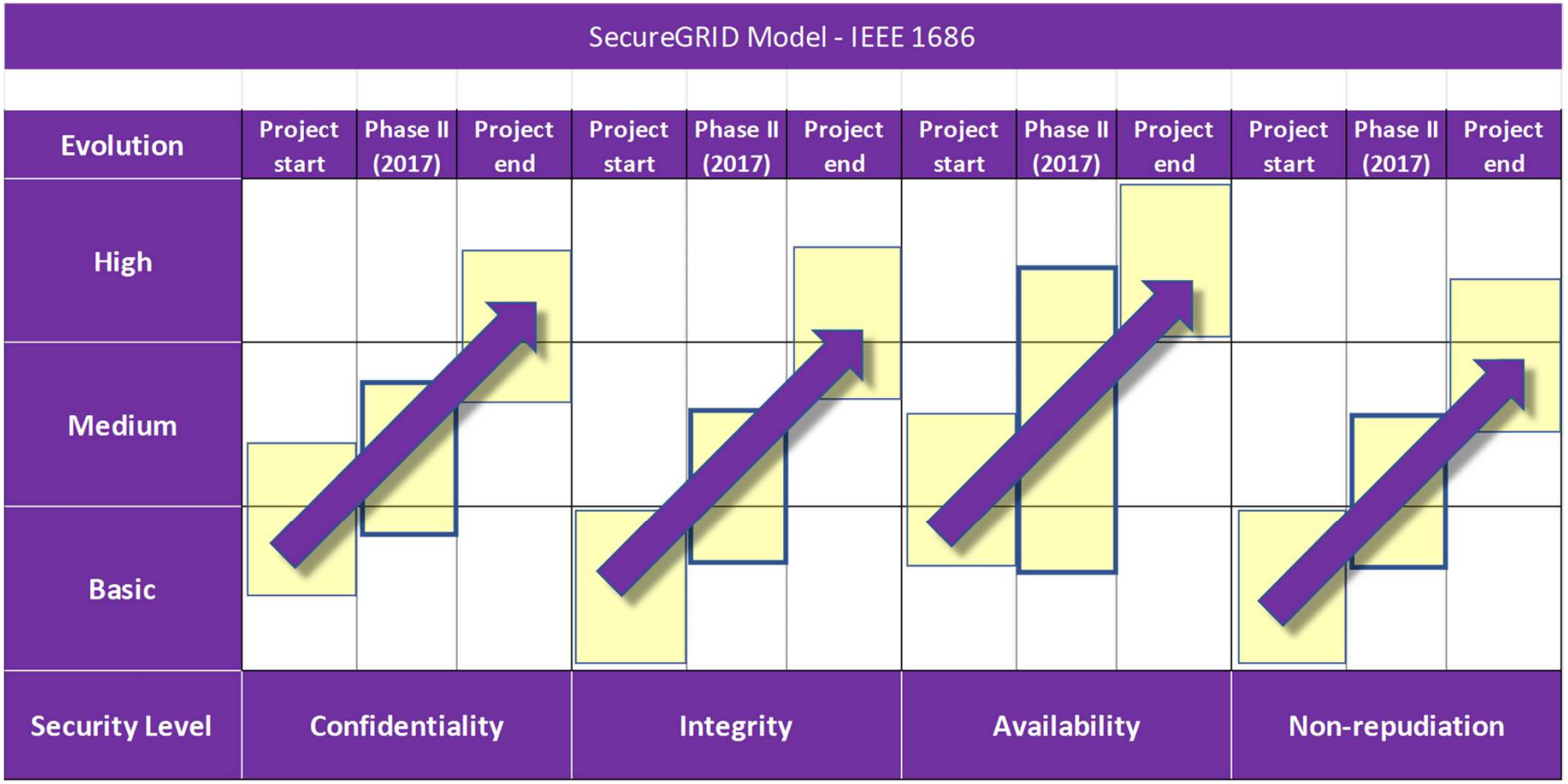

Low risk
Ver X+1
Validation
Develop countermeasures:
• Confidentiality
• Integrity
• Availability
• Non-repudiation
Pentesting
Pentesting
High risk
E2.1
Version X
Analize:
• Capabilities
• Internal information
• Commmunication
E2.2
IEC 62351
IEEE 1686

Improvements to the equipment

IEEE 1686

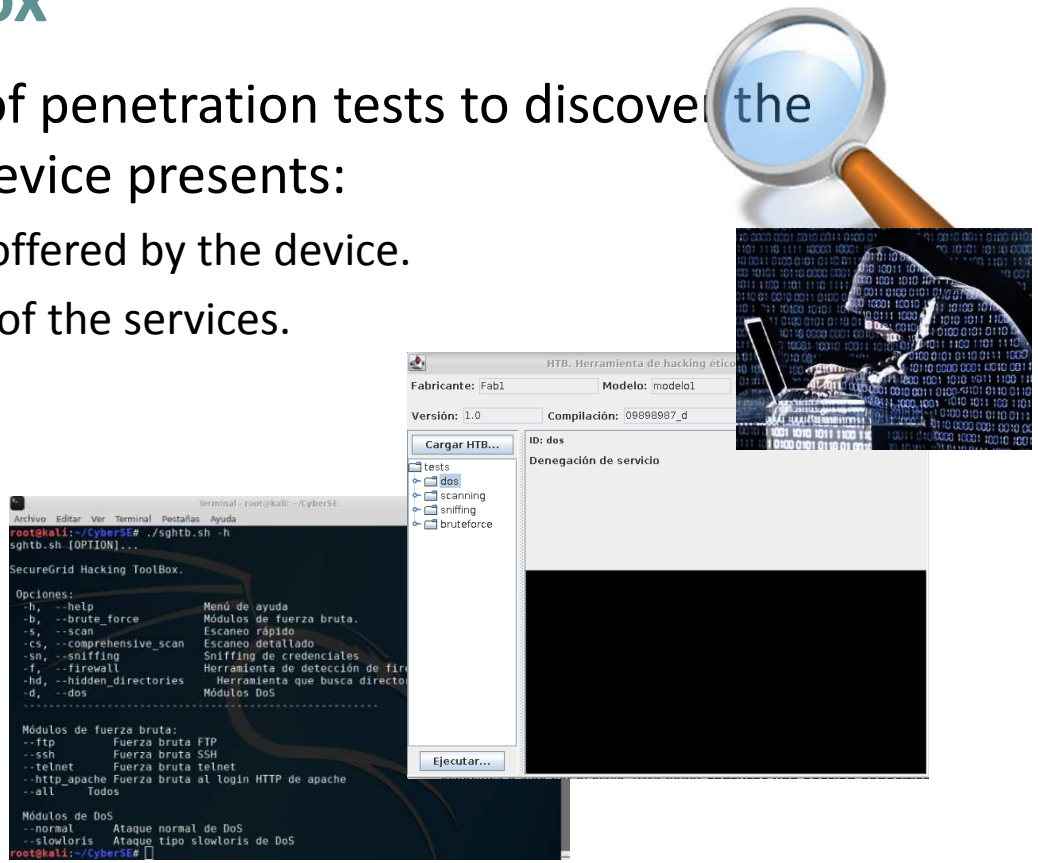
- Today, the equipment incorporate:
  - improved generation and management of passwords. — **Clauses 5.x.1**
  - disconnection after a period of inactivity
  - role-based access systems — **Clauses 5.x.2**
  - generation and management of an audit record containing basic information on events and alarms related to the security of the equipment
- Ongoing work:
  - monitoring of the activity related to security aspects — **Clauses 5.x.3**
  - encryption of communications, — **Clauses 5.x.4**
  - signature of the firmware and authentication of the configuration software — **Clauses 5.x.5**
  - activation and deactivation of communication ports — **Clauses 5.6**

Current situation - november 2018



Ethical hacking toolbox

- Allows to perform a set of penetration tests to discover the vulnerabilities that the device presents:
  - Discovery of the services offered by the device.
  - Obtaining the credentials of the services.
  - Denial of Service
- Integrated tools:
  - Nmap
  - Metaspoloit
  - W3af
  - Ettercap
  - Slowloris



Conclusions

- Manufacturers are immersed in a process to improve the security of electrical equipment:
  - Make it more difficult to take control of the equipment from an external system, and avoid spreading to other equipment.
  - Registration of actions related to security.
  - Encrypted and signed communications.
  - Strengthen the equipment availability.
- Added value of collaboration between competitors.
- Ethical hacking as a tool applied to the improvement of security of IEDs during the manufacturing process.
- It is essential to combine the measures developed in the project (OT) with improved IT security measures.

There is still a lot to do…!

- Share and check the project results with utilities.
- Definition of technological lines for the project to evolve
  - Recovery from attacks
  - Honeypots
- Adaptation of electronic equipment to the evolution of regulation, which increasingly includes more security aspects.
- Tecnalia has a Cybersecurity Laboratory for Smart Grid:
  - It is part of the Cybersecurity Node of the "Digital Innovation Hub" of Advanced Manufacturing in the Basque Country.
  - It allows the simulation of new (and more complex) attack scenarios, as well as testing new equipment and attack detection systems.

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Thank you!

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