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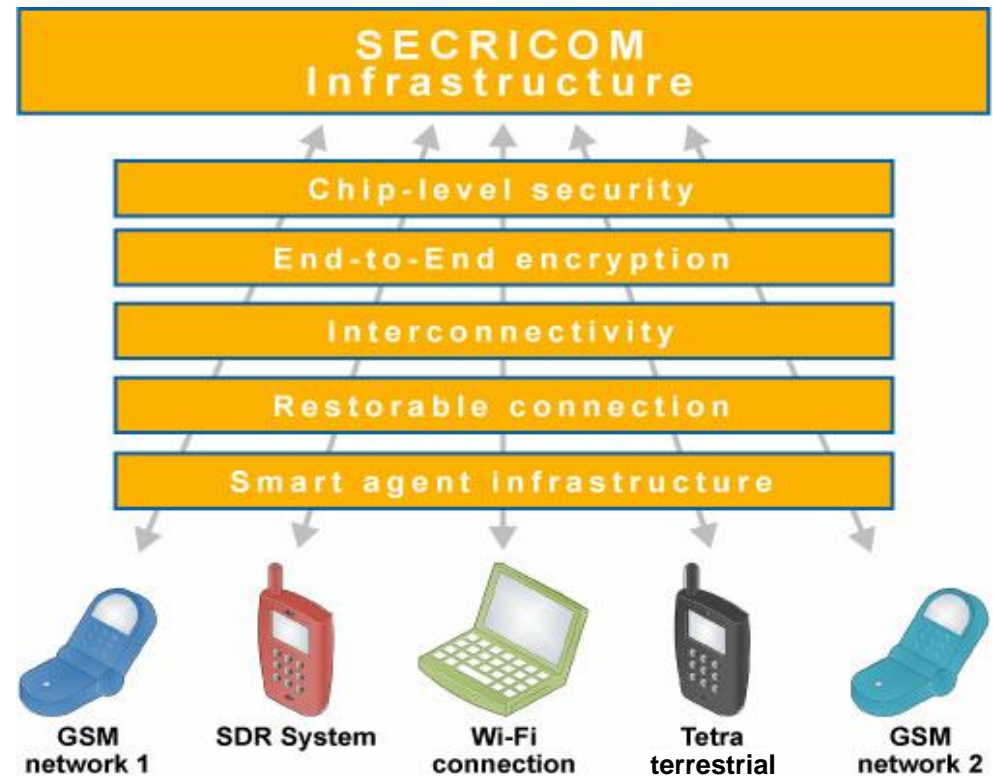
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# Presentation objectives

- Introduce the Project
- Approach Taken
- Aspects of User Requirements
- Architectures and Technology
- Wrap up





# Key Project Facts

- Seventh Framework Programme – FP7
- Wireless Communication for Crisis Management
  - Multi-Agency/Multi-National
- 13 Partners
- Start date: 1 Sept 2008
- End date: 30 April 2012
- 44 months duration
- Total cost ~ €12.5M
- EU contribution ~ €8.6M



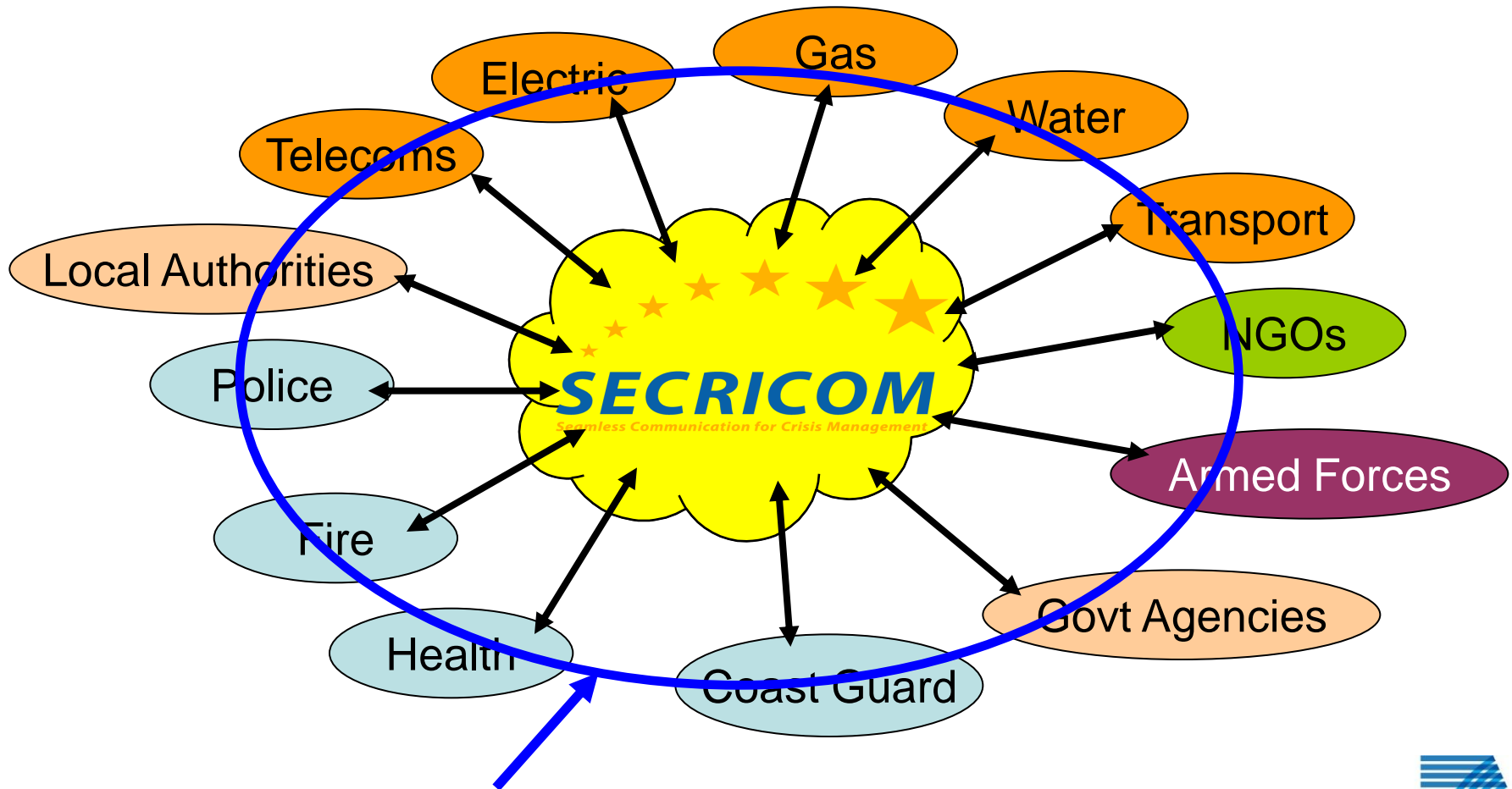


# Aims

- Provision of secure seamless communications for emergency agencies at times of crisis
- Enhance interoperability among heterogeneous secure communication systems
- Enhance interconnectivity between different networks and User Access Devices
- Exploit existing communication systems
- Interface towards emerging SDR systems in a generic manner
- Mitigate the key capability gaps faced by users of existing systems



# Business Stakeholders



**International Border**

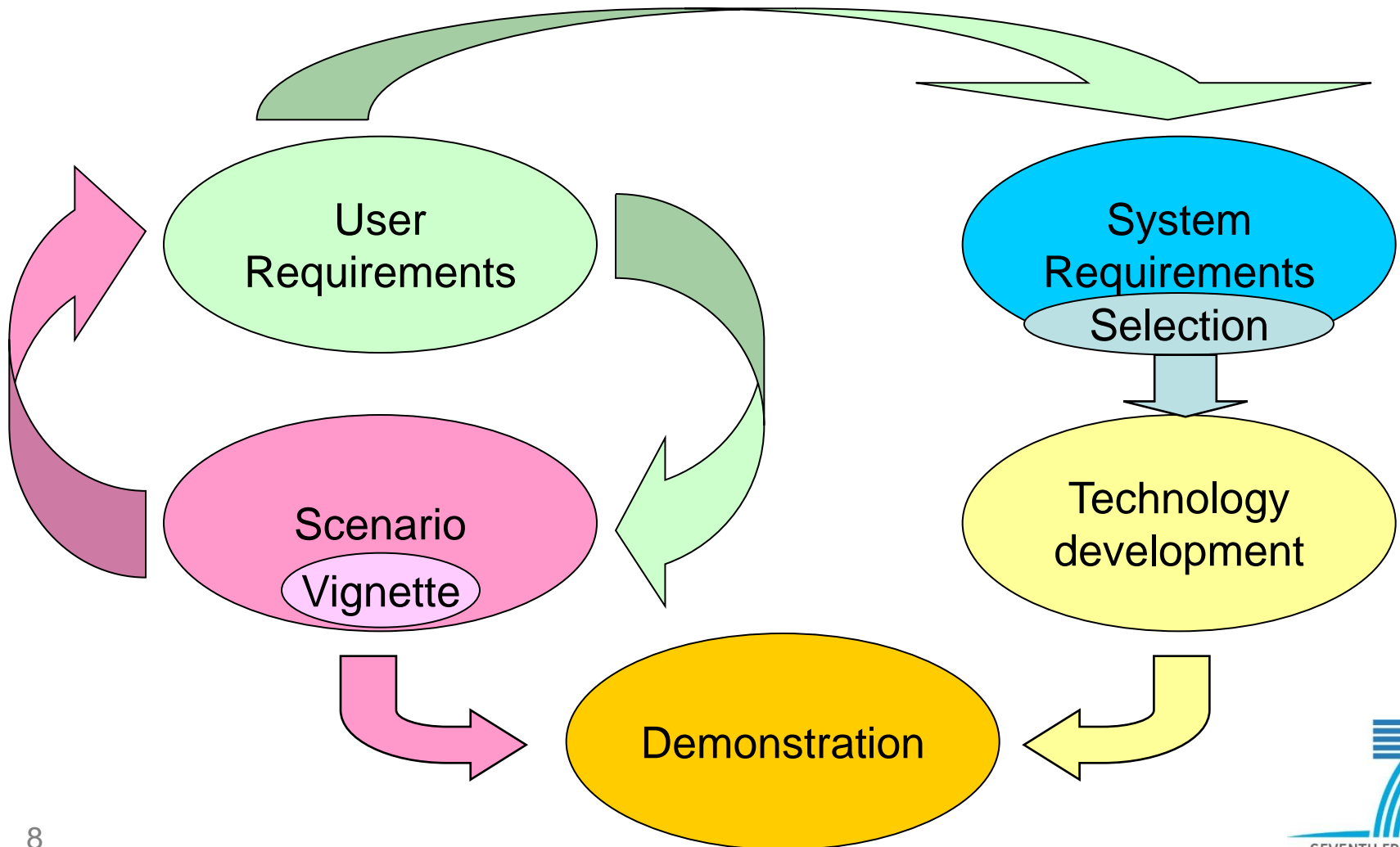


# Principle of Crisis Management





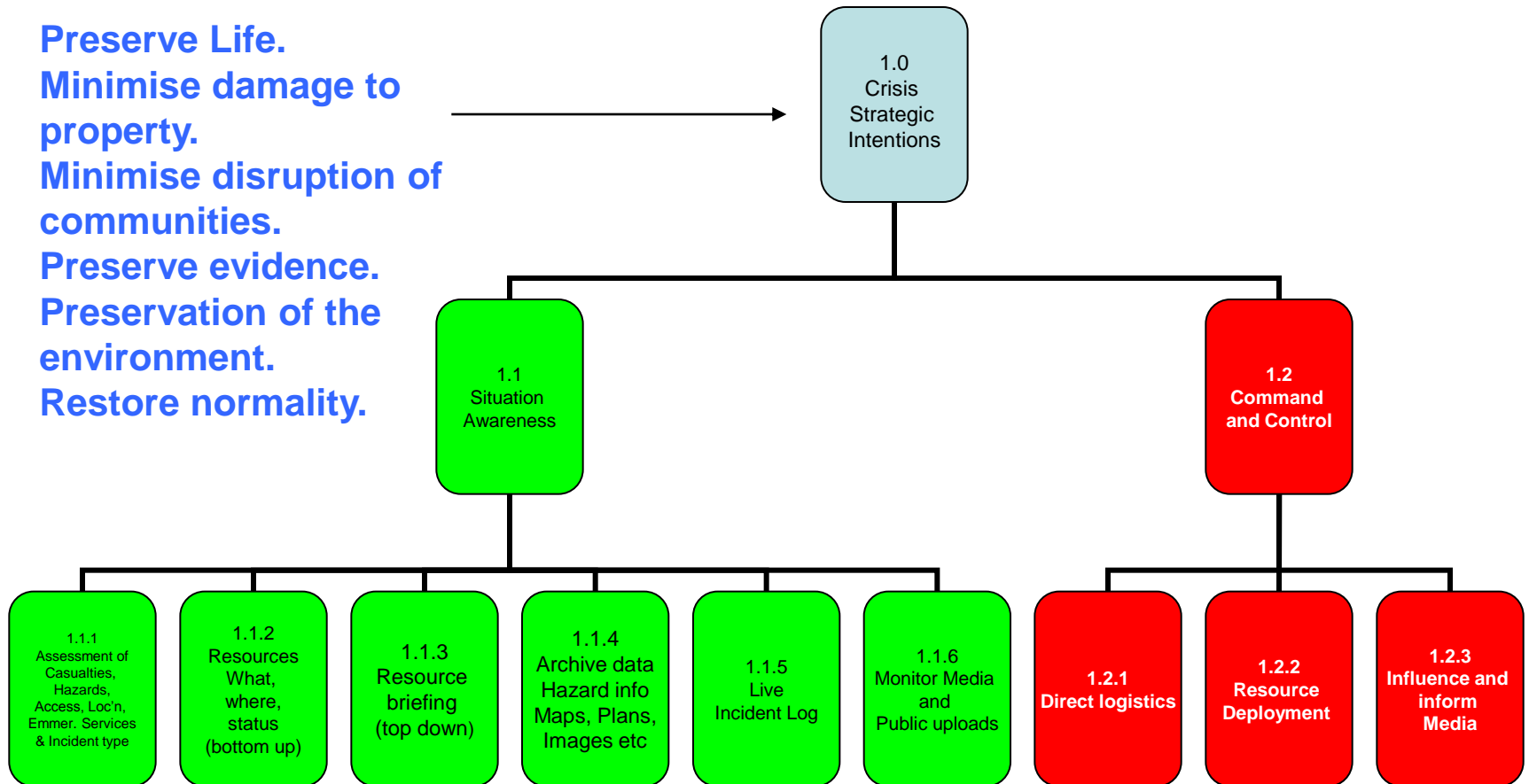
# Project Approach





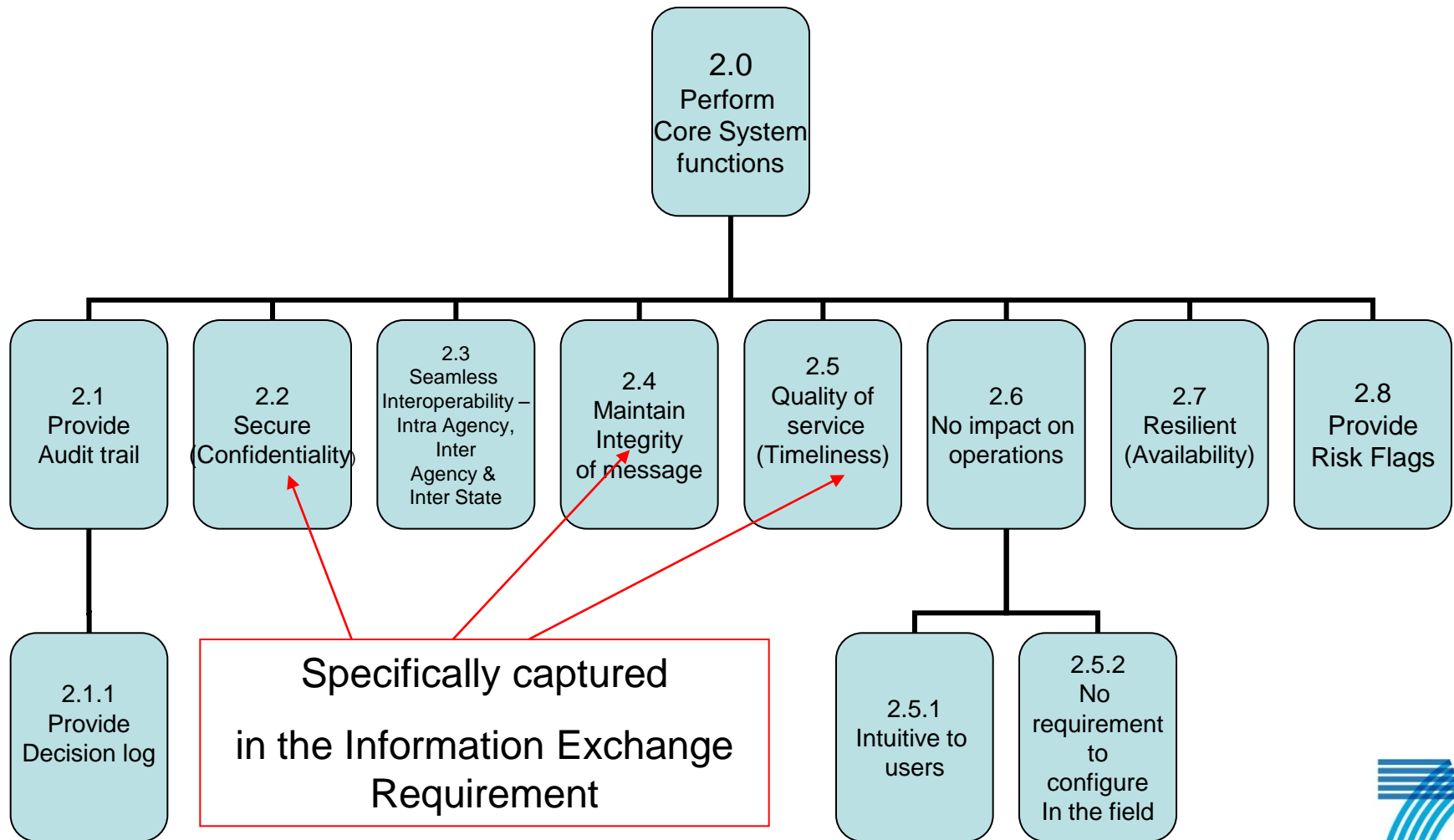
# Top level User Requirements

Preserve Life.  
 Minimise damage to property.  
 Minimise disruption of communities.  
 Preserve evidence.  
 Preservation of the environment.  
 Restore normality.



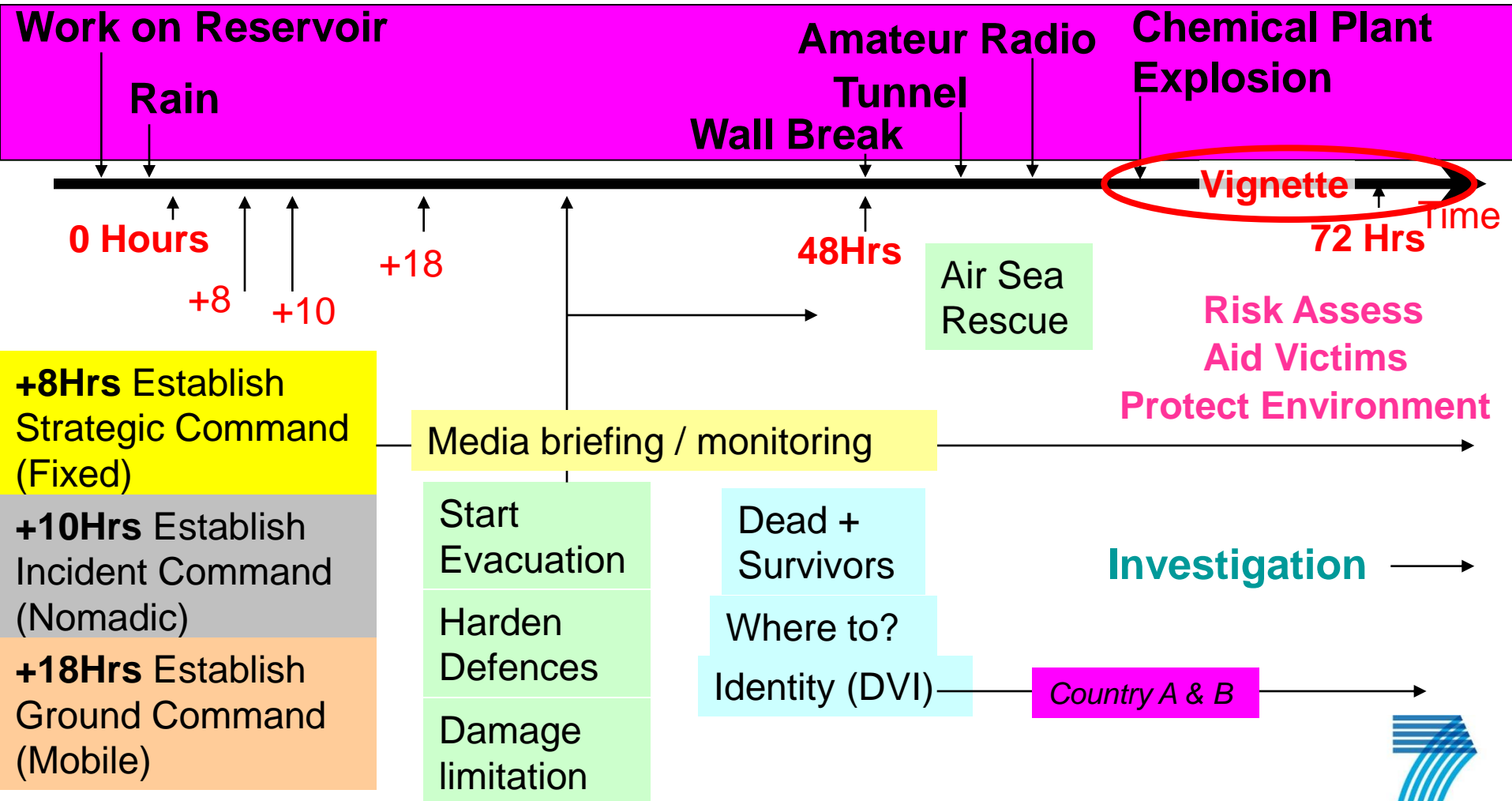


# Core Functions



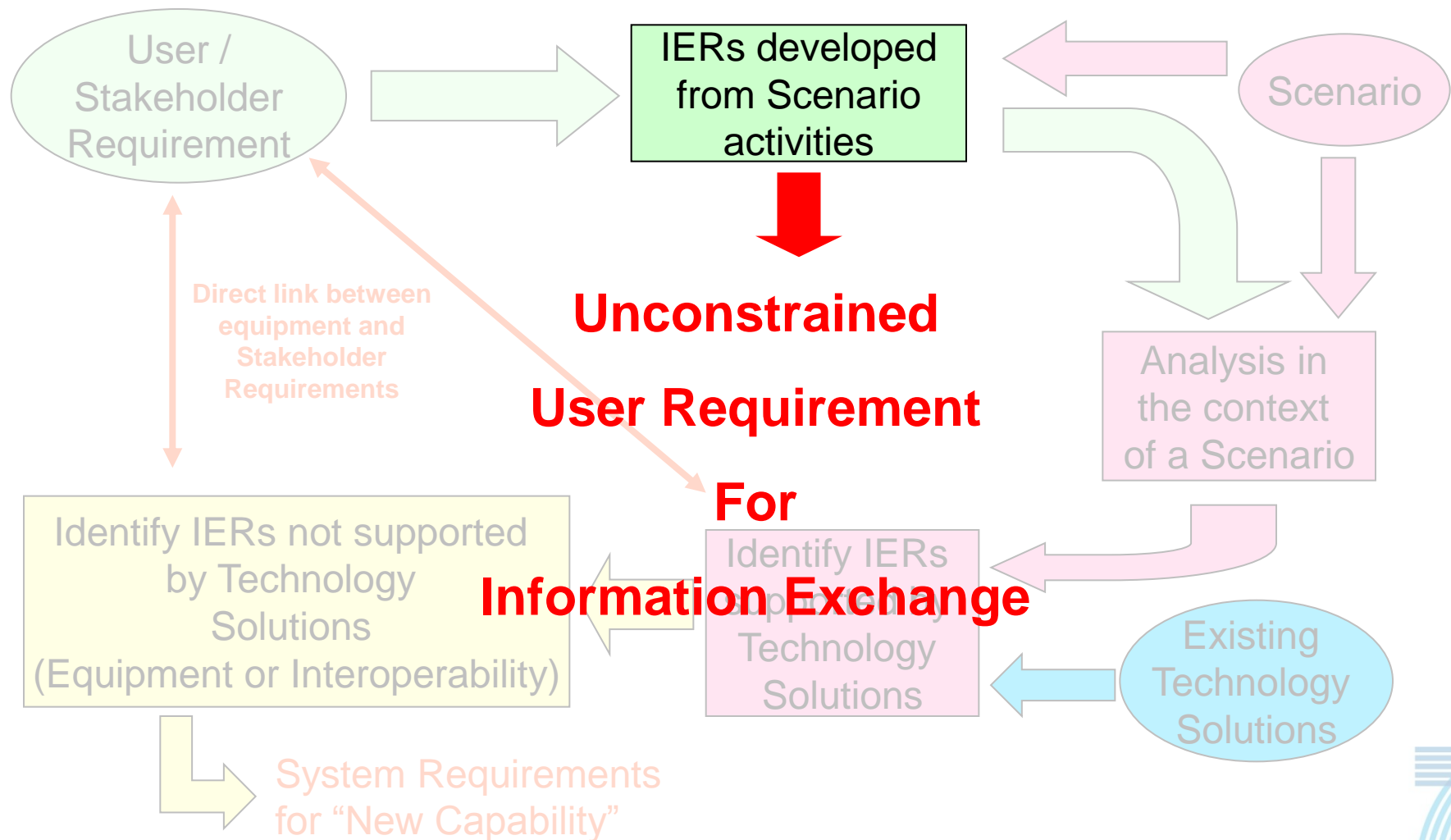


# Scenario





# Analysis of User Requirements





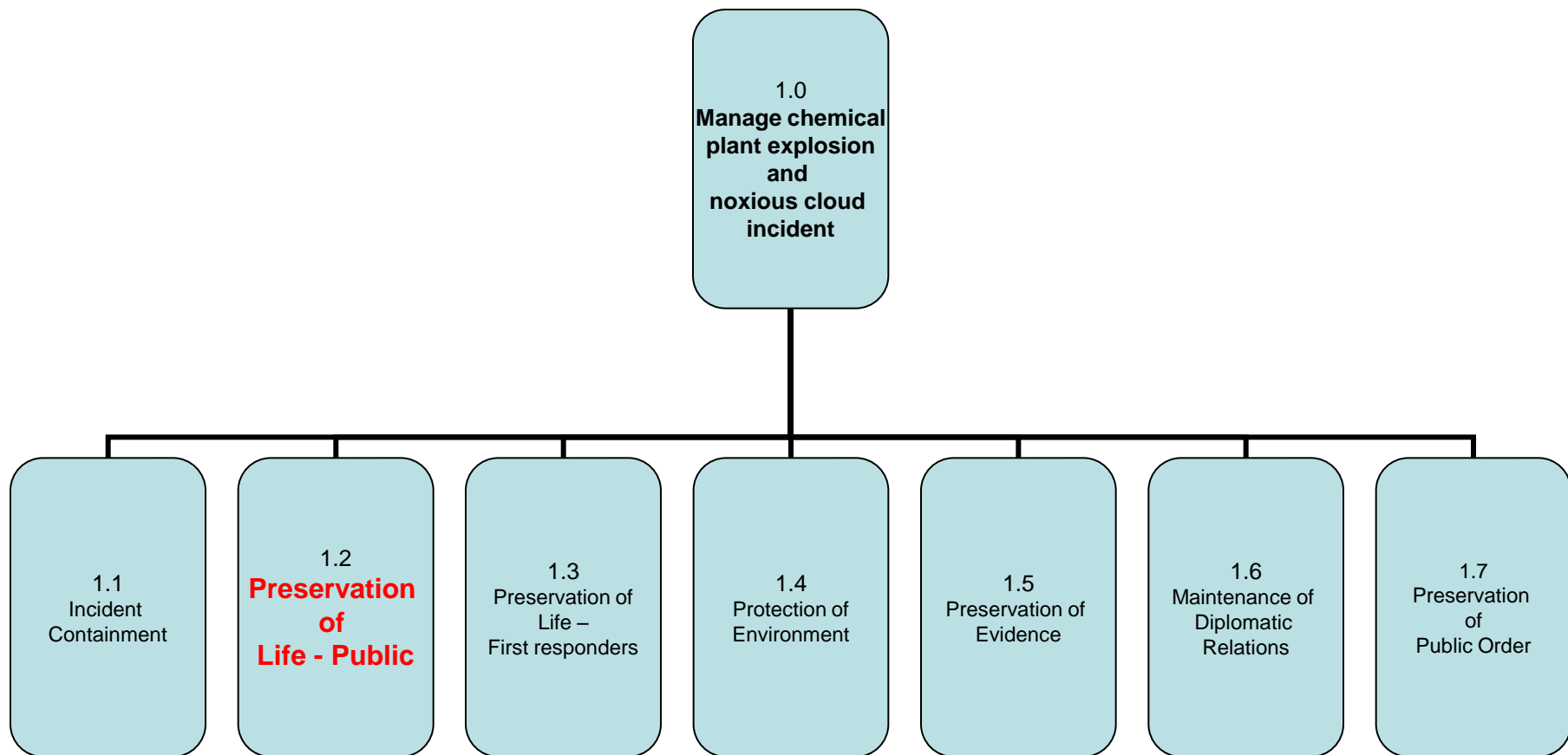
# IER Capture

- User team exercise – September 2009
- Captured over 700 IERs linked to Activities
- IER Key Information criteria:
  - **Source & Destination**
  - **Information Type** (e.g. Voice, Messaging)
  - **Size** (linked to Information Type)
  - **Timeliness** (“worst case time to delivery”)
- Additional Information required:
  - **Criticality**
  - **Confidentiality**
  - Other analysis attributes (e.g. Business Function)



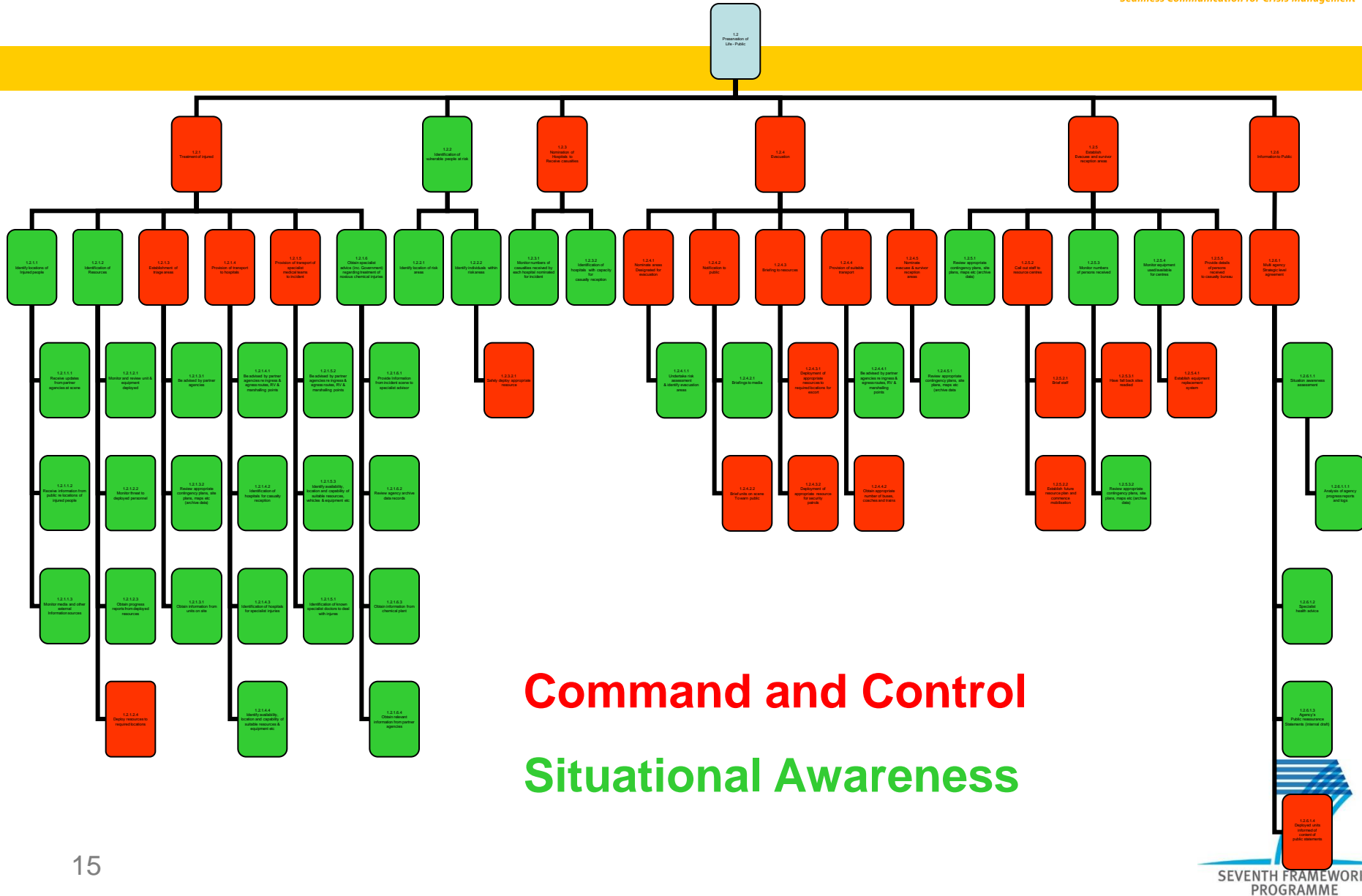
# Use Case (Vignette Example)

## Chemical Plant Explosion





# Preservation of Life 1.2





# Task Flow Diagrams

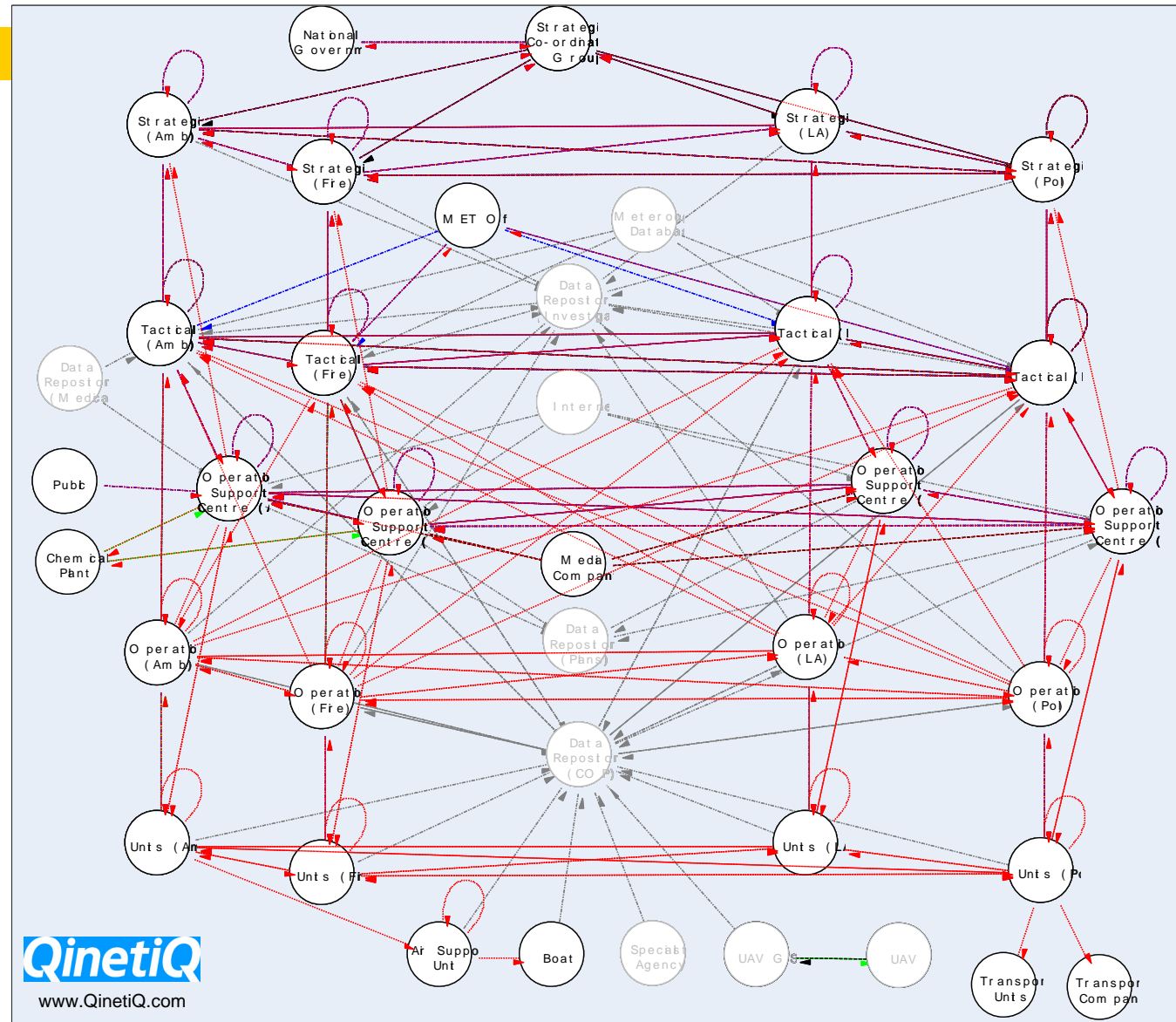
**GREEN** = Data (File / Imagery Transfer)  
**Blue** = Messaging  
**GREY** = Data Source / Web (Update / Retrieval)  
**BLACK** = Video  
**RED** = Voice

## Crisis Management (“Standard Operating Procedures”):

Briefings / Liaison:-

- Inter-Agency
- Intra-Agency
- At all levels
- Inc. Cross Border

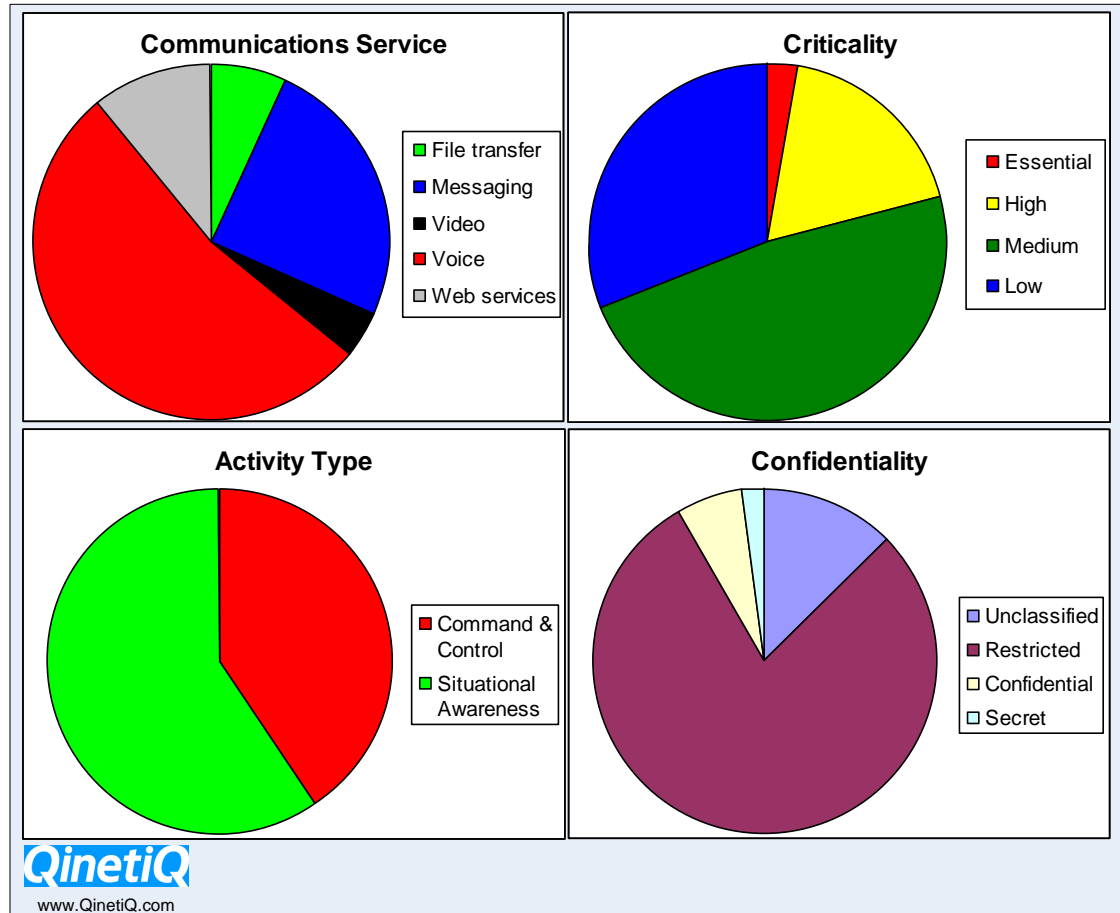
Dissemination of Information  
(Weather / News / Hazmat / Medical / Positional)





# IER Summary

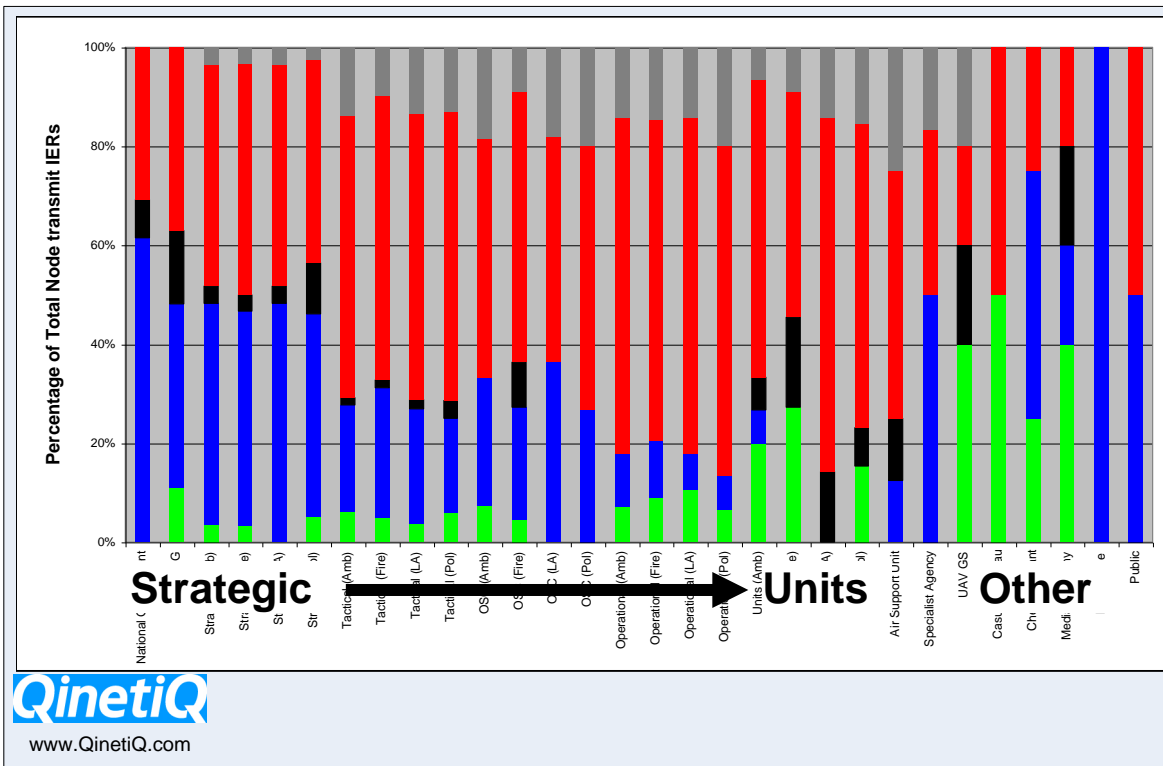
- 700+ IERs Captured during Main exercise and subsequent user engagement:
  - ~50% Voice, ~25% messaging (data)
  - Mostly medium criticality
  - ~75% are Restricted, ~8% are of a higher classification
  - ~60% relate to Situational Awareness activities





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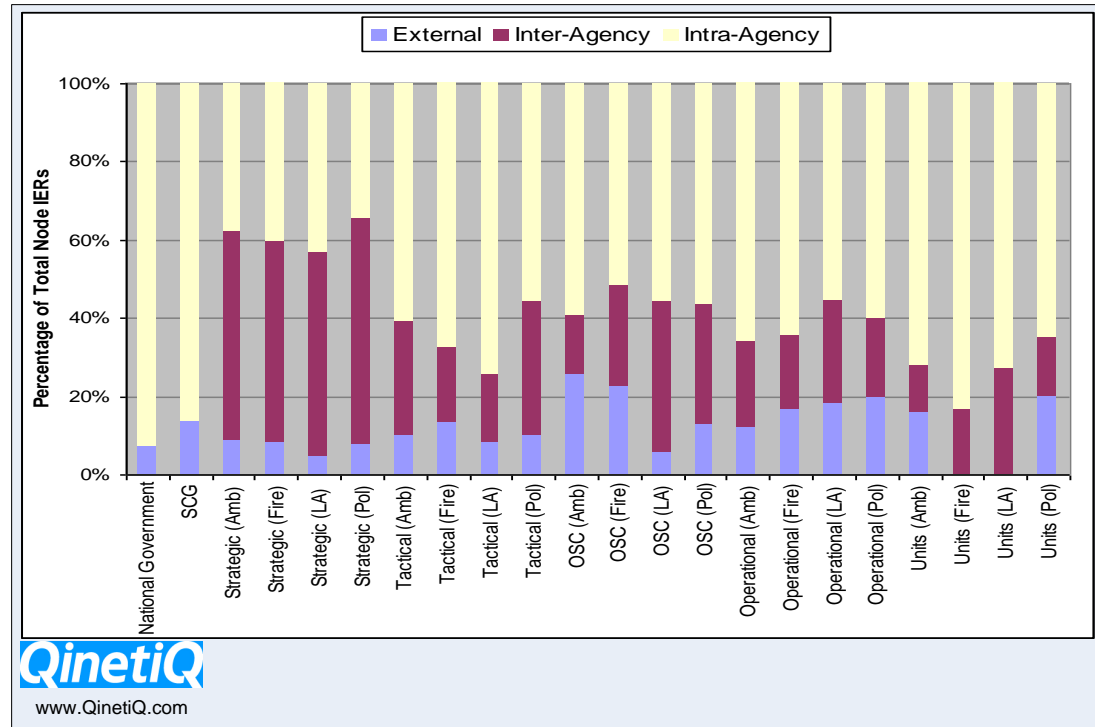
- Similar data type ratios across most nodes
  - Mostly Voice,
  - However data type of Information Exchanges account for significant proportion of IERs at lower level nodes





# IER Summary

- Most communications within own agency (Intra-Agency) – **~60%** of IERs
- Inter-Agency account for **~25%** of IERs
- External account for **~10%** of IERs





# Key Findings

- Voice remains (~50%) Messaging (~25%)
- Use of voice and data is inversely proportional between Strategic and Operational levels
- Intra-Agency communications is key at all levels of command
- Inter-Agency communications account for nearly a quarter of all IERs for any node
- Situation awareness is the greatest proportion of IERs (~59%)
  - Ratio of C2 to Situational Awareness is close to 3:2 due to voice & data versions of the same IER (i.e. voice command backed-up with data type IER).
- Voice remains most significant IER data type for both C2 and Situation Awareness however Situational Awareness demands a greater use of non-voice data types

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# Applications: Current & Future

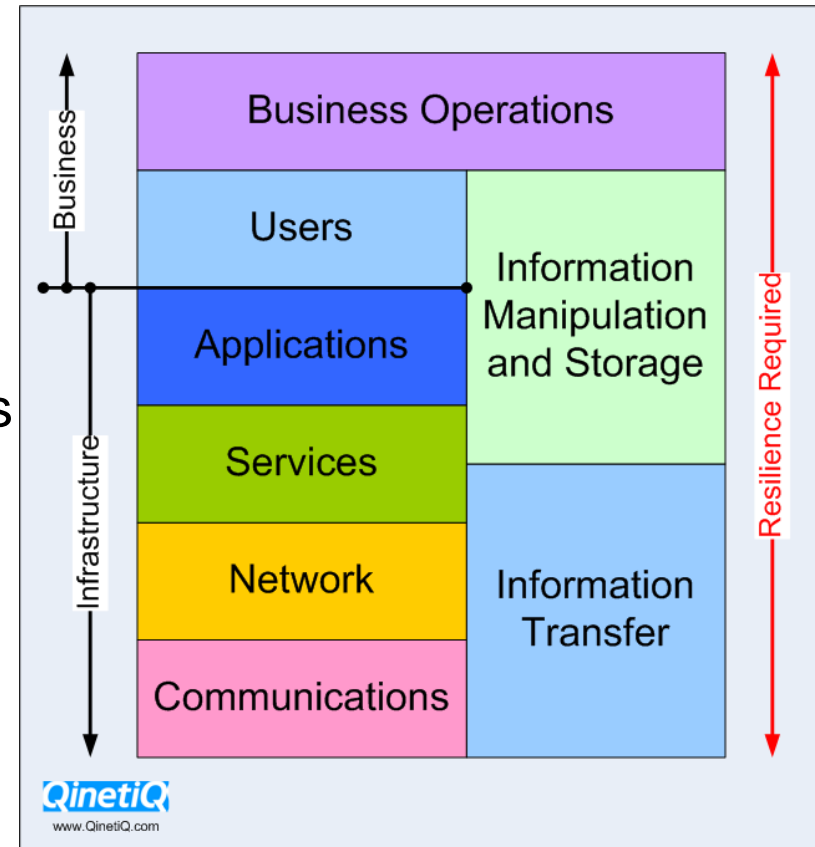
	Information Exchange Type				
Application	<i>File Transfer</i>	<i>Messaging</i>	<i>Video</i>	<i>Voice</i>	<i>Web Services</i>
Mobile Office	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Images	Yes	Yes			Yes
Biometric Data	Yes				Yes
Number Plate Recognition	Yes				Yes
Mapping and Location Services	Yes	Yes			Yes
Remote Database Access	Yes				Yes
Personnel Monitoring		Yes			
Sensor Devices		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Remotely Controlled Vehicles		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Non-Real Time Video	Yes				Yes
Non-Real Time Voice	Yes				Yes
Real Time Video			Yes	Yes	
Real Time Voice				Yes	
Collaborative Tools	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



# Critical IT Infrastructure

- Critical IT infrastructures require *resilience* to support business continuity during critical/non-critical business operations:
  - Robustness during stressed times
  - Robustness against natural failures
  - Graceful degradation: by design and not luck

*Behind Every Resilient IT-Reliant Business is Resilient Data Networks/Communications*





# System Requirements for Networks and Communications

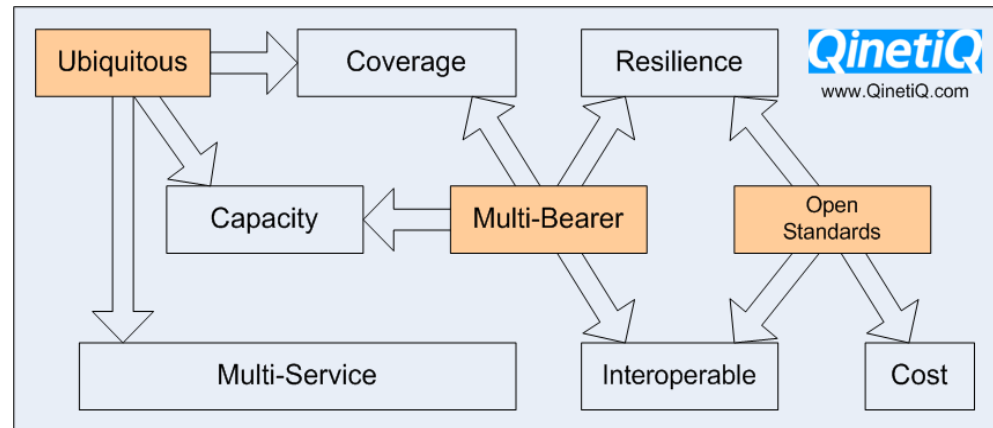
<b>Requirements</b>	<b>Implications</b>	<b>IP Support for Requirements/Implications</b>
<b>Functionality</b>	<i>Multi-Services</i>	Ability to Support Multi-Media and Data Services that Underpins the Applications mentioned previously
<b>Connectivity</b>	<i>Coverage</i>	Standard Technology with the Highest Penetration into Government IT combined with Wireless Technology
	<i>Capacity</i>	Scalability through a Vast Address Space
	<i>Projection into Theatre</i>	Nomadcity and Mobility is well Supported aided by Supporting Wireless/Mobile Communication Technology
<b>Reliability</b>	<i>Resilience</i>	Resilience is Achievable through Standard Techniques
	<i>Security</i>	Matured VPN Technology either End-to-End/Otherwise
<b>Deployability</b>	<i>Interoperability</i>	Highest Penetration into Government, UK and EU-Wide
	<i>Cost</i>	Cost Effectiveness through Diversity of Suppliers Leading to Vendor-Unlocking and Support for Multi-Services



# Ubiquitous Services to Support of End User Applications

Avoidance of reliance on a single comms system/provider

- Make simultaneous use of TETRA, 3G, GSM, WiFi, WiMax, Satellite, SDR, etc



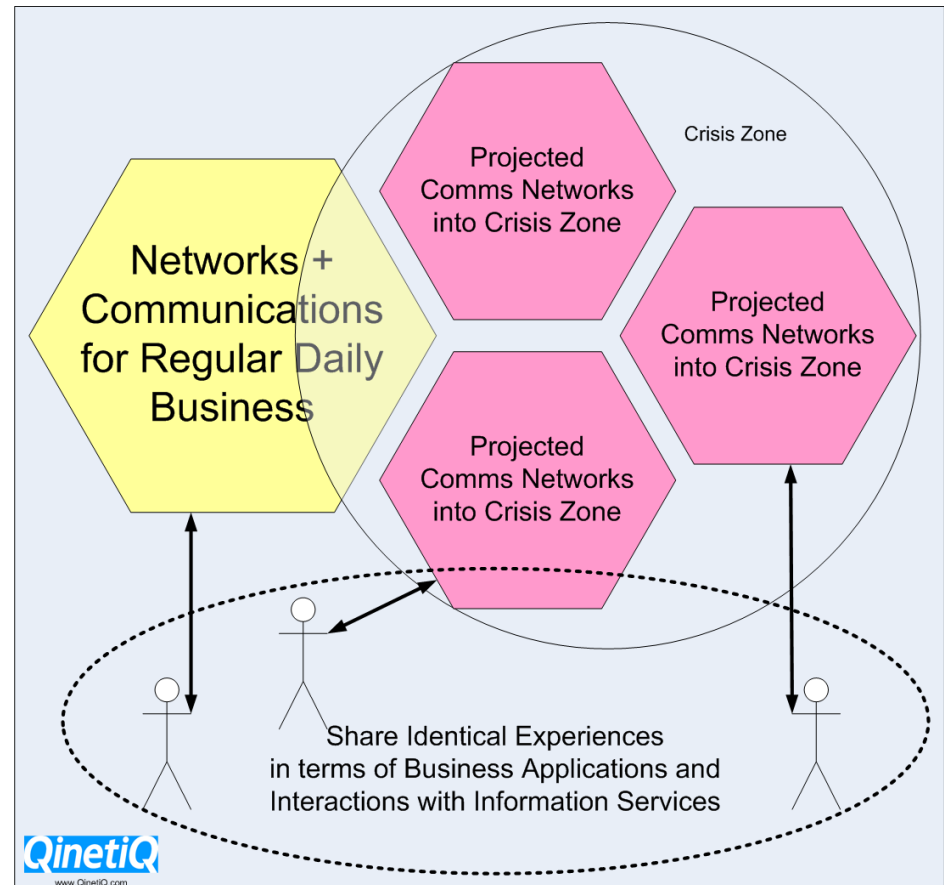
Usage of open/non-proprietary standards

- Network: IPv6 as the principle standard for networking
- Wireless: 3G, GSM, WiFi, WiMax, TETRA, Satellite, etc
- Fixed: Ethernet



# Projection of Networks and Communications into Crisis Zone

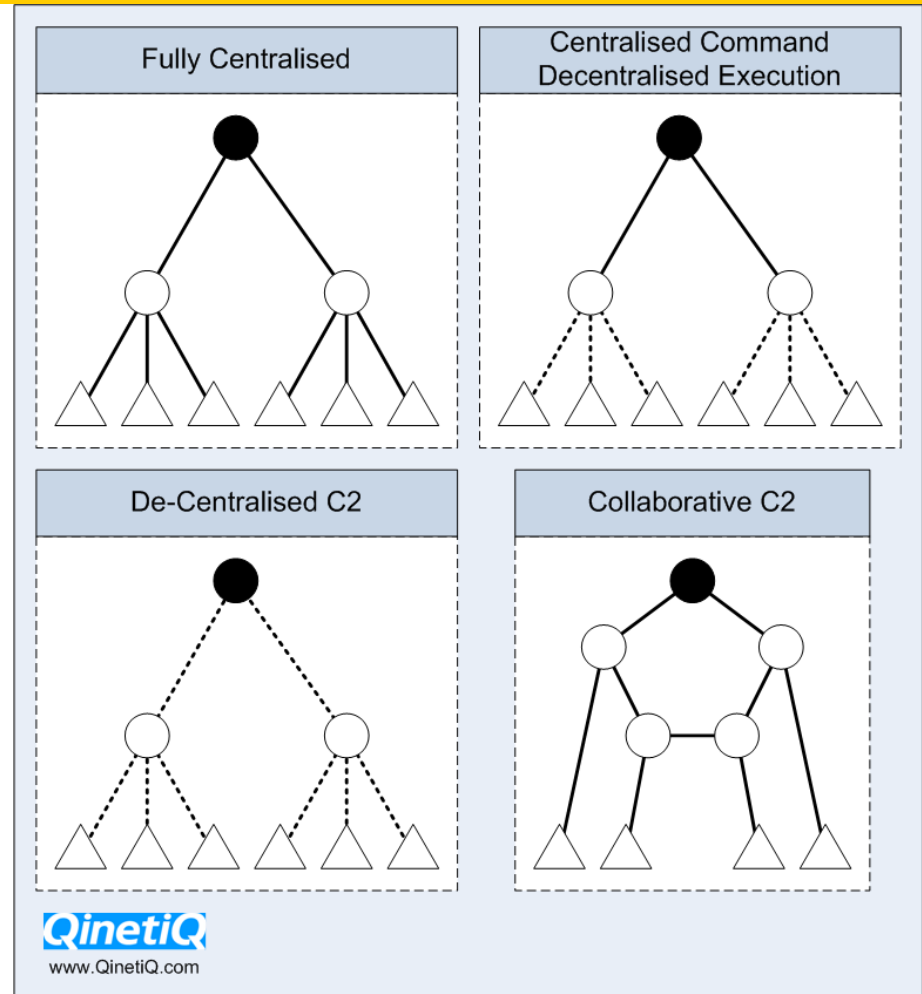
- Assumption: Networks and Comms don't Necessarily Survive in the Crisis Zone.
- Need the Ability for Networks and Comms Re-Establishment
  - Multi National, and
  - Multi Agency.
- User Experience.





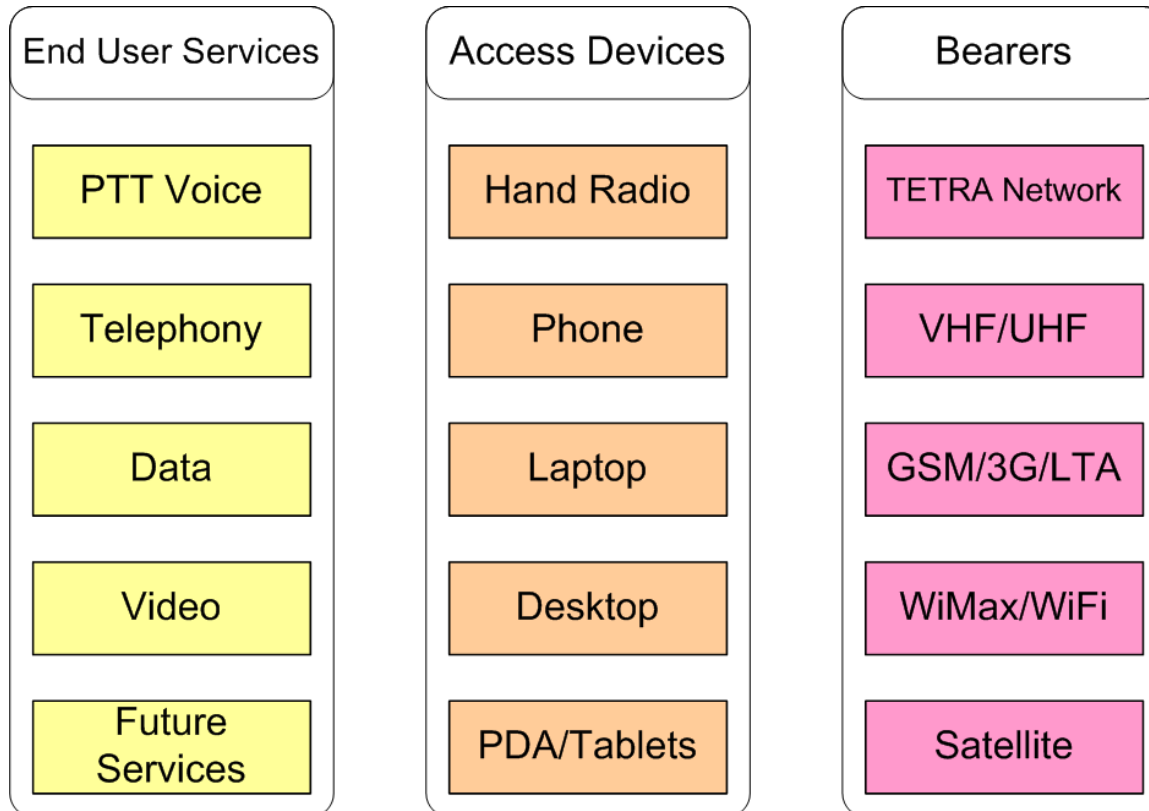
# IP Support for C2

- Different C2 Structures for Different
  - Agencies
  - Operations  
e.g. multi-agency
- IP Supports all Types of C2 Structures with Soft Configuration



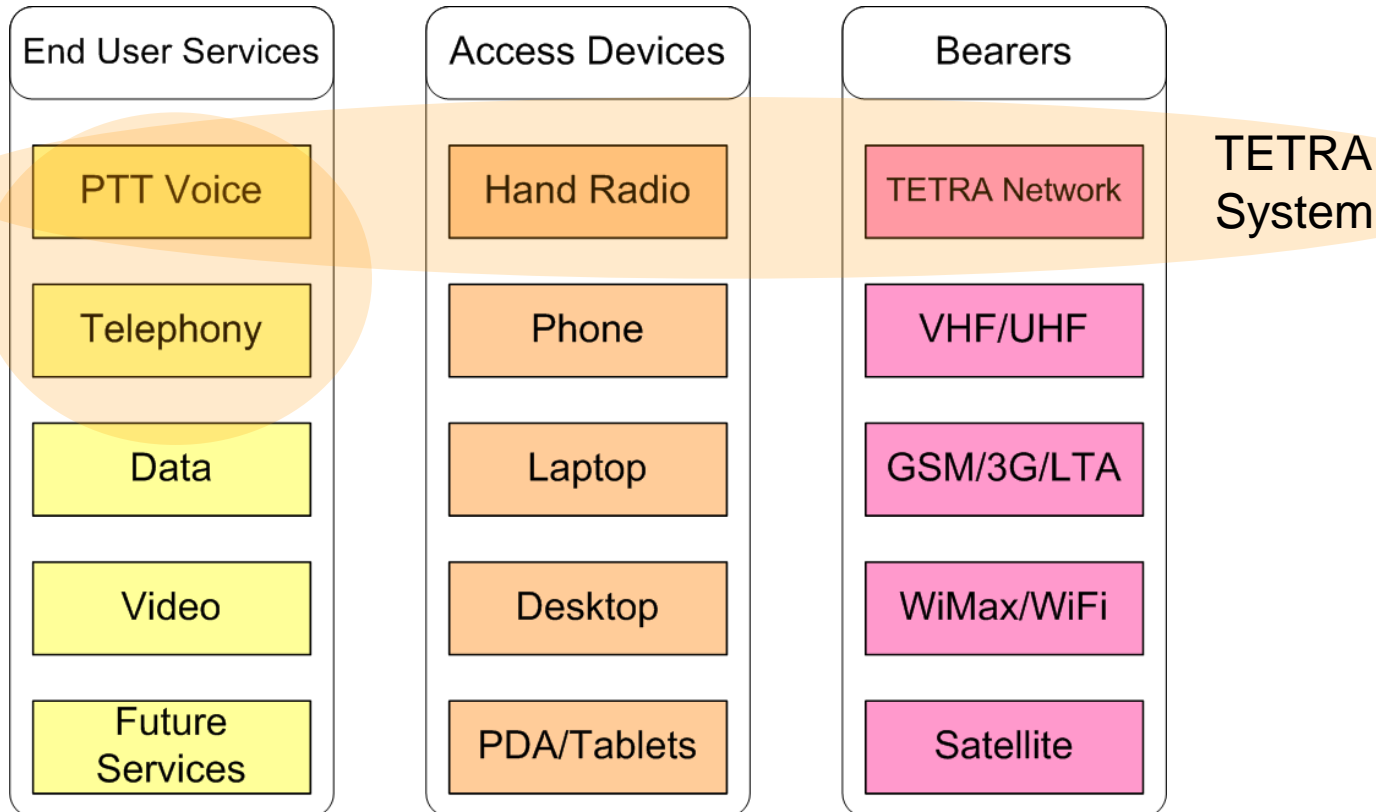


# Services, Access Devices and Bearers





# In-Service Systems

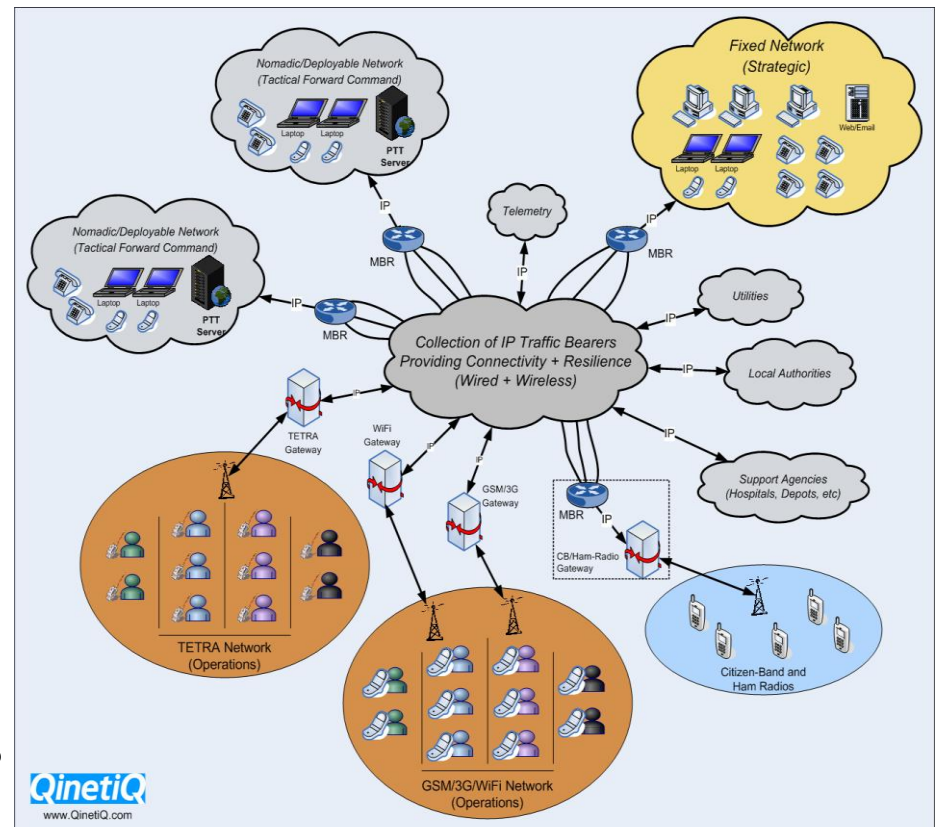




# System Requirements for Networks and Communications: High Level View

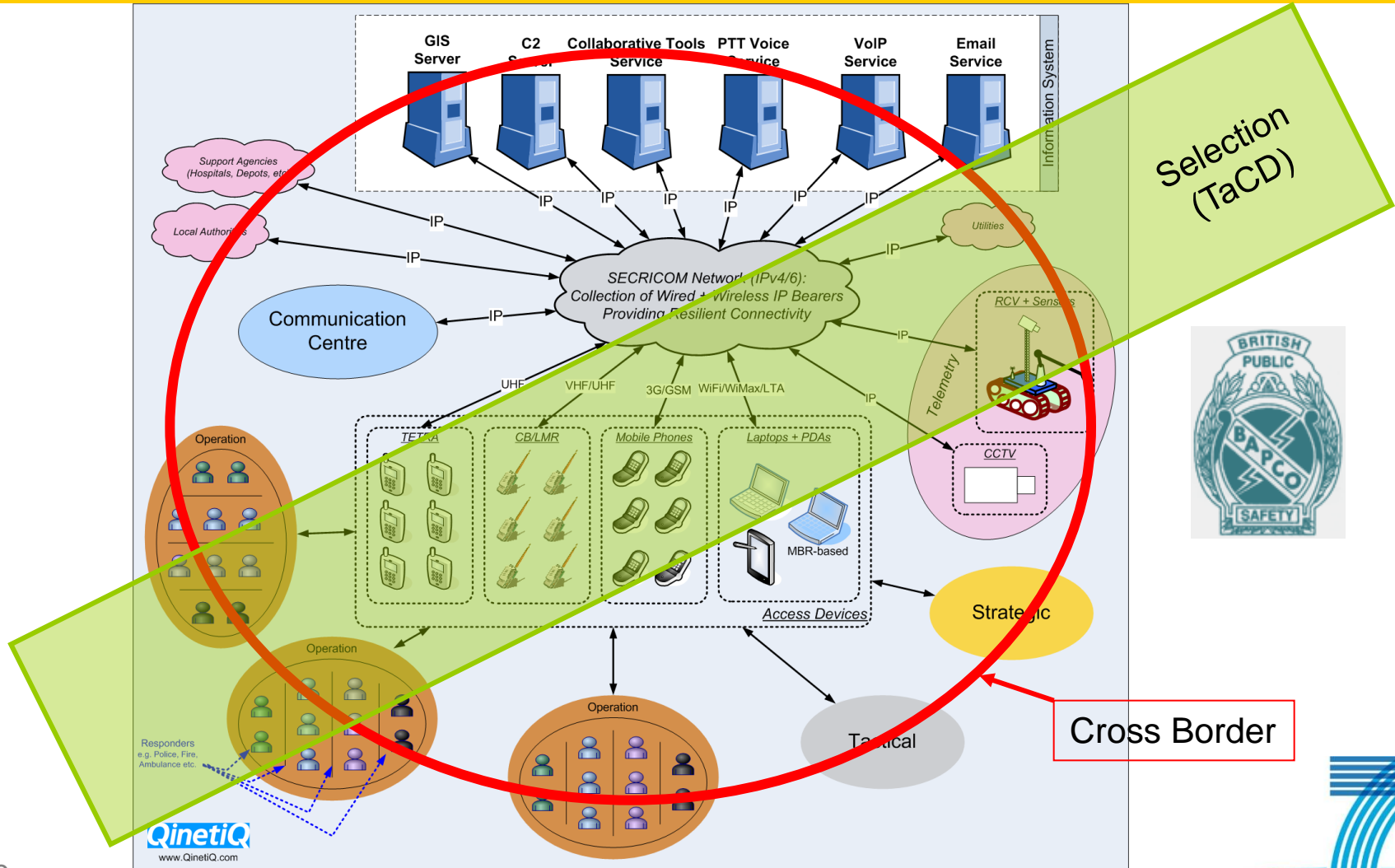
## The Networks/Comms System Architecture Allows:

- Technical Interoperability:  
Able to extend comms across different agencies and countries.
- Service Extensibility:  
Able to extend comms into the crisis zone and/or areas of poor coverage.



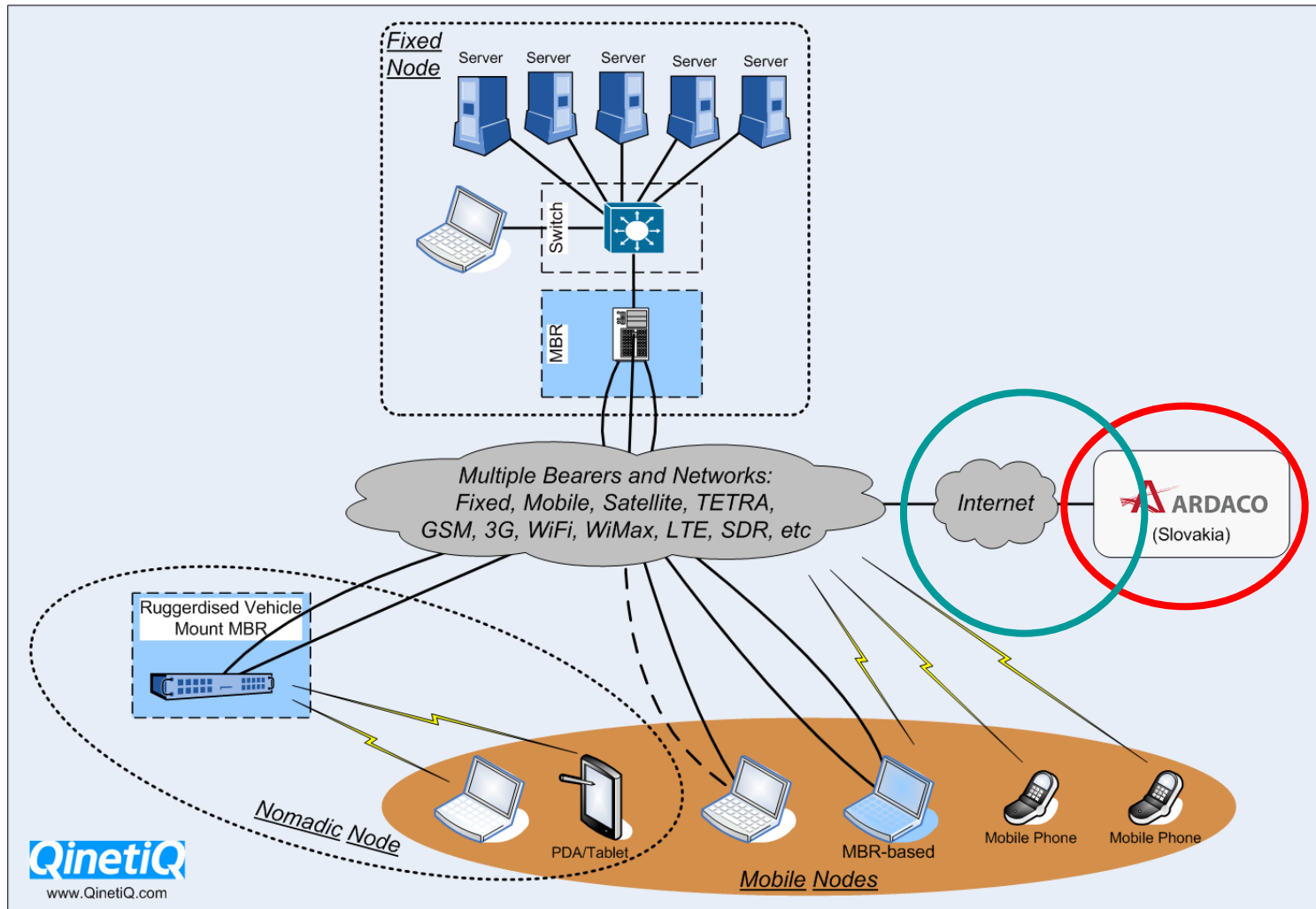


# SECRICOM Plan





# Technology and Capability Demonstrator (TaCD) – Selection

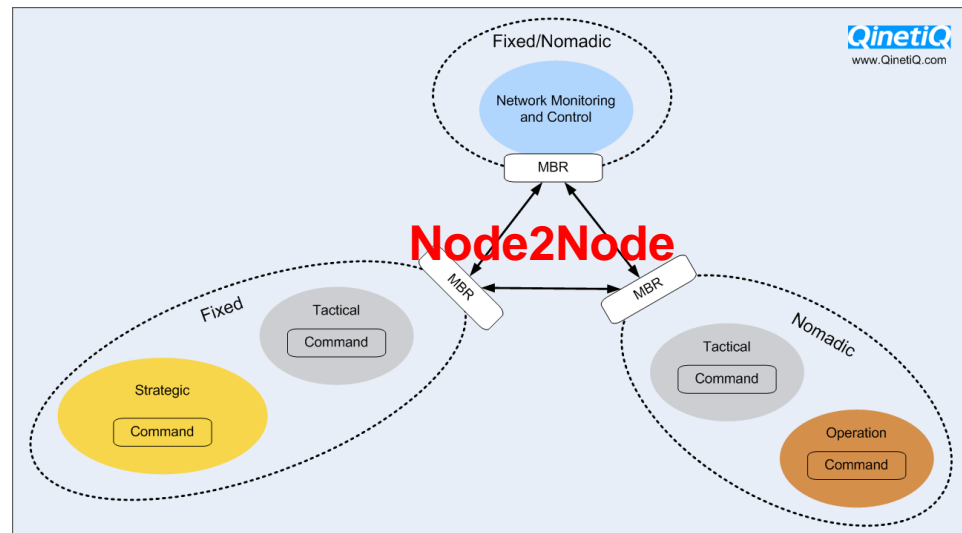
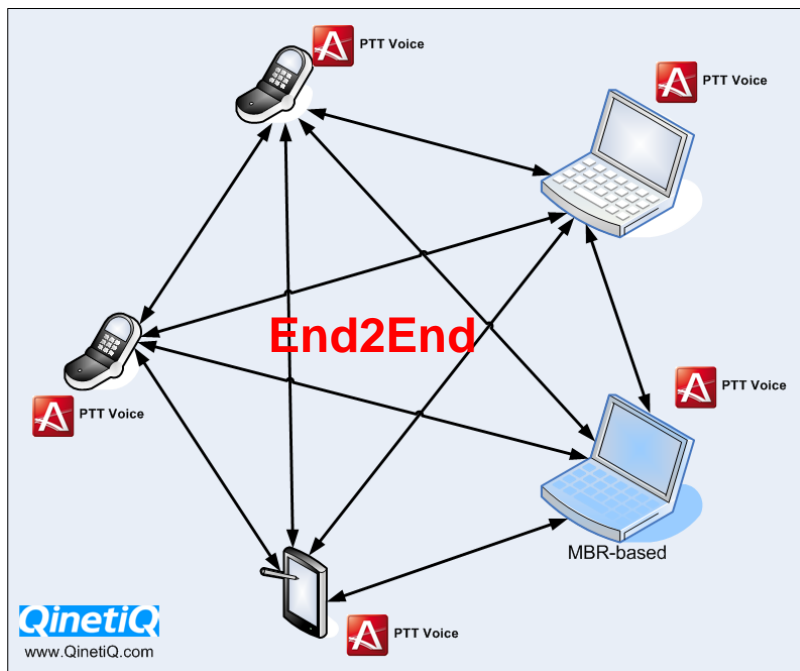




# System Requirements: Security/Confidentiality

This is being tackled in two ways:

- End-device to End-Device; and Node to Node





# System Requirements: Security/Integrity

- **System Integrity:** is the terminal/computer platform you are using being breached? Has the platform integrity been compromised?

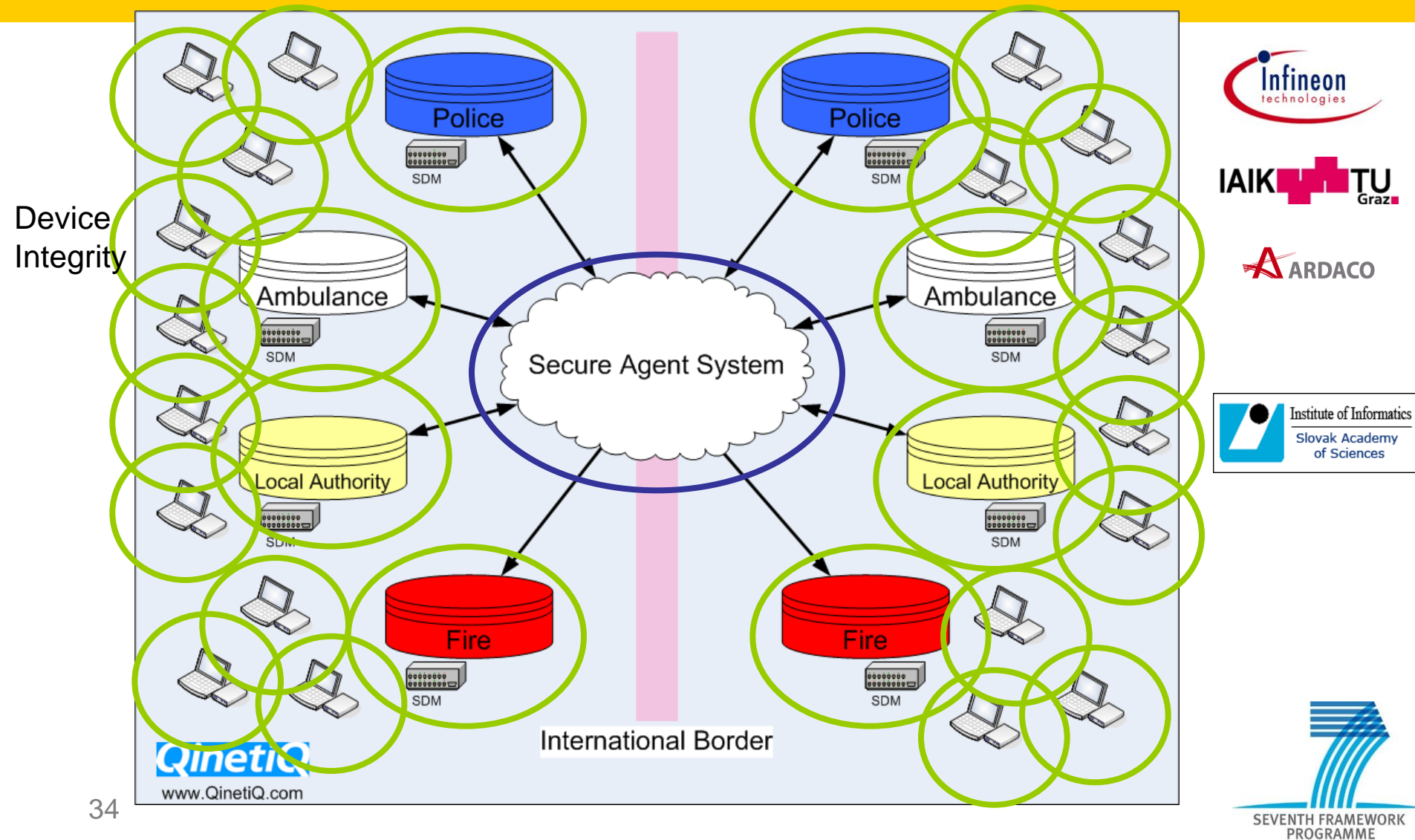
- Malware, Trojan horses, etc

- **Information Exchange Integrity:** in a multi-agency/multi-national scenario, how is 'trust' established in an agency's database?

- Issues:
  - Is the query made from a trusted entity?
  - Should the requesting entity be given access to this info?
  - Is the information in the response trusted?

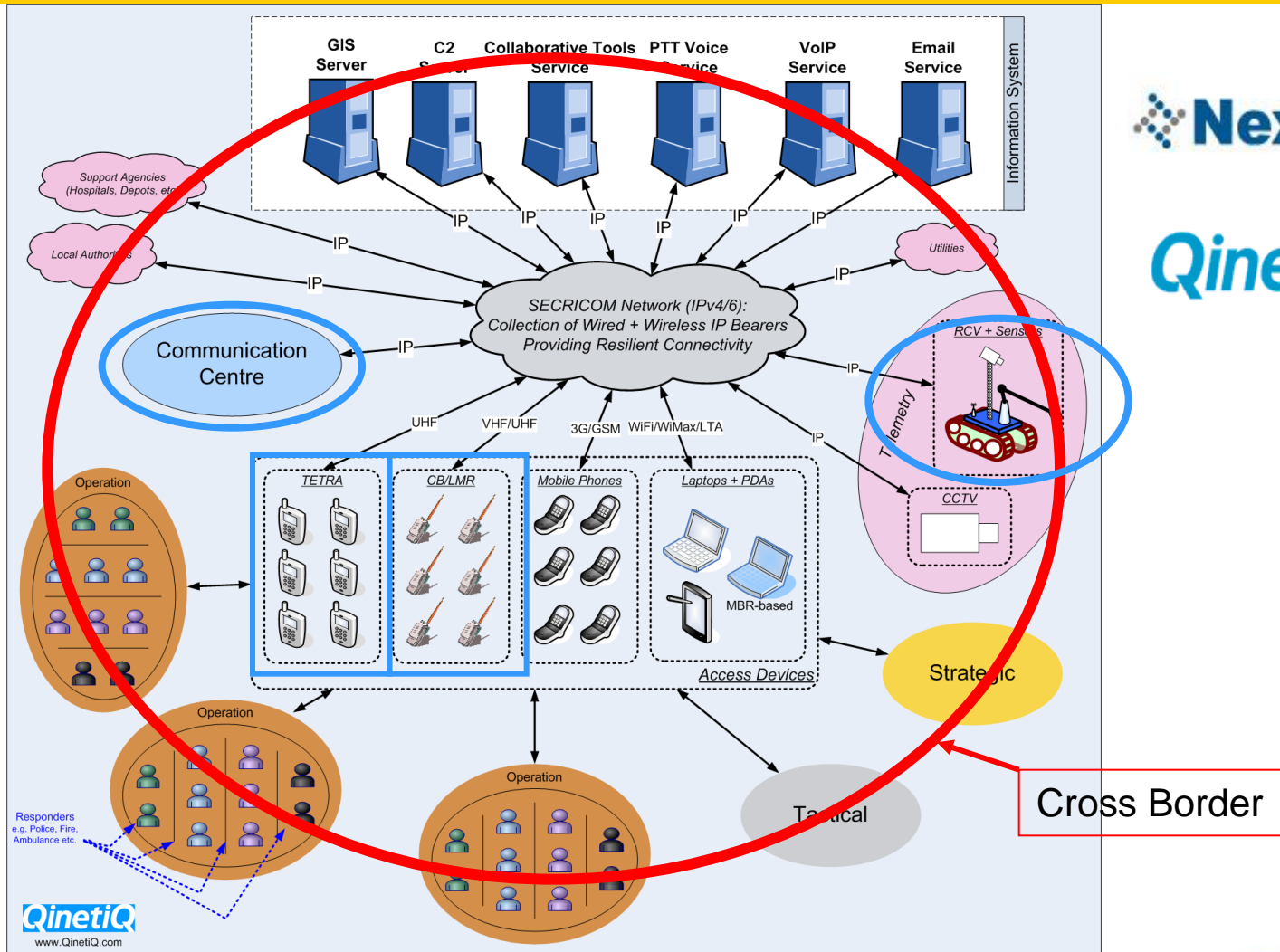


# Communications System Requirements: Integrity





# SECRICOM Future Plans



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# Concluding Remarks

- Ability for responders to operate across different European emergency services / responder agencies as one cohesive unit at the time of a crisis
- Secure communication system during a crisis with technical interoperability & resilience built into the design





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