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● TISAX®: Trusted Information Security Assessment Exchange

● The introductory guide to obtaining a TISAX® label

Obtaining your TISAX® label with BSI

Taking the path from TISAX® registration to obtaining your TISAX® label should be as simple as possible. That's why BSI is committed to helping you at every stage.

TISAX® is different to ISO management systems standards

TISAX® protects information in the automotive supply chain from theft, manipulation and loss. While being distinct from other certification schemes such as ISO 27001 for Information Security Management, TISAX® develops and builds upon that standard.

What is TISAX®?

TISAX® stands for Trusted Information Security Assessment Exchange and is a trusted assessment and exchange mechanism for the VDA ISA. TISAX® enables mutual acceptance of information security assessments between suppliers and partners in the automotive industry. It was developed by VDA in cooperation with ENX to inspire trust throughout the automotive supply chain.

What is ENX Association and its role in TISAX®?

ENX Association is the trade association that operates the TISAX® programme.

It was established in 2000 and consists of automobile manufacturers, suppliers and four national automotive associations. It enables and simplifies secure and trustworthy collaboration throughout the value chain.

The TISAX® process is managed through ENX's online portal, which you can access here.

If you're a supplier or service provider to the automotive industry, this guide is for you – especially if you've been asked to obtain a TISAX® label by your client or OEM.

We'll help you get started with TISAX® by explaining the key terminology, resources and processes you'll need to understand.

No matter where you're starting from, BSI is here to help you through the process successfully.

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Global Head of Automotive

Want to find out more?

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The TISAX® Process

TISAX® Registration

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The TISAX® process begins with registering officially as a participant on the ENX online portal.

Getting this step right will simplify the process, making what follows that much easier and hassle-free. Read on to discover how.

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Book your TISAX® audit with BSI

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TISAX® assessment

Perform your self-assessment, which BSI will assess

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TISAX® label

BSI submits the assessment results to ENX who issues the TISAX® label

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Results exchange

Share your labels in the ENX portal

Understanding Key Terms

TISAX® uses different terminology from the language used in ISO management systems standards and certification. Familiarizing yourself with some of the key terms and concepts will accelerate your path towards obtaining a TISAX® label.

Assessment level (AL)

There are three assessment levels, which determine the specific requirements you must comply with, and the type and duration of the audit to assess compliance. The assessment level is confirmed during the registration process on the ENX portal, and it varies depending on the type of product or service you provide. The three levels are as follows:

- AL1: Self-assessment by the auditee
- AL2: Plausibility check of self-assessment, restricted to evaluation of evidence and an expert interview
- AL3: Full assessment, including evaluation of evidence, on-site inspection and expert interviews

TISAX® label

The TISAX® label is proof of your compliance with the requirements of your designated assurance level. The label, which gives customers reassurance of your adherence to the expected standards, is typically valid for three years.

Scope excerpt

The scope excerpt is obtained when you register on the ENX portal. It's a summary of your participant status and is used by BSI to determine the scope, type and duration of assessment.

Assessment objectives

Assessment objectives should be defined by the OEM and are stated in the scope excerpt. They set the focus of the assessment and the assessment level. This information is needed by BSI to calculate the scope, type and duration of the audit.

Scope excerpt

TISAX Scope Excerpt S3ZY5V
Participant: ACME Lt. (PXLNC58)

Scope: ACME Ltd.		S3ZY5V
Standard Scope 1.0 The Scope comprises all processes and involved resources at the sites defined below that are subject to security requirements from partners in the automotive industry. Involved processes and resources include collection of information, storage of information and processing of information.		

Assessment Objectives	AL	Locations
Information with Very High Protection Needs	3	1

Maturity of ISMS	Certified on	Certified in
Complexity of ISMS	Justification (only if simple ISMS)	
Use of Consulting Firm for ISMS	Name of Consulting Firm	
Earliest Kickoff-Meeting	Labels needed until	External Requirement

Location: Frankfurt		
Company Name and Address	**Location-ID**	**DUNS**
	L5WDZR	812533185
	Type	
	Building(s) rented by company	
ACME Ltd. Bockenheimer Landstr. 97-99 60325 Frankfurt Germany	**Passive Site Protection**	**Employees**
	Yes	Overall: 11-100
	Industry	IT: 1-10
		IT-Security: Part Time
	Telecommunication Services;	Location Security: 0

Essential Resources

During the TISAX® registration and assessment process, you will have access to the ENX portal, the participant handbook and an ISA. Used together, they will enable you to understand the process, officially register as a TISAX® participant, and share your assessment results with stakeholders.

1 ENX portal

The ENX portal is the online network and database of TISAX® participants, their supplier information and assessment results. The portal enables the "exchange" of trusted information.
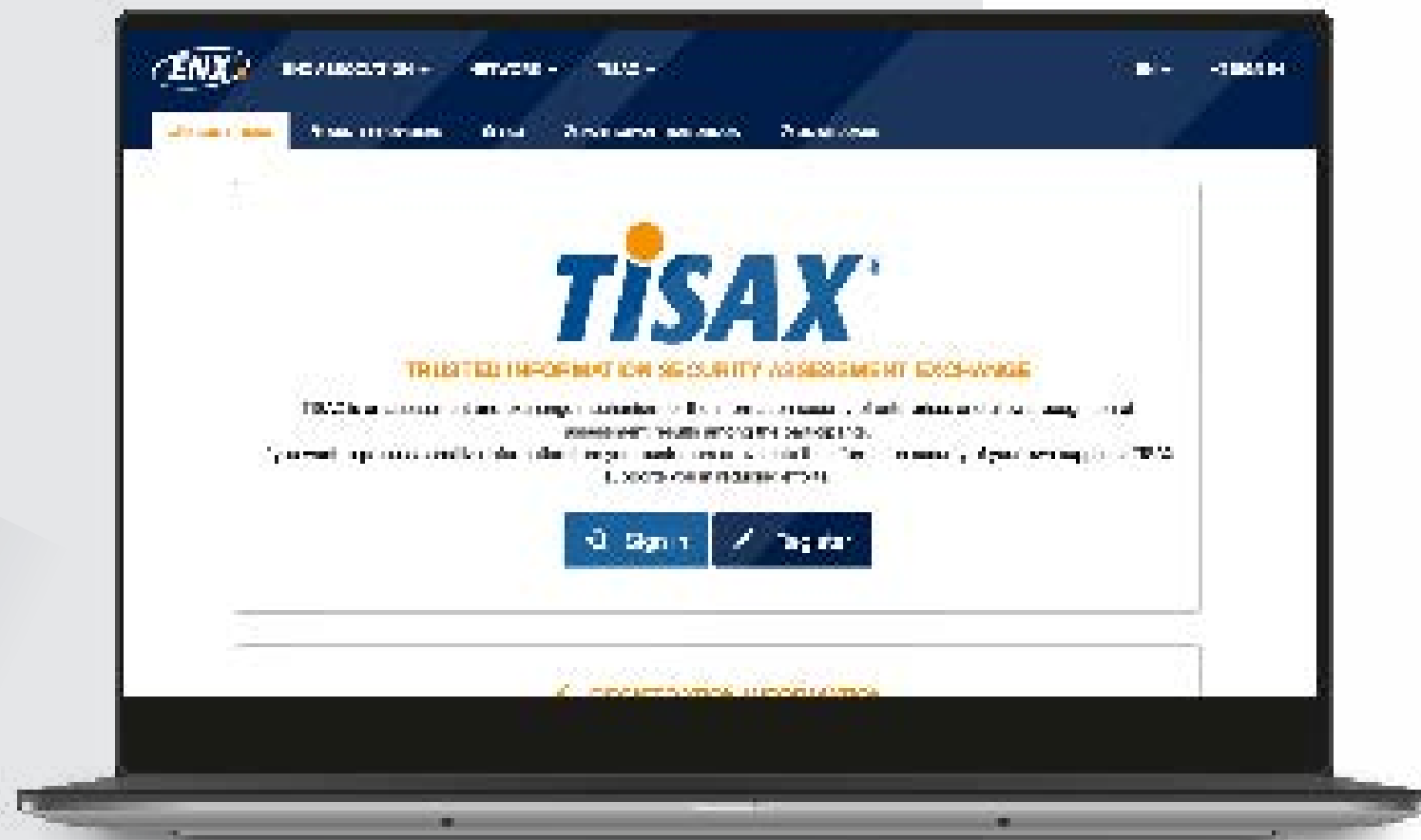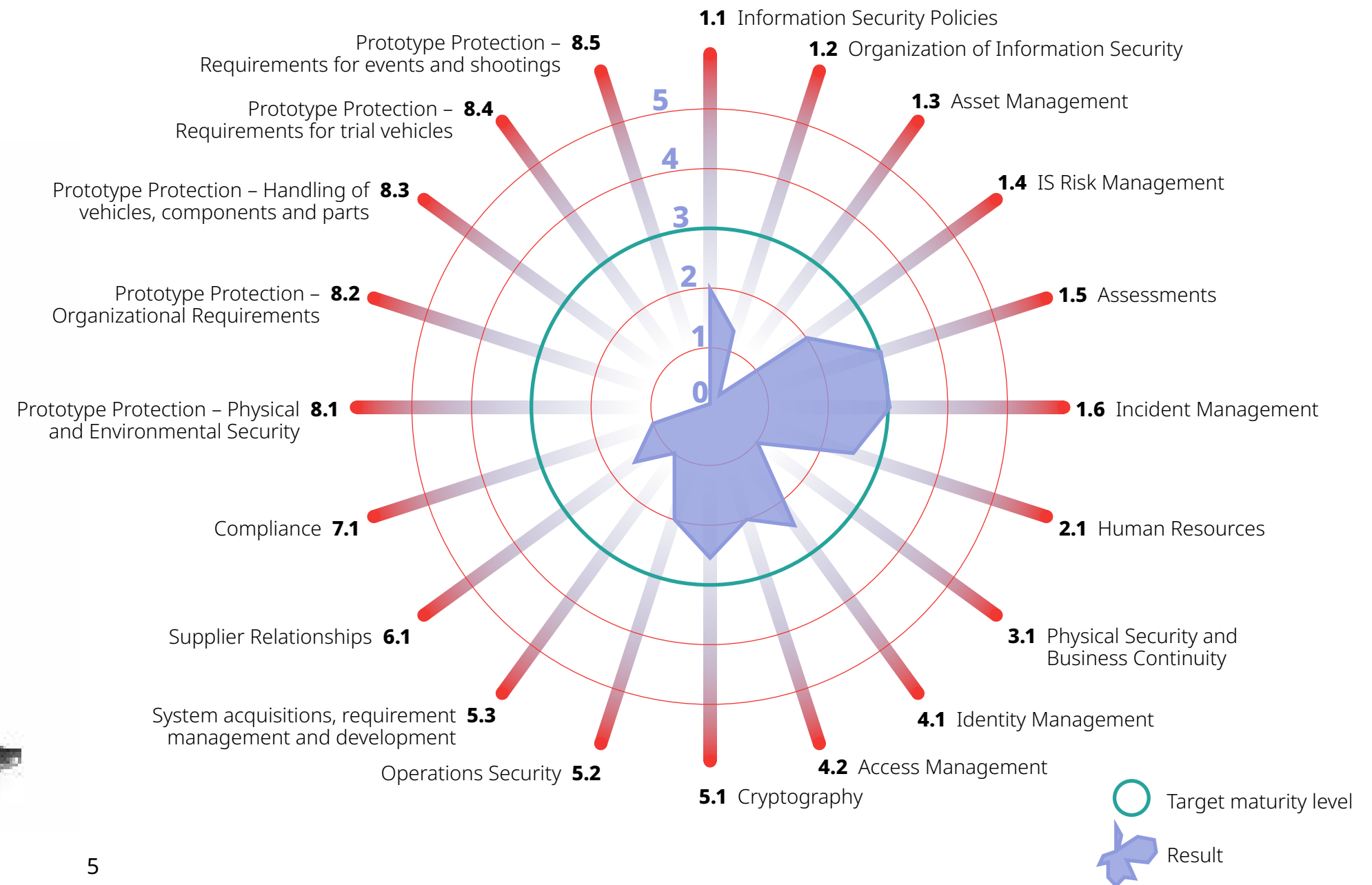
2 Participant handbook

The participant handbook sets out the TISAX® process over eight sections. It will equip you with all the information required to successfully undergo the process. You can view it online or download a pdf version.

3 ISA / VDA ISA

The ISA or Information Security Assessment is a Microsoft Excel workbook containing three sets of requirements called catalogues: for information security, prototype protection and data protection. It has several tabs, including Maturity Levels, Definitions, Requirements Catalogues and Assessment Scoring. This enables you to assess performance against target maturity levels, as shown in the example below. You can download the ISA here.

- **1.1** Information Security Policies
- **1.2** Organization of Information Security
- **1.3** Asset Management
- **1.4** IS Risk Management
- **1.5** Assessments
- **1.6** Incident Management
- **2.1** Human Resources
- **3.1** Physical Security and Business Continuity
- **4.1** Identity Management
- **4.2** Access Management
- **5.1** Cryptography
- **5.2** Operations Security
- **5.3** System acquisitions, requirement management and development
- **6.1** Supplier Relationships
- **7.1** Compliance
- **8.1** Prototype Protection – Physical and Environmental Security
- **8.2** Prototype Protection – Organizational Requirements
- **8.3** Prototype Protection – Handling of vehicles, components and parts
- **8.4** Prototype Protection – Requirements for trial vehicles
- **8.5** Prototype Protection – Requirements for events and shootings

Target maturity level

Result

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BSI is one of the few organizations formally recognized to provide TISAX® assessments in Asia, Europe and the Americas.

BSI is a global leader in standards and assurance solutions for the automotive sector, including the IATF scheme, and leads the way in information and cybersecurity standards, assurance and training. We offer a powerful blend of automotive sector and information security expertise.

We have 84,000 clients operating in 193 countries and 90 offices in 31 countries, meaning we can consistently support clients in their international operations and global supply chains.

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