

TLP = CLEAR

OT Security in Sync:

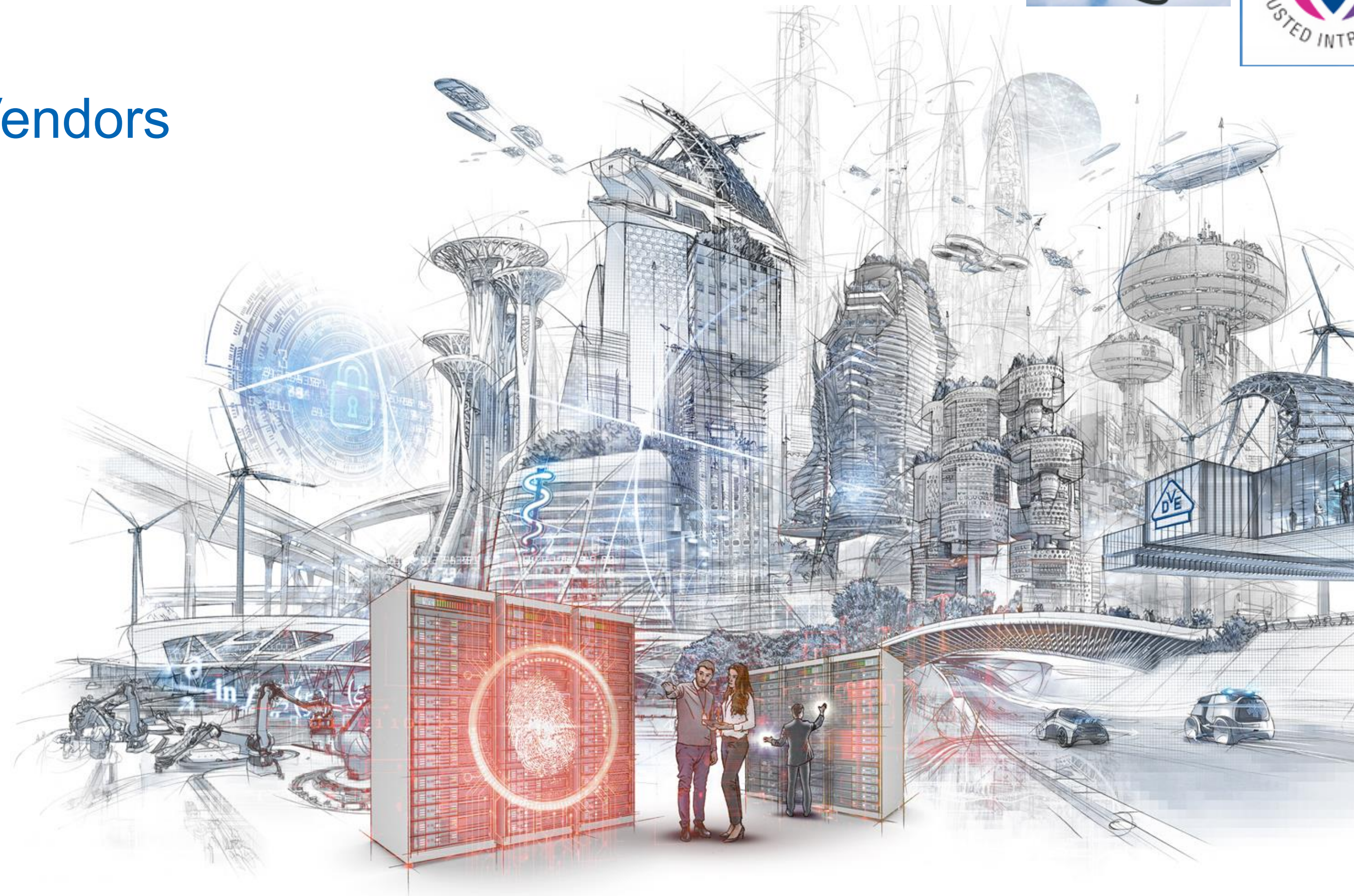
A CSAF Template Powering ~~40~~ 45+ Vendors

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Agenda

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Who? CERT@VDE

- Founded in 2017 by 5 cooperation partners
- Coordinating PSIRT
- Standardizing work for small and medium-sized enterprises
- Under the umbrella of the non-profit VDE e.V.
- Memberships and collaboration in national and international working groups
- Continuous growth

CERT@VDE - a coordinating PSIRT for OT



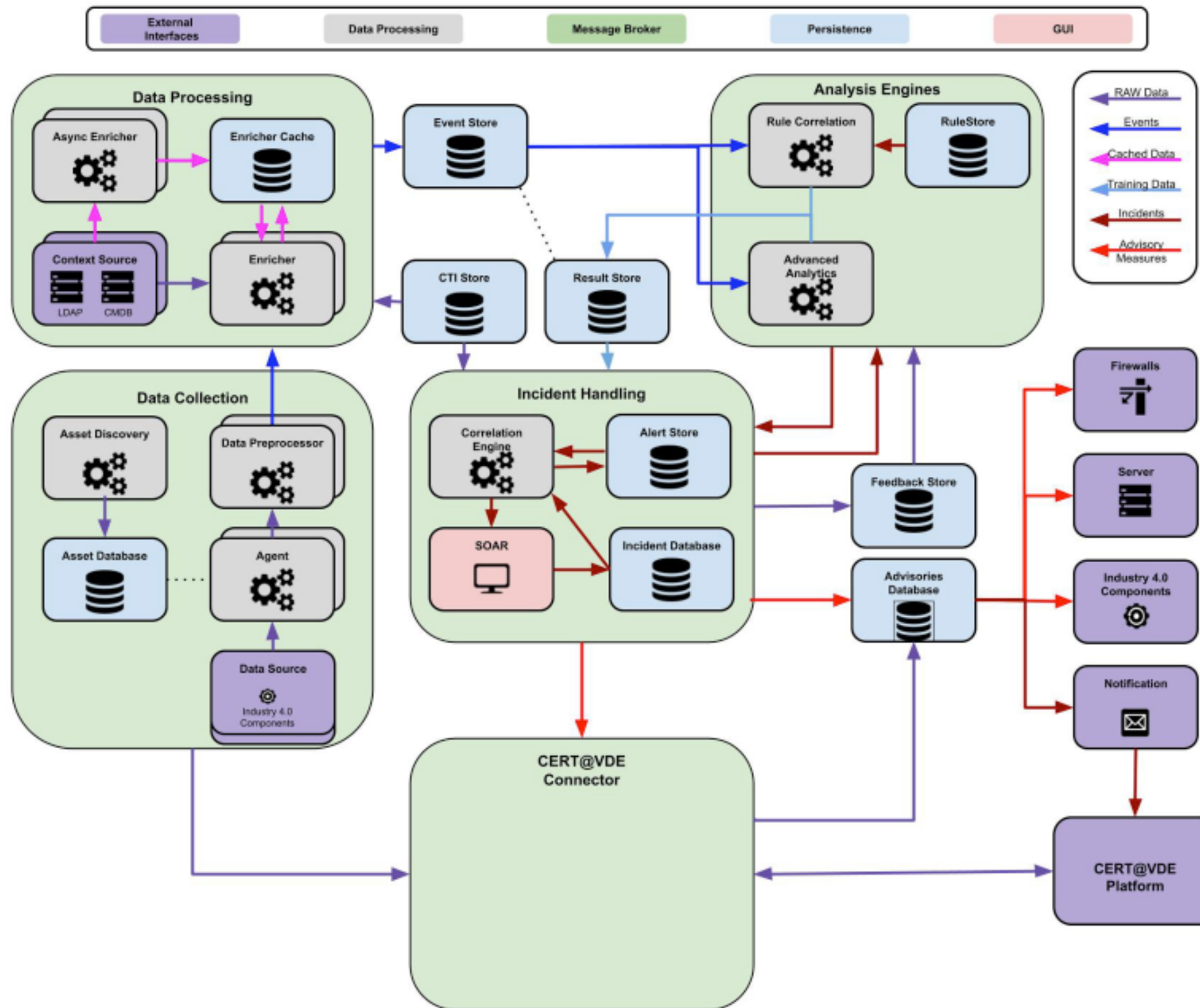
- The global turnover generated by these partners was about 75 billion euros in 2022.
- A lot of Hidden champions: Some of the companies are world market leaders in specific sectors

Tasks of CERT@VDE

- Support with the drafting of advisories
 - Best practices and training
 - Assessment of vulnerabilities (especially CVSS and CWEs)
 - Coordination with supply chain, reporters etc.
 - Publication
- Networking and exchange
 - Among each other in workshops and working meetings
 - Representing the partners, for example at CERT-VERBUND, TI, FIRST etc.
- Provision of infrastructure
 - For processing (ticket system, file drops, toolbox,...)
 - For CSAF publication (trusted provider per partner, aggregator together)
 - CVE Numbering Authority (CNA) for the partners

Funding project of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research: „ZenSim 4.0“

Centralized and simplified management of Incidents and vulnerabilities for SME



PROJEKTINFORMATION

Verbundkoordinator
DECOIT GmbH, Bremen

Partner

- Hochschule Bremen
- VDE Verband der Elektrotechnik Elektronik Informationstechnik e.V., Frankfurt am Main

Volumen
1,57 Mio. € (davon 81% Förderanteil durch BMBF)

Laufzeit
10/2021 - 09/2024

Bekanntmachung
KMU-innovativ

Abbildung 12: Teilbereich der Gesamtarchitektur mit Datenaufnahme, -aufbereitung und -analyse

Why? For the partners

- Handout to make it easier to get started
- Meet the minimum requirements of CSAF
- Check off the CSAF checklist
- Transfer CSAF experience from CERT@VDE to PSIRTS
- Combined with trainings and workshops for partners

Why? For the consumers

- Standardized processing of CSAFs from CERT@VDE partners
 - For example
 - ...the product_identification_helper
 - ...the Remediations
 - ...the document notes
- High attention to machine processing, but still human-readable
 - the contents of our previous HTML advisories are available in the resulting document
 - the generation of HTML or Markdown documents from the CSAF must always be possible.

Why? For ourselves

- Simplification of processes through standards
- Basis also for the generation of HTML versions on certvde.com
- Automated check using CI/CD pipeline
- The manual, technical check has also been simplified (see number ranges)
- All partner requirements for an advisory seem to have been met so far
- Reduced training and support effort

For what?

```
1 {
2   "document": {
3     "acknowledgments": [
4       {
5         "organization": "CERT@VDE",
6         "summary": "coordination",
7         "urls": [
8           "https://certvde.com"
9         ]
10      },
11      {
12        "names": [
13          "[TODO] [MAY] Chucky"
14        ],
15        "organization": "[TODO] [MAY] Security Nightmares Inc.",
16        "summary": "reporting",
17        "urls": [
18          "https://www-example.com"
19      ]
20    ]
21  }
22 }
```

Just a simple JSON file? No.

Number ranges

- Defined number ranges, for example:
 - Hardware affected: CSAFPID-11xyz (CSAFPID-11001, CSAFPID-11002,...)
 - Hardware fixed: CSAFPID-12xyz
 - Firmware affected: CSAFPID-21xyz
 - Firmware fixed: CSAFPID-22xyz
 - Software, operating systems, relations...
- Better traceability in the source code
- Incorrect assignments can be found quickly
- especially during the technical check, but also in the check pipeline

Variables

```
// $VENDORPSIRTURL$.TODO.SHOULD"
```

- Still work in progress
- enables the automated filling of default values (\$VARIABLE)
- Examples of URLs that can be generated (.../advisories/
VDE-1900-0815)
- Path to own source
- Value of another field from the CSAF (\$\$/REFERENCE\$\$)
- Should make the development of tools much easier

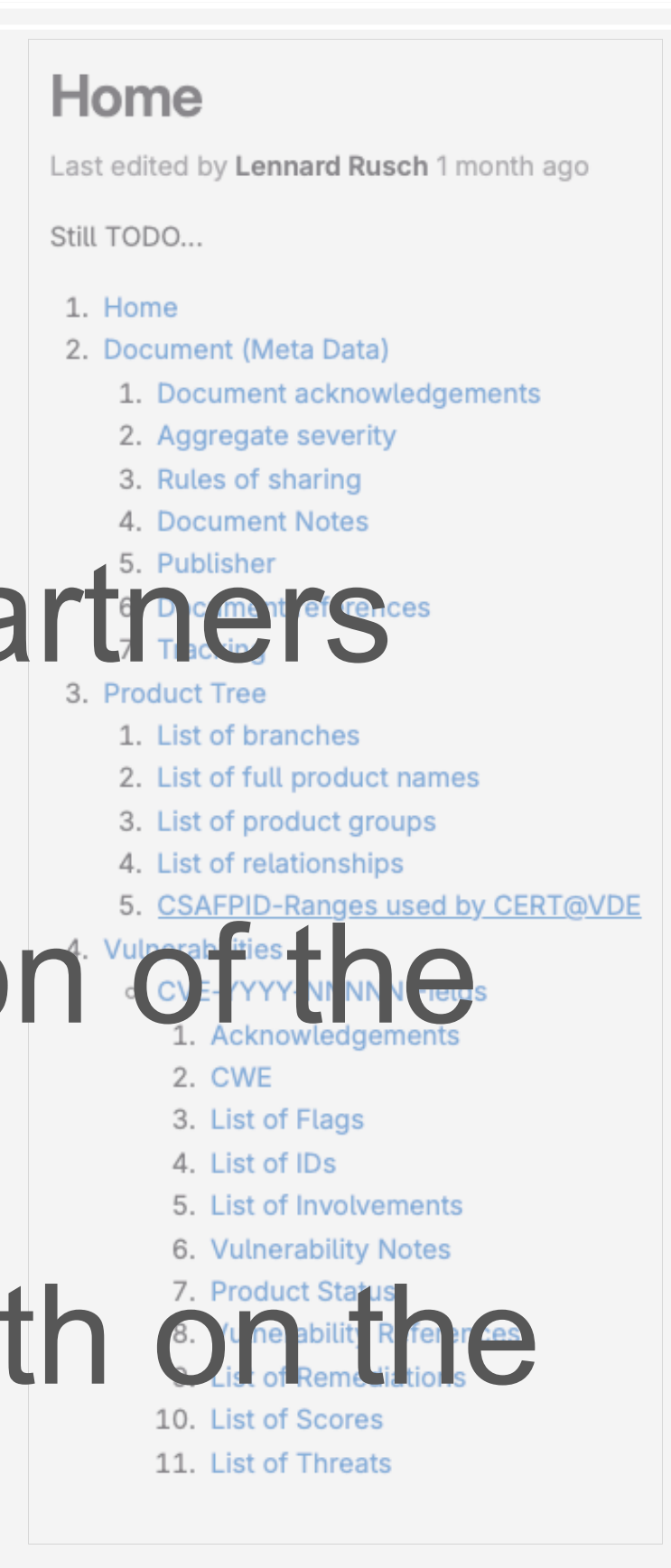
```
// certvde.com/en/advisories/vendor/$VENDORSLUG$/TODO.MUST"
```

```
e1/f/
```

```
ODO] [MUST] $$/document/tracking/aliases/0$$: $$/document/title$$ - H  
//certvde.com/en/advisories/$$/document/tracking/aliases/0$$/TODO.MI
```

Documentation

- Always about one release behind, of course ;)
- Deals preferentially with the topics for which our partners have made requests
- Despite “expandability” already noticeable reduction of the support volume
- Collaboration on issues, forks, merge requests, both on the project and on the documentation/wiki



The screenshot shows a 'Home' page with a table of contents. The text is partially obscured by the slide's content, but the structure is visible. It includes a 'Home' section, a 'Still TODO...' section, and a main list of 11 items. The items are: 1. Home, 2. Document (Meta Data) (with sub-items: 1. Document acknowledgements, 2. Aggregate severity, 3. Rules of sharing, 4. Document Notes), 3. Product Tree (with sub-items: 1. List of branches, 2. List of full product names, 3. List of product groups, 4. List of relationships, 5. CSAFPID-Ranges used by CERT@VDE), 4. Vulnerabilities (with sub-items: 1. Acknowledgements, 2. CWE, 3. List of Flags, 4. List of IDs, 5. List of Involvements, 6. Vulnerability Notes, 7. Product Status), 5. CVE-YYYY-NNNN-NNNN (with sub-items: 1. Acknowledgements, 2. CWE, 3. List of Flags, 4. List of IDs, 5. List of Involvements, 6. Vulnerability Notes, 7. Product Status), 6. Vulnerability References (with sub-items: 1. Acknowledgements, 2. CWE, 3. List of Flags, 4. List of IDs, 5. List of Involvements, 6. Vulnerability Notes, 7. Product Status), 7. List of Remediations, 8. List of Scores, 9. List of Threats, 10. List of Threats, 11. List of Scores, 12. List of Remediations.

JSON File

- ```
415 "userInteraction": "NONF",
416 "vectorString": "CVSS:3.1/AV:N/AC:I/PR:N/UT:N/S:U/C:N/T:N/A:N",
417 "version": "3.1"
418 }
419 "products": [
420 "CSAFPTD-32001",
421 "CSAFPTD-32002",
422 "CSAFPTD-32003"
423]
424 },
425 "title": "VFF-1900-0315"
426 }
427 }
428 }
429 }
```
- Meanwhile ninth release (1.2.1)
  - Future changes should now remain compatible
  - Only feature additions planned (variables...)
  - Wiki/documentation not part of releases
  - Good coverage of partner requirements so far
  - 428 lines of JSON as template

## Summary

[TODO][MUST] Summary content

## General Recommendation

[TODO][MAY] General recommendation

## Impact

[TODO][SHOULD] Impact content

```
{
 "category": "summary",
 "text": "[TODO][MUST]\nSummary content",
 "title": "Summary"
},
{
 "category": "description",
 "text": "[TODO][SHOULD]\nImpact content",
 "title": "Impact"
},
{
 "category": "description",
 "text": "[TODO][SHOULD]\nMitigation content",
 "title": "Mitigation"
},
{
 "category": "description",
 "text": "[TODO][SHOULD]\nRemediation content"
```

Terms according to rfc2119

# Product groups

## Affected products.

- FW < 8.4.2 installed on PRODUCT\_NAME\_01 HW rev a
- FW < 8.4.2 installed on PRODUCT\_NAME\_02
- Software Engineering SDK < 8.4.2 installed on Microsoft Windows

## Fixed products.

- FW 8.4.2 installed on PRODUCT\_NAME\_01 HW rev a
- FW 8.4.2 installed on PRODUCT\_NAME\_02
- Software Engineering SDK 8.4.2 installed on Microsoft Windows

```
"product_groups": [
 {
 "group_id": "CSAFGID-0001",
 "product_ids": [
 "CSAFPID-31001",
 "CSAFPID-31002",
 "CSAFPID-31003"
],
 "summary": "Affected products."
 },
 {
 "group_id": "CSAFGID-0002",
 "product_ids": [
 "CSAFPID-32001",
 "CSAFPID-32002",
 "CSAFPID-32003"
],
 "summary": "Fixed products."
 }
]
```

As far as possible: build groups

Two members minimum!



# Vulnerabilities

## CVE-1900-0815 (CVE-1900-0815)

**Vulnerability characterisation** (operational management and system administrators)

[TODO][MAY] How does the CVE affect the products of this advisory?

**Details for PRODUCT 01 HW rev a**

[TODO][MAY]e.g. No network interface so AV is local.

**Vulnerability Description** (all)

[TODO][MUST]] Short vulnerability description like in the CVE

- Vulnerability Des...
- Vulnerability cha...
- Details for PRODU...

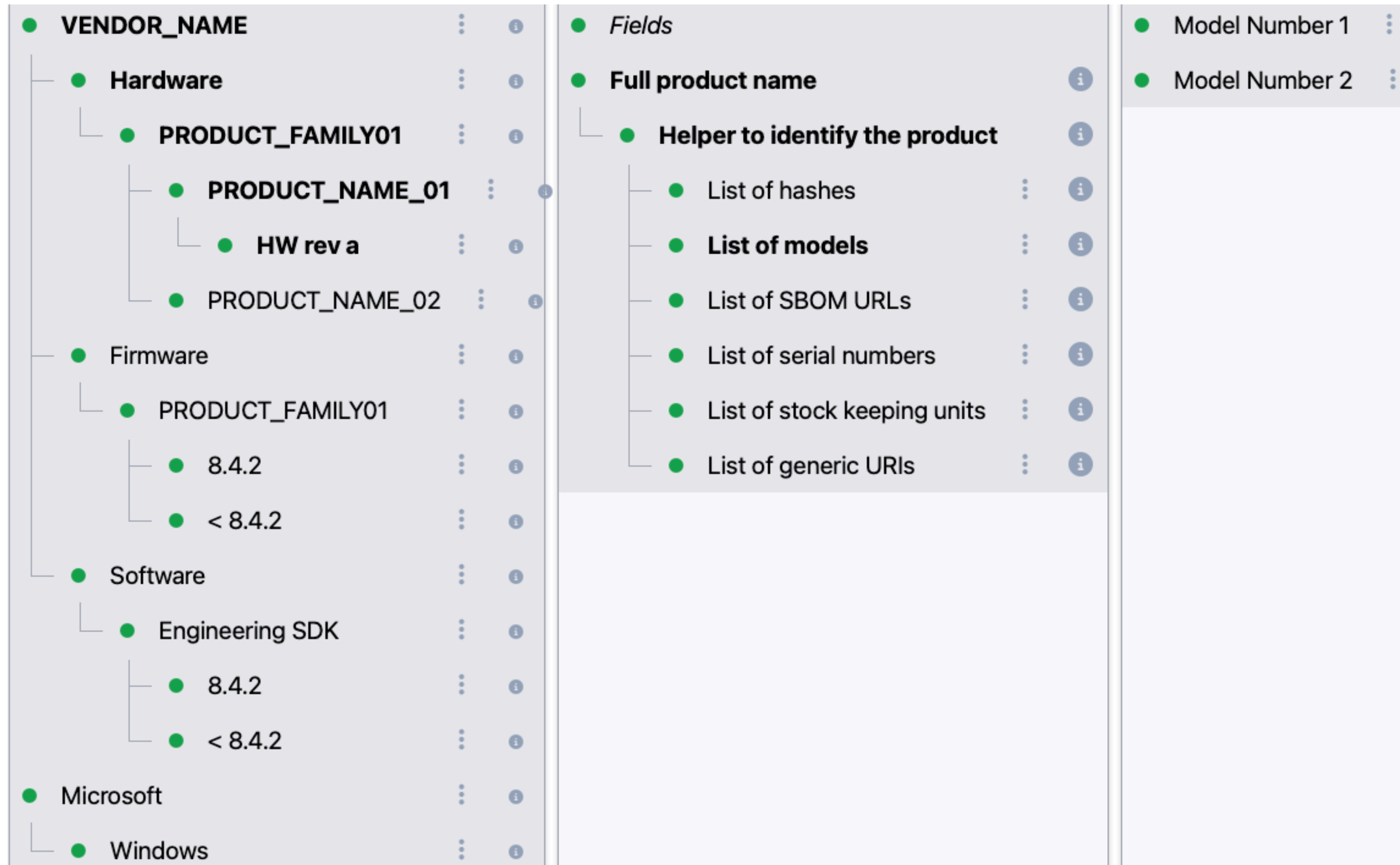
**Audience of note** ⓘ

**Note category** ⓘ

**Note content** ⓘ

## CVEs next steps: Variables

Already in testing. Simplifies import of  
[cve.org](https://cve.org)



Product Tree: Represents typical ICS/OT trees

Separation of Hard- and Software

```
{
 "category": "installed_on",
 "full_product_name": {
 "name": "FW < 8.4.2 installed on PRODUCT_NAME_02",
 "product_id": "CSAFPID-31002"
 },
 "product_reference": "CSAFPID-21001",
 "relates_to_product_reference": "CSAFPID-11002"
},
{
 "category": "installed_on",
 "full_product_name": {
 "name": "FW 8.4.2 installed on PRODUCT_NAME_01 HW rev a",
 "product_id": "CSAFPID-32001"
 },
 "product_reference": "CSAFPID-22001",
 "relates_to_product_reference": "CSAFPID-11001"
},
}
```

Relations, to link Hardware with Firmware

```

"references": [
 {
 "category": "external",
 "summary": "[TODO] [SHOULD]\n$VENDORPSIRTDDESCRIPTION$",
 "url": "https://$VENDORPSIRTURL$.TODO.SHOULD"
 },
 {
 "category": "external",
 "summary": "CERT@VDE Security Advisories for [TODO] [VENDOR] [MUST]",
 "url": "https://certvde.com/en/advisories/vendor/$VENDORSLUG$/TODO.MUST"
 },
 {
 "category": "self",
 "summary": "[TODO] [MUST]$$/document/tracking/aliases/0$$: $$/document/title$$ - HTML",
 "url": "https://certvde.com/en/advisories/$$/document/tracking/aliases/0$$/TODO.MUST"
 },
 {
 "summary": "[TODO] [MUST]$$/document/tracking/aliases/0$$: $$/document/title$$ - CSAF",
 "url": "https://$VENDORSLUG$.csaf-tp.certvde.com/.well-known/csaf/white/$YEAR/$$/document/tracking/aliases/0$$/TODO.MUST",
 "category": "self"
 }
],

```

\$Variable\$ versus \$\$Reference\$\$

## In addition

- Training for our partners
- Development and exchange of tools and best practices
  - Idea of a lightweight editor
  - Test pipeline for quality control based on Gitlab CICD
  - More to come
- Maintaining the repository and documentation
- <https://github.com/CERTVDE/CSAF-Template>
- Documentation and wiki to come, currently only partner-internal (work in progress)