

CSI IMPLEMENTATION MODEL

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Phase 1: ANALYSE

Step 1:
Cloud Service List

Create a full list of all cloud services used by your organization. Knowing what you use and what is critical is essential before assessment.

Step 2:
Risk Mapping

The CSI Matrix identifies threats, vulnerabilities, and risks for each cloud service, providing a clear view of your organisation's key weaknesses.

Step 3:
Compliance

Check your organisation's compliance with EU regulations and international standards to avoid fines, data loss, and reputation damage. Some require specific controls like access logging, encryption, and incident reporting.

Phase 2: DEFINE

Draft a Cloud Security Policy that defines rules for secure cloud use, access control, and data protection, forming the backbone of your security framework.

Step 1:
Policy Development

Use the CSI Matrix to score risks by likelihood and impact, focusing on the most urgent risks to guide mitigation.

Step 2:
Risk Prioritisation

Define clear mitigation objectives for each high-priority CSI Matrix risk to turn awareness into tailored action plans.

Step 3:
Define Control Objectives

Assign clear roles - Cloud Admin manages platforms, Data Owner manages data access, Security Officer handles monitoring and incidents, Compliance Manager ensures regulatory adherence.

Step 4:
Roles & Responsibilities

Phase 3: PLAN

Step 1:
Mitigation Actions

For each high-priority CSI Matrix risk, define specific, actionable mitigation measures, ensuring fast and consistent implementation especially for SMEs lacking full-time security staff.

Step 2:
Control Mapping

Create a mapping table linking mitigation actions to specific cloud services, clarifying what is protected and how controls are applied.

Step 3:
Documentation

Prepare templates and checklists - such as Implementation Checklists, Incident Response Templates, and Audit Log Review forms - to support policy enforcement, auditing, and continuous improvement.

Step 4:
Training Program

Design a practical CSI Training Program covering cloud basics, key vulnerabilities, and misconfigurations to effectively train personnel and prevent 80% of cloud security failures.



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Phase 4: IMPLEMENT

Implement technical actions from Phase 3's roadmap, such as enabling MFA, encryption, IAM policies, and RBAC, using built-in tools like AWS Config and Azure Security Center - starting with quick wins like enabling MFA and RBAC.

Step 1:
Technical Actions

Implement your training plan from Phase 3, focusing on the Matrix and training material with short, practical modules tailored to your organisation's technical reality and risk profile.

Step 2:
Training & Awareness

Phase 5: VERIFY

Step 1:
Testing

Conduct resilience testing through exercises, simulated attacks, control checks, and security assessments to verify that mitigation actions are correctly implemented, effective, and up to date, ensuring your organisation is prepared for real-world threats.

Step 2:
Monitoring

Establish KPIs to monitor cloud security, enabling proactive management and tracking improvements; key indicators include failed logins, misconfiguration alerts, and outdated patches, visualized via a simple metrics dashboard.

Step 3:
Feedback

Develop an incident registry logging each event's details, causes, impacts, and mitigations to update risk assessments, refine policies, and adapt training, ensuring a dynamic and evolving security framework.



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