

Security Requirements for suppliers of the EVN Group

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Security of supply and safe services are key EVN corporate strategy elements. Cooperation with our Partners and suppliers is essential in order to successfully implement information security requirements. It is important to us to protect data, systems, and applications with security measures in accordance with leading industry standards, as is expected of one of the leading Austrian groups in the energy and environmental sectors. Managing supplier relationships in regard to security is an important part of our internal risk management, a common practice under international standards (e.g., ISO 27000 series, NIST Cybersecurity Framework), and may also constitute a legal requirement for companies in critical infrastructure or as providers of essential services (e.g.: NIS Act)

The Bidder, Processor, Contractor or Contracting Party (hereinafter referred to as "supplier") of the EVN Group (EVN AG and its affiliated companies, hereinafter referred to as "EVN") represents and warrants that it has fulfilled all necessary due diligence obligations, is familiar with and acknowledges these Security Requirements, and agrees to comply with them when:

- (a) accessing EVN facilities, networks and/or information systems; or
- (b) accessing, processing, or storing EVN information/data; or
- (c) providing IT infrastructure services and/or standard software, or developing software.

Any reference herein to "customer" is a reference not only to EVN data (or systems, services, etc.), but also to the data of EVN customers and Partners. Additional security requirements may be specified in individual agreements (e.g.: SLA, requirements catalog). These Security Requirements supplement the provisions on confidentiality and security in the General Terms and Conditions of Purchase of the EVN Group. Individual agreements between supplier and customer which replace or supplement this Agreement in whole or in part shall take precedence over this Agreement.

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1 Governance

1.1 Policies

The supplier operates an information security management system that is subject to a continuous improvement process based on recognized standards (e.g., ISO27001).

Furthermore, the supplier agrees to identify the information security requirements of external parties through a structured process at least annually and takes these requirements for suppliers of the EVN group into account.

Information security policies, procedures, roles, responsibilities and accountabilities are stipulated in accordance with the supplier's business requirements, relevant laws, regulations, and common security standards. Information security policies are approved by management, published, and communicated to employees and relevant external parties.

The supplier agrees to verify its compliance with the established information security policies and standards, and all other information security requirements, on a regular basis.

1.2 Risk Management

The supplier has implemented an information security risk management program. The supplier ensures that risks that have a direct or indirect effect on the customer's services and/or data are assessed and that risk mitigation measures are taken and documented. Risks that directly or indirectly affect the customer must be reported on request.

1.3 Information Classification

As not all information has the same sensitivity, information must be classified into degrees of confidentiality. The confidentiality classes can be seen as a measure of the impact any misuse of information can have. The information is classified into 5 categories that govern the handling of the respective information. The color coding is based on the internationally recognized Traffic Light Protocol (TLP). If information is not marked or not explicitly marked otherwise, the supplier must assume that it is per standard classified as "confidential" or TLP:AMBER.

Confidentiality class	Traffic Light Protocol	Color coding
public	TLP:CLEAR	white
internal	TLP:GREEN	green
confidential	TLP:AMBER	amber
	TLP:AMBER+STRICT	
strictly confidential	TLP:RED	red

1.4 Contractual Agreements

The supplier agrees to include responsibility for information security in the contractual agreements with its employees and contractors.

1.5 Background Checks

Background checks of candidates for employment are conducted in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. The extent of such checks must be proportionate to the risk associated with the candidate's role. Example: In Austria, criminal record certificate, or similar verification mechanisms in other countries (criminal record extract).

1.6 Awareness Programm

All of the supplier's employees and, where relevant, contractors, undergo awareness-raising and training measures appropriate to their role. In addition, employees will also be informed of updates to the supplier's policies and procedures. All employees must have the skills required for their roles and responsibilities.

1.7 Evidence

The supplier agrees to provide all security-related evidence and documents relevant for the supplier information security management of EVN.

2 Change Management

2.1 Asset lifecycle

The supplier ensures information security to be an integral part of information systems throughout their lifecycle (acquisition to decommissioning and disposal of equipment and systems). The supplier ensures that components, on which data belonging to EVN is processed, and their operating systems, middleware (e.g., Java) and applications are supported and receive the latest security updates. The supplier shall ensure regular, timely security updates throughout the entire contract life cycle.

The supplier agrees that provided components (e.g., devices, media) are returned to the client after termination of the contractual relationship.

2.2 Software Change Management

The supplier has implemented formal policies regarding change management and secure software development lifecycle that also define security-related checks. Cybersecurity reviews of new system designs or system changes, as well as security testing prior to their implementation must be part of the processes. Prior to being released for production, changes are appropriately requested, authorized, tested, and approved.

2.3 Secure Software Development Lifecycle

The supplier includes information security aspects in its product documentation. Such documentation must include instructions for the configuration of the service and/or the environment to ensure secure operation. The software developed must be tested in a controlled environment in order to detect flaws before it is made available to the customer.

The supplier ensures that the software development lifecycle contains appropriate security measures (Secure Software Development Lifecycle). These includes, but are not limited to:

- employing internationally recognized secure software development methods (including agile processes such as Scrum, Kanban, etc.) as integral elements of the secure software development process;
- secure coding guidelines based on international standards;
- ensuring the integrity of the source code; regular secure code reviews (static and dynamic application security tests)
- vulnerability scans that include third-party code and open-source components (e.g., libraries) in use;
- security and penetration tests performed by an independent third party;
- appropriate training for internal and external software developers.
- Detected and known vulnerabilities are eliminated before release for production.

3 Outsourcing

3.1 Sub-Outsourcing

The supplier has clear contractual agreements with all subcontractors of services in order to establish their responsibility for the security of the customer data they process/store/transmit on behalf of the customer. The supplier ensures that the security measures implemented by the subcontractors match or exceed the level specified herein and in the main contract. The supplier, as part of the supplier management process, verifies the effectiveness of these measures.

4 Secure System Operation

4.1 Identity and Access Management

The supplier has implemented access controls to verify identities and restrict access to authorized users. Access rights are based on the principle of minimum access and the function-based necessity of access. In addition, the principle of "segregation of duties" is respected.

The supplier has implemented best-practice authentication mechanisms to protect system access that include, but are not limited to:

- password policy (minimum 12 characters, complexity, no reuse);
- unique user identification (avoid generic and joint users);
- secure storage/management/transmission of login credentials.

The supplier ensures the protection of accounts that can be accessed via the Internet by strong authentication mechanisms, at least multi-factor authentication.

The supplier has implemented strict privileged account controls (e.g., accounts for system administrators) through strong authentication requirements (e.g., multi-factor authentication), restriction to a minimum and closely monitored usage.

The supplier reviews employee access rights at regular intervals, however at least annually, and modifies (i.e. restricts/revokes) them if need be. The supplier informs the customer of the end/termination of employment of employees with access rights. All means of access (e.g., keys, access cards, remote access tokens) are to be returned to the customer without delay.

4.2 Patch Management

The supplier performs regular system analyses (operating systems, applications, network components) for known vulnerabilities. Patches are applied in a consistent and standardized manner, prioritized according to their criticality. If the root of vulnerabilities cannot be remedied within a reasonable period of time, alternative risk mitigation measures must be taken until remediation has been achieved. The supplier has implemented an emergency change process.

4.3 Network Security

The supplier has implemented and maintains network security infrastructure components such as firewalls, intrusion detection/prevention systems (IDS/IPS), or other security controls that enable detection, continuous monitoring, and restriction of network traffic to limit the impact of attacks. Systems with higher security requirements or systems which provide services to essential or important facilities, or "critical infrastructure", (e.g., systems accessible from external networks), must be hardened to a stricter standard.

The supplier ensures the implementation of a formal remote access policy.

The supplier's remote access to the customer's networks and systems is subject to the terms and conditions and security specifications communicated to that effect by the customer and contingent upon the conclusion of a separate remote access agreement.

The supplier ensures industry-standard segregation and segmentation of environments if:

- (1) environments are shared with other customers; and/or
- (2) the supplier sets up test, quality and production environments.

4.4 Encryption

The supplier ensures adequate protection of the confidentiality of the data. The supplier must also consider specific measures for data in transit and in volatile and non-volatile memory, such as the use of encryption technologies in combination with an appropriate key management architecture. Encryption

is in accord with leading standards and guidelines or equivalents (e.g., National Institute of Standards and Technology - NIST).

The supplier protects mobile devices and external electronic media (e.g., USB flash drives, portable hard disks, tapes) from unauthorized access through appropriate physical and logical security measures. The encryption of data stored on such devices must be ensured.

4.5 Protection from Malware

The supplier uses adequate and continuously updated blocking tools to protect servers and end devices from malware. The software must be able to detect if the antivirus/malware software on devices has been disabled or is not updated regularly.

If the antivirus/malware software detects a threat, the supplier ensures that it is automatically alerted at the supplier's end and that the supplier handles it transparently within the supplier's defined incident respond process, considering the nature and severity of the threat as well as its impact on EVN in the prioritization by the supplier.

4.6 Security Review & Monitoring

The supplier has implemented appropriate security measures (with regard to cyber threats in particular) for data, applications and systems. The supplier regularly evaluates the effectiveness of security measures with regard to known cyber threats and fraud as well as corresponding models (e.g. based on current threat catalogs published by the National Institute of Standards and Technology [NIST], Federal Office for Information Security [BSI], etc.).

The supplier plans and conducts vulnerability assessments and penetration tests at regular intervals for all systems used to provide customer services. On these systems, penetration tests must be performed:

- (1) at least once a year;
- (2) whenever there is a major release/update of applications/software/information services;
- (3) only by sufficiently knowledgeable, skilled and experienced testers who were not involved in the security measures development.

Any vulnerabilities detected and the results obtained must be managed in an appropriate manner: analysis, classification, and remediation. Remedial actions must be implemented in accordance with criticality near to the time of detection. Upon request, the supplier provides summary vulnerability assessment and/or penetration test result reports.

The supplier ensures that security issues reported by the customer are remedied within a reasonable period of time.

The customer reserves the right to conduct security assessments and reviews in order to verify compliance with the requirements set forth herein as well as other contractual agreements. The customer agrees to notify the supplier in advance and ensures the audit is conducted during regular business hours with minimal disruption of the supplier's business. Upon request, the supplier confirms in writing its compliance with the requirements set forth herein as well as other contractual agreements and answers in writing any questions the customer may ask the supplier regarding its security procedures.

4.7 System Hardening

The supplier configures and deploys its IT resources (e.g. databases, applications, operating systems, network devices) using a secure baseline (hardening). The secure baseline is in compliance with best practices (e.g., CIS standards) or equivalent standards. The configurations for the IT assets are regularly reviewed and updated.

5 Betrieb

5.1 Data Management

The supplier ensures that measures are taken against data loss and leakage.

The supplier must neither replicate customer production data nor use them in non-production environments. Any use of customer data in non-production environments is contingent upon the customer's explicit and documented consent.

The supplier ensures that, after termination of the contractual relationship, upon request information (physical, digital) is securely deleted or information carriers are returned.

5.2 The Backup & Recovery

The supplier ensures the existence of backup and data retention concepts for each relevant platform/component it is responsible for. Retention periods are checked and backups as well as recovery tests are performed. The backup 4/4 concepts and recovery procedures are of a nature that ensures the agreed availability levels.

5.3 Logging & Monitoring

The supplier has taken appropriate measures to ensure transparency and traceability of all operations carried out. Logs must be sufficiently detailed in order to assist in the identification of the source of a (security) issue and to enable a sequence of events to be recreated. Logs must be made available to the customer if the customer has justified reasons. Logs must record access attempts, information about system and network security events, alerts, failures, and errors. Log file integrity must be guaranteed. Log file access must be restricted.

5.4 Incident Management & Reporting

The supplier must have implemented documented information security incident procedures enabling the effective and orderly management of security incidents. The procedures must cover the reporting, analysis, monitoring, resolution, and documentation of security incidents, as well as response and recovery processes following a security incident.

The supplier agrees to notify the customer immediately upon becoming aware of any incident directly or indirectly related to the customer's services and data by email to supplier-incident@evn.at, and to provide any information known to it to assist the customer in fulfilling its obligations. The supplier provides such information step by step as it becomes available. After verification of a security incident related to the customer's services or data, the supplier:

- i. agrees to notify in addition the customer's business units in writing;
- ii. ensures that such notification contains at least the following information; if initially not all information is available, the supplier should provide details—in the event of time-critical cases or imminent danger as soon as available—in a series of notifications:
 - Contact information on the person at the supplier responsible for the incident - What occurred?
 - How did it occur?
 - Why did it occur?
 - Affected components/systems/assets
 - Affected customer services/data
 - Date and time of occurrence of the incident
 - Date and time of discovery of the incident
 - Impact on the business / impact on customer services/data
 - Incident resolution
 - Measures taken to resolve the incident
 - Measures planned to resolve the incident

- iii. makes every reasonable effort to detect and prevent such incidents;
- iv. informs the customer on an ongoing basis of the measures taken/planned to be taken by the supplier;
- v. obtains the customer's prior written consent under applicable law in connection with any notification or public information relating to such breach; and
- vi. coordinates all further activities with the customer. vii. This reporting requirement also applies to subcontractors.

6 Physical Security

6.1 Physical Access

The supplier's premises have been categorized into different protection zones corresponding to the security measures and access rights in accordance with the relevant security requirements.

Physical access to IT systems, such as servers, is further restricted by special protection zones to which only authorized personnel has access.

7 Business Continuity Management

7.1 BCM

The supplier has implemented current and continuously maintained disaster recovery and business continuity plans. Disaster recovery plans and business continuity plans must be designed to prevent, to the largest possible extent, any negative impacts from unplanned interruptions and to allow the supplier, also in case of interruptions, to continue operating and providing services in accordance with its contract with the customer. Upon request, the supplier provides the customer with written summaries of its disaster recovery and business continuity plans.

At least once a year, the supplier conducts appropriate tests of its own business continuity and disaster recovery plans. Service-relevant test results are made available to the customer upon request, but at least after such tests have been performed.

The supplier has ensured that the scope of the business continuity and disaster recovery plans covers all locations, employees, and information systems used to provide services to the customer.