

# Multimodality ecosystems and Cyber-security challenges

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Με την υποστήριξη:

Υπο τις αιγίδες:



# Multimodality

- **Multimodality** is the application of multiple literacies (or modes or media) within one system, eco-system or platform.
- **Multimodal systems** provide the user with multiple modes of interaction with the system.
- They provide several distinct tools for using or utilizing the offered services.
- The term “multimodal” is generally used to describe means of communications, e.g. “communication practices in terms of the textual, aural, linguistic, spatial, and visual resources”
- used in: math (multimodal distribution), physics (multimodal propagation), social sciences (multimodal anthropology, multimodal interaction), IT (multimodal learning, fusion) and more.
- Also used to describe heterogeneity in the modern use and utilization of Essential Services
  - **Multimodal Transport**

Operators of  
Essential  
Services

- Energy
- **Transport**
- Finance / Banking
- Health
- Water Supply
- Digital Infrastructure

## Operators of Essential Services

### Essential Services

- High value for the people
- High impact for the societal structure

but

- Popular target for terrorists, cyber-attackers, hackers, etc.

### Areas of Essential Services system protection

Physical and environmental security  
Security of supplies  
Contractual relationships' management  
Outsourcing Management  
Access control to premises  
Physical and logical separation of essential systems  
Essential system access controls

### Determination of incident severity

Criteria for incident assessment

- Affected population - geographical distribution
- Impact on the country/EU economy
- Public functions, public safety / order
- Threat to human life
- Impact on public opinion
- International relations / influence in other countries
- Interdependence with other sectors
- Impact on the environment
- Recovery time after the incident

Essential systems activity log  
Processed-stored-transmitted information  
Development and maintenance of essential systems  
Hardware management  
Software change management  
Project Management

## Multimodal transport

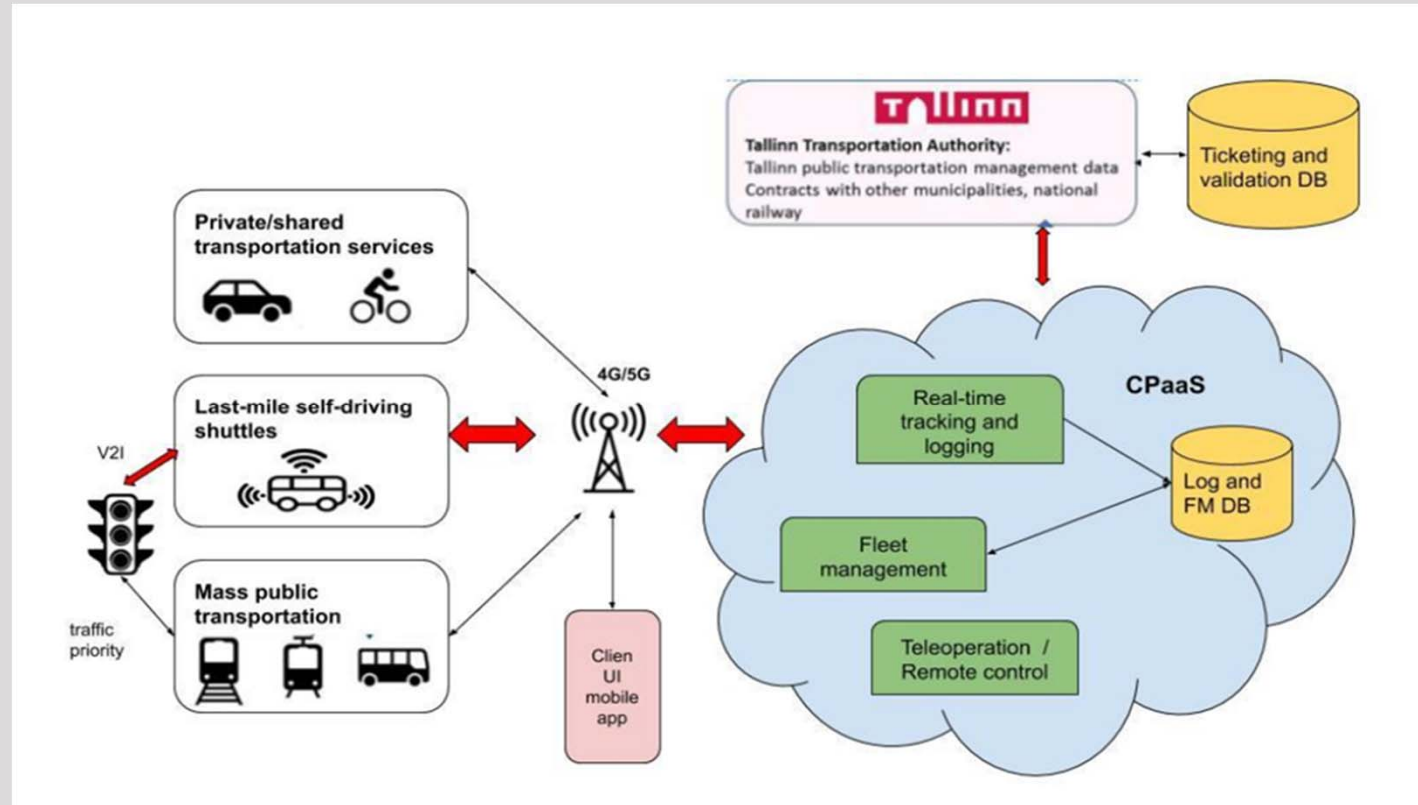
- The transportation of goods
  - under a single contract,
  - but performed with at least two different modes of transport;
  - One carrier is liable for the entire trip,
- Multimodal transport extends in urban mobility. The way people travel by various:
  - Public/mass transport systems (usually managed by the city).
  - Means of transport, including bikes, cars, buses, subways, and micromobility devices such as electric scooters.

## Multimodal transport

only functional  
through ICT

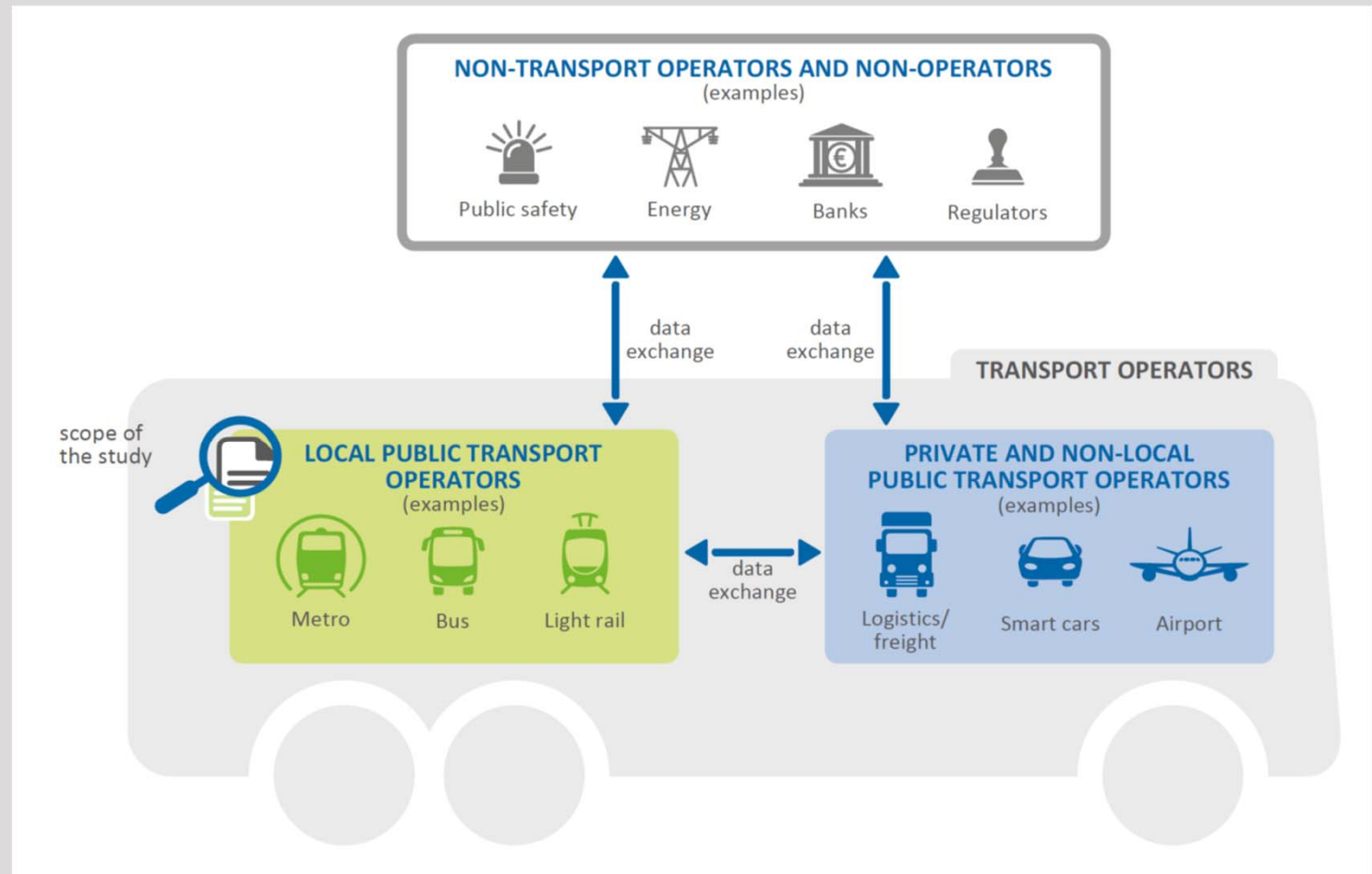
- People quest for alternative transportation modes with roads and highways congested
- Requires coordination of public and non-public transport operators
- **Multi-modal transport requires data exchange and interconnection**
  - High quality of service – Quick commute
  - Shared mobility
  - On-demand ride services
- The last-mile problem

Multimodal transport  
in the urban environment



- Intelligent city example (CitySCAPE: Tallin city use case)

Data Exchange  
between modes  
and domains





- A huge attack surface

# Attacks on Transport Systems

### User centric view of multimodal transport

**Security concerns**  
Safety  
Privacy  
Secure payments

**Interested in**  
Safety  
Travelling time  
Travelling comfort

Date	Event
May 23, 2016.	Dallas News reported a Texas man hacking and changing a highway sign
June 6, 2016.	The Washington Post reported that Dallas road signs were hacked and messages about Donald Trump, and Harambe the gorilla were posted
November 26, 2016.	The San Francisco Examiner reported that the San Francisco Municipal Transportation agency was hit with a crypto-ransomware attack, which displayed the hacker's message on their systems
May 13, 2017	The Telegraph reports that WannaCry infected German train stations, and passenger information monitors were seen displaying the ransom window
August 4, 2017.	Autoblog reported that a group of university researchers have figured out how to hack self-driving cars by putting stickers on street signs

## Types of Threats

- Denial of Service
- Manipulation of software
- Malware
- Modifications of hardware
- Software vulnerabilities
- Network vulnerabilities
- System failure
- Failures of devices
- Physical destruction of device
- Natural disaster
- Data alteration
- Data leakage
- Personal Data Sharing and Identity theft
- Incorrect or Outdated Personal Data
- Injection of false/malicious data on the network
- Man-in-the-middle / Insecure channels
- Wiretapping/Eavesdropping
- Insider threats
- Operator and/or user errors

# Vulnerabilities

- Common to other IT systems
- Wireless communications and networks
- Vulnerabilities introduced with the integration of physical and virtual layers
- Problems due to increased automation
- Cohabitation between legacy and new systems
- Scale and complexity of transportation networks
- Applying networked technology across large transport systems
- Multiple interdependent systems
- Access to real-time data
- Higher volumes of passengers and freight
- Online passenger services

## Impact and risks

### Business

- Impact on operations:
- Loss of revenue
- Impact on reputation / loss of trust
- Non-compliance with the regulation on data protection
- Risks on hardware and software
- Reliance on invalid information
- Lack of security of dependencies
- Unavailability of a dependency

### Societal

- Unavailability of the Transport service
- Disruption to the society
- Passengers' health and safety
- Environmental impact
- Confidentiality and privacy

\*according to ENISA

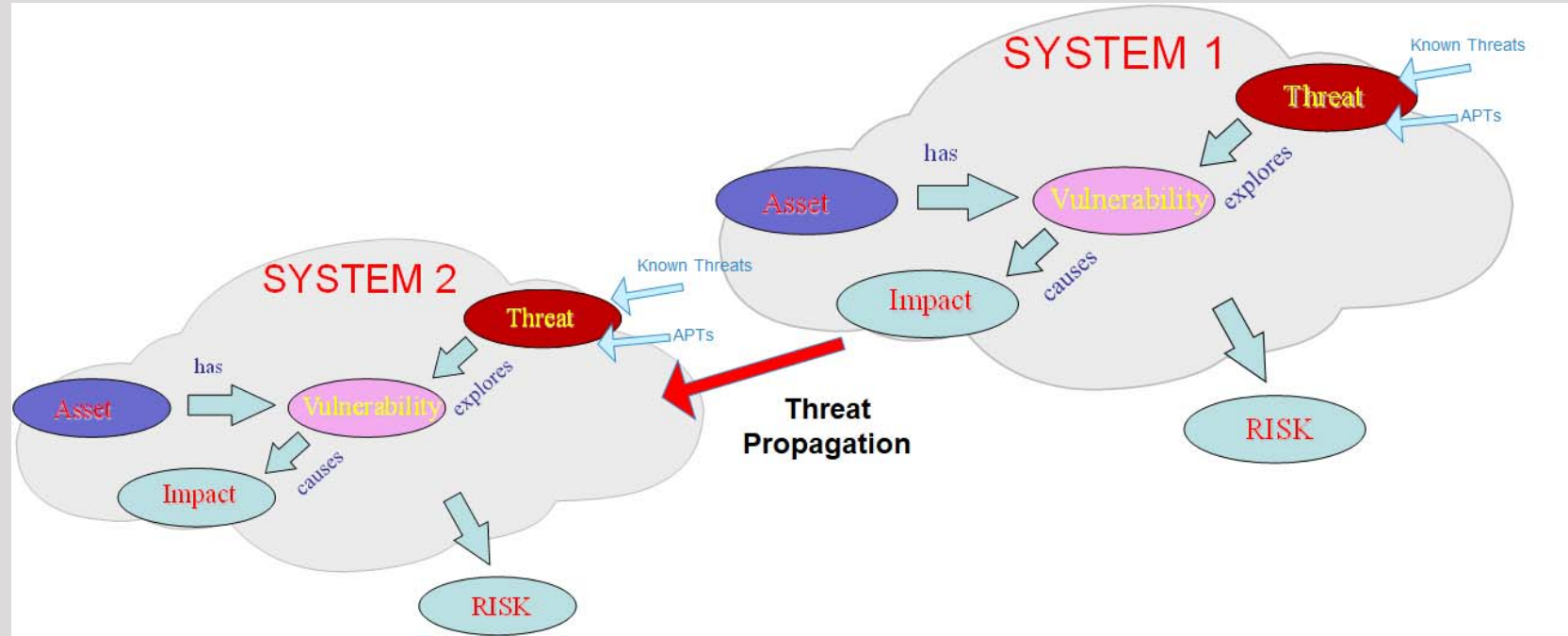
## Challenges

- Integration of security for safety
- Collaboration and exchange information on cyber security
- Situational awareness of cyber threats
- Phasing out of legacy systems
- Data exchange between Transport and Smart Cities operators
- The importance and spending being afforded to cyber security
- Checking for sufficient countermeasures
- Resistance to security adoption

## Is there a Fix? The CitySCAPE vision

- ACT PROACTIVELY!!
- Perform risk analysis and risk assessment
- Apply security assurance practices
- Investigate propagation of threats and identify common threats
- Employ alarms/surveillance for protecting physical and digital assets
  - capture the propagation of threats
  - estimate the risk level/criticality
  - assess the financial impact terms for tangible and 'non-tangible' assets
- Use communication, experience and learning for timely detection/prevention
  - collaborative investigation of severe incidents by CERT/CSIRTs authorities and OES including real-time notifications to their network
  - predict upcoming malicious acts
  - propose/use updated countermeasures
- Apply security countermeasures
  - secure digital access controls to networks and data and encryption
  - Develop secure and private communication networks
  - identity management and authentication systems:
- Employ intrusion detection/protection systems
- Failover – failback to a minimum
- Automatically and/or remotely deactivate compromised assets to isolate risk

# Risk Modeling and Cascading Effects



To proceed (in terms of modelling) we need:

The list of Assets

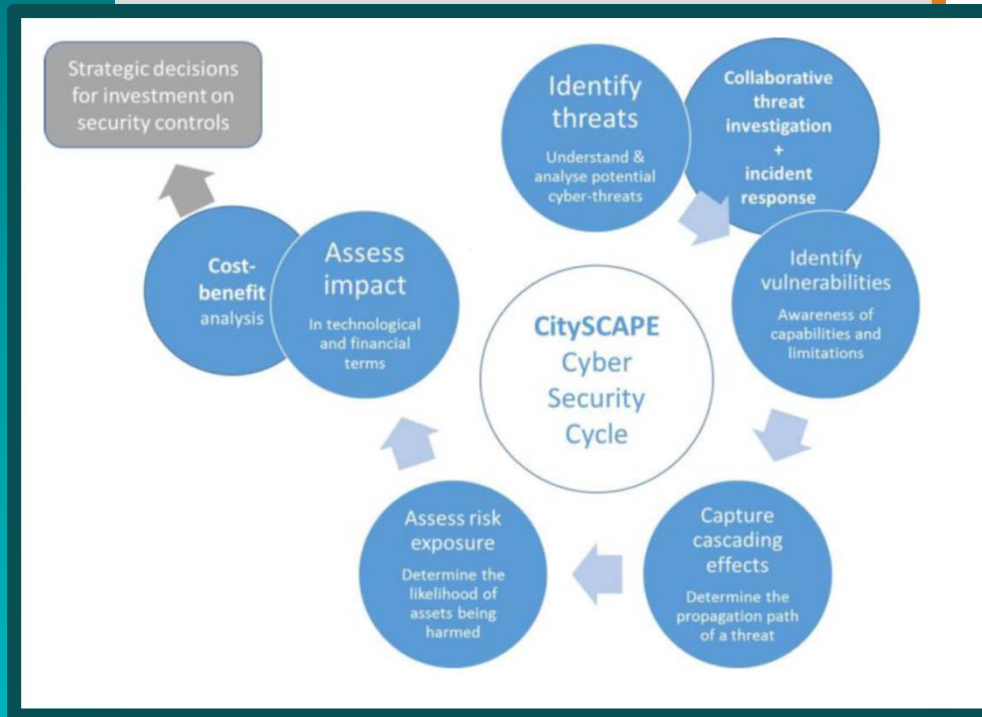
The vulnerabilities of each asset (asset – vulnerability association)

All potential Threats

The vulnerabilities that each Threat can explore (Threat – Vulnerability association)

At this point we have the indirect association “Which Threats (Attacks) can affect each Asset”

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