









rEsilient and seLf-healed EleCTRical pOwer Nanogrid

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Project Identity & Consortium

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Name: ELECTRON - rEsilient and self-healed EleCTRical pOwer Nanogrid

Type of Action: Innovation Action

Call Identifier: H2020-SU-DS-2020

 Topic: SU-DS04-2018-2020 - Cybersecurity in the Electrical Power and Energy System (EPES): an armour against cyber and privacy attacks and data breaches

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Consortium Map 33 Partners



ELECTRON Consortium



33 Partners

Energy Providers, TSO, DSO, Utilities, Manufacturers, Prosumers, Technology Providers























































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Business Logic & Architecture



Main Innovation Points

- Post Quantum Privacy Preserving in EPES
- Honeypot as a Service (HaaS)
- Federated AI Detection
- Proactive Islanding based on SDN/NFV
- Dynamic Certification & Authentication
- EPES Threat Intelligence

Risk Assessment & Certification



Collaborative Risk Assessment. Honeypots As Service, Dynamic & Continuous EPES Asset Certification & Authentication

ELECTRON Business Logic

Four Main Pillars

Mitigation and Energy Optimization



Federated Learning

intrusion detection, post quantum privacy

preserving, ELECTRON Threat Intelligence

Proactive Islanding, SDN/NFV-based Network Isolation and Recovery, electrical grid restoration, ELECTRON **Energy Trading Framework**

AR/VR based EPES personnel training and certification

Personnel Training and Certification







ELECTRON Platform

Integrated solution for enhancing the EPES resiliency, combining a plethora of technologies, such as Honeypots, Federated Learning, Visual Analytics, Post quantum cryptography, SDN/NFV, AR/VR, Crawling, MISP, SIEM, Blockchain, Mixed-integer linear programming, Deep Learning-based Islanding







ELECTRON Architecture



8-Layer Architecture



ELE-L: Electrical Layer

Physical and virtualized EPES assets/devices, e.g., RTUs, PLCs, smart meters, PMUs, PDCs, EPES Honeypots



SDN-L: SDN Layer

SDN Control, southbound interfaces, northbound interfaces



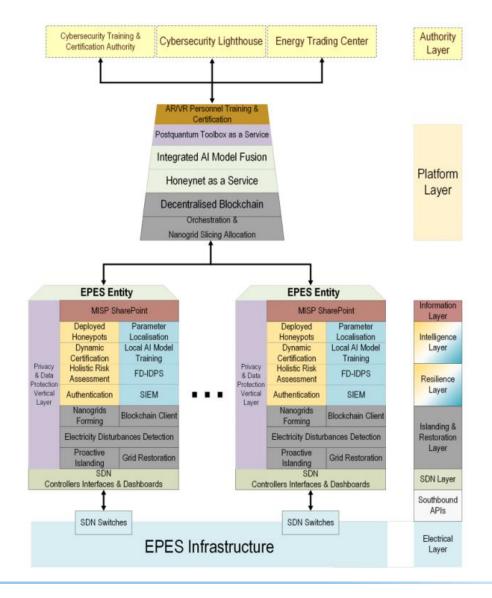
IS-RE-L: Islanding and Restoration Layer

ISODINE(Intentional isOlation and IslaNding module), ELISE (Electrical Grid Restoration Module), NIRO (Network Isolation and Recovery module)



RES-L: Resilience Layer

ARMY (Collaborative Risks Assessment), DARCY (Cybersecurity Certification), STRONGBOX (post quantum privacy preserving), EDAE (Electric Data Analysis Engine), Network Isolation and Recovery mOdule (NIRO)



ELECTRON Architecture



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Intelligence Layer

Honeypot as a Service, Federated Learning-based IDPS, XL-SIEM +, ELECTRON APT Shield



Information Layer

MISP-based ELECTRON Sharepoint, ELECTRON Threat **Explorer**



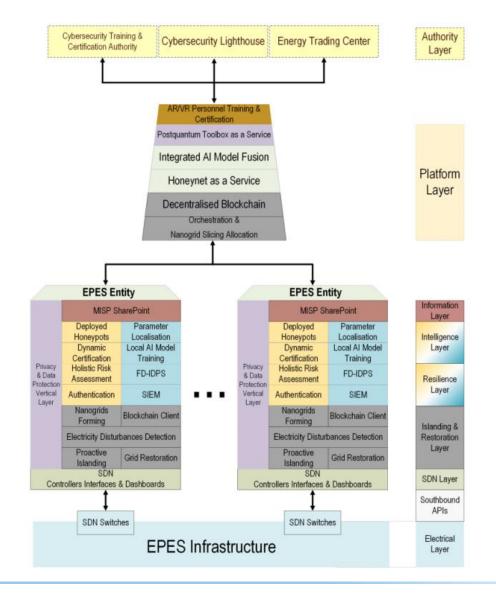
Platform Layer

Honeypot as a Service, Federated Learning-based IDPS, Network & Application Orchestrator



Authority Layer

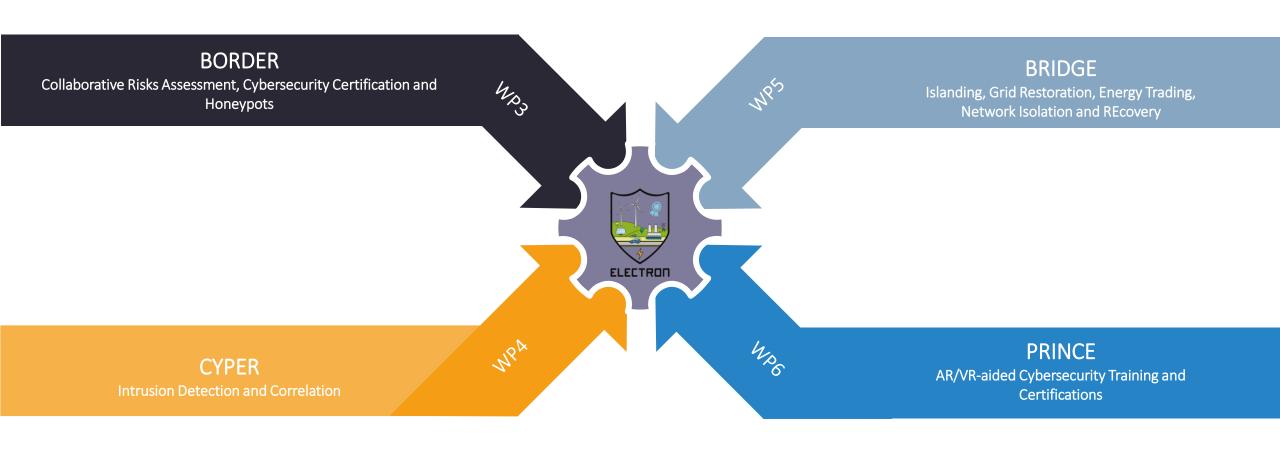
ELECTRON Cybersecurity Lighthouse, Energy Trading Centre, AR/VR Cybersecurity Training, Certification Authority



ELECTRON Architectural Frameworks



Architectural Frameworks and Relation with other technical WPs







ELECTRON Use Cases

Use Case #1: Shielding the EU borders: Addressing and Mitigating Cyberattacks and Data Leaking in Ukraine



5 Scenarios



Involved Actors

CSDFC (Technology Provider), JSC (Ukrainian DSO), PIMEE (Ukrainian End User & Technology Provider), ENERGOATOM (Nuclear Plant Generator/Operator), and DTEK (Ukrainian Operator, generator, and DER)



Scenario #1 – Spear Phishing

Preventing Spear Phishing via AR/VR Training

ELECTRON Components: PRINCE

KPIs: Participation percentage of the total energy personnel > 90%, . Percentage of certified energy personnel after running PRINCE > 95%.



Scenario #2 – Malware

Detecting and Mitigating Malware

ELECTRON Components: ELECTRON SIEM, ELECTRON

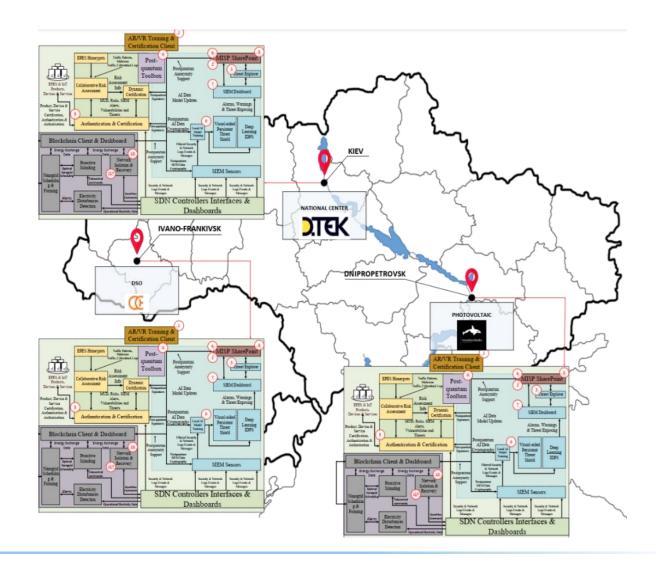
Sharepoint, ELECTRON Threat Explorer (Patch

identification)

KPIs: Malware threat detection and prevention: 99.9%,

Time needed to detect and prevent the malware

threat: < 10 ms



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Scenario #3 – SCADA Control Units Hijacking

Detecting and mitigating Man In the Middle attacks

ELECTRON Components: STRONGBOX

KPIs: MitM attacks detection and prevention: 99.9%, Time needed

to detect and prevent the malware threat: < 10 ms



Scenario #4 – Unauthorised Access Attacks

Using VPN access to get authorised and authorisation for taking control of the inner ICS systems

ELECTRON Components: ARMY and DARCY

KPIs: Authentication & authorisation denial of the custom VPN: 99.9%, Time to detect & prevent the malware/threat: < 10 ms



Scenario #5 – DoS and DDoS attacks

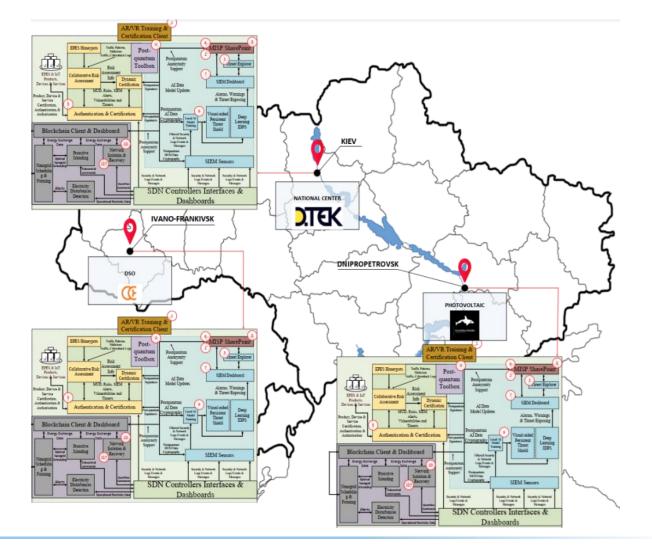
Detecting and Mitigating DoS and DDoS Attacks

ELECTRON Components: ELECTRON SIEM, FL-IDPS, ELECTRON

Sharepoint, NIRO, SDN Controller

KPIs: DoS and DDoS attack detected and mitigated: 99.9%, Time needed to restore the nanogrid under the attack: < 100

ms







4 Scenarios



Involved Actors

PPC, IPTO



Scenario #1 – Uncertified SCADA Assets

Blocking access to uncertified SCADA assets

ELECTRON Components: DARCY, ARMY, XL-SIEM, ELECTRON

Sharepoint, SDN Controller

KPIs: Accuracy of ELECTRON to identify the vulnerabilities of the HMI: > 99%, Time needed to determine the certification

status of the HMI: < 10 ms



Scenario #2 – FDI Attacks against PPC Electrical Vehicles (Evs)

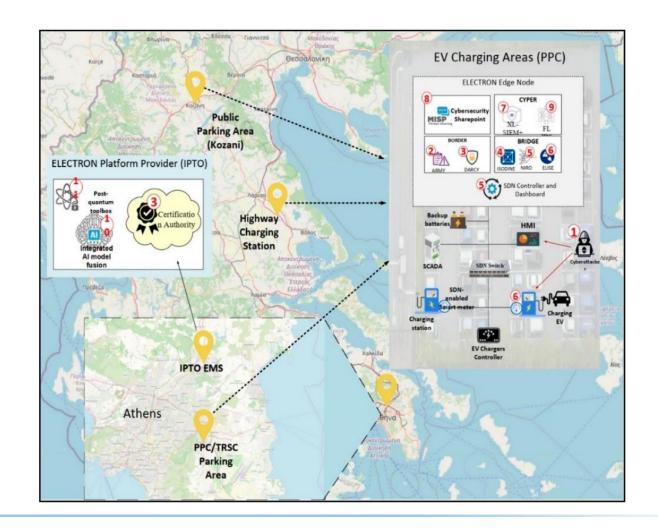
Detecting and Mitigating False Data Injection Attacks

ELECTRON Components: ELECTRON SIEM and its detectors,

ISODINE, NIRO, SDN Controller, ELISE

KPIs: Detection accuracy of the upcoming fault: > 95%,

Restoration time of the nanogrid: < 100 ms









Involved Actors



Scenario #3 – DoS Attacks against PPC EV Charging Stations

Detecting and Preventing DoS attacks

ELECTRON Components: ELECTRON SIEM, FL-IDPS, Threat

Explorer, ELECTRON Sharepoint

KPIs: Malware threat detection and prevention: 99.9%, Time needed to detect and prevent the malware threat: <

10 ms



Scenario #2 – MITM Attacks against PPC Electrical Vehicles

Detecting and Preventing MITM attacks

ELECTRON Components: ELECTRON SIEM and its

detectores, ELECTRON Sharepoint, NIRO, SDN

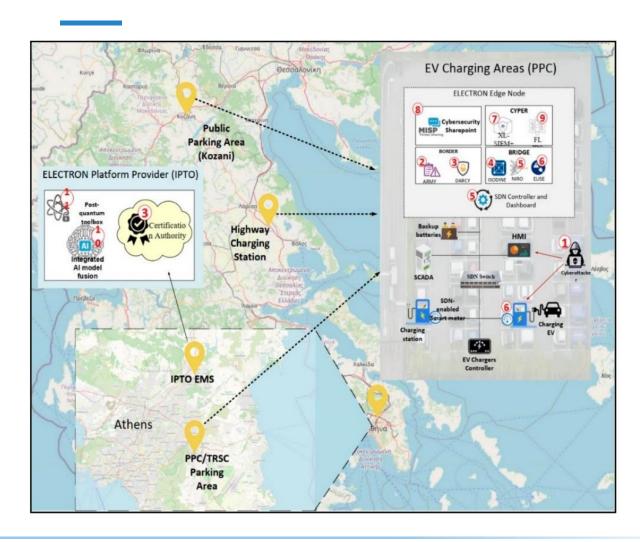
Controller, STRONGBOX

KPIs: MITM attacks detection and prevention: 99.9%,

Time needed to detect and prevent the malware

threat: < 10 ms.

4 Scenarios



Use Case #3: Protecting the Renewables Energy Chain from Cyberattacks and Data Leaking





Involved Actors

Enerfin (Operator/Generator), SCHF & SCHE (Manufacturer), Isotrol (Technology provider/Scada Manufacturer), Tecnalia (Research Centre), TUVSPAIN (Certification/Industry).



Detecting a number of cyberattacks against Enerfin Wind Farm

ELECTRON Components: FL-IDPS, ELECTRON SIEM, ELECTRON SP (MISP), ELECTRON APT Shield, ARMY



AR/VR-based Cybersecurity Training

ELECTRON Components: PRINCE



Relevant KPIs

KPI#1: Number of critical cybersecurity vulnerabilities detected in assessments and penetration tests; **KPI#2** Number of actions proposed for acting in monitoring and control infrastructures in current and in legacy systems; **KPI#3** Number of pattern-based detection rules based on IT and OT with alert to control centers; **KPI#4** Number of employees trained and certified on the IEC 62443 standard



Use Case #4: Proactive Islanding Meets Efficient Threat Detection: Addressing & Mitigating Cyberattacks in the Romanian Energy Chain





Involved Actors

Transelectrica (Romanian TSO), Electrica SA (Romanian DSO), UPB (Technology Provider)



Scenario #1 – FDI Attacks against Transelectrica and Electrica SA

Detecting and Preventing False Data Injection Attacks **ELECTRON Components:** FL-IDPS, ELECTRON SIEM,

ELECTRON SP (MISP), ARMY, NIRO, DARCY, SDN-C,

STRONGBOX

KPIs: Detection accuracy > 90%, 2 Detection False Positive Rate < 20%, Intrusion Mitigation Time < 1 min, Certification accuracy > 90%



Scenario #2 – Unauthorised Attacks against Transelectrica and Electrica SA

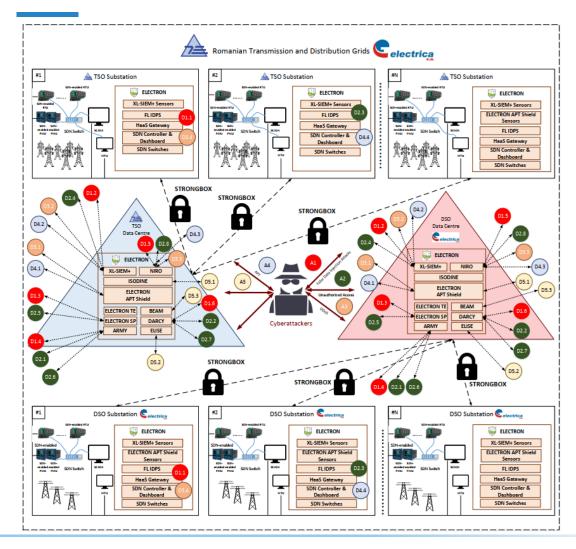
Detecting and Preventing Unauthorised Access Attacks **ELECTRON Components**: ARMY, DARCY, ELECTRON SP,

ELECTRON Threat Explorer, FL IDPS, ELECTRON SIEM,

NIRO, SDN-C, STRONGBOX

KPIs: Detection accuracy > 90%, 2 Detection False
Positive Rate < 20%, Intrusion Mitigation Time < 1 min,</p>
Certification accuracy > 90%

5 Scenarios



Use Case #4: Proactive Islanding Meets Efficient Threat Detection: Addressing & Mitigating Cyberattacks in the Romanian Energy Chain





Scenario #3 – DDoS Attacks against Transelectrica and Electrica SA

Detecting and Preventing DDoS Attacks

ELECTRON Components: APT Shield, HaaS (EPES Honeypots), ELECTRON SIEM, NIRO, SDN-C, STRONGBOX

KPIs: Detection accuracy > 90%, 2 Detection False Positive Rate < 20%, Intrusion Mitigation Time < 1 min, Certification accuracy > 90%



Scenario #4 – APTs against Transelectrica and Electrica SA

Detecting and Mitigating Advanced Persistent Threats **ELECTRON Components**: APT Shield, ELECTRON SP (MISP),

ELECTRON SIEM, ELECTRON Threat Explorer, NIRO, SDN-C,

STRONGBOX

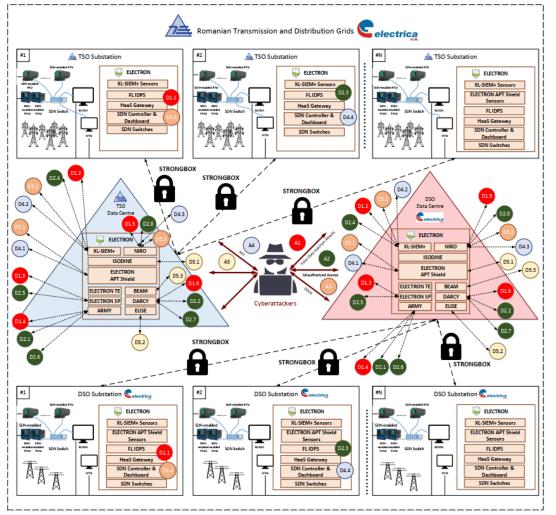
KPIs: Detection accuracy > 90%, 2 Detection False Positive Rate < 20%, Intrusion Mitigation Time < 1 min, Certification accuracy > 90%



Scenario #5 – Islanding Schemes and Nanogrid Management Actions - Electrica SA

Applying Islanding Schemes and Nanogrid Management Actions

ELECTRON Components: ISODINE, ARMY, ELISE, BEAM, STRONGBOX, **KPIs**: Intrusion Mitigation Time < 1 min, Verifiability of the data integrity up to 100% due to the smart contract mechanism, Traceability, accountability, and non-repudiation of the critical actions in the system will increase up to 80%, Support of turing completeness as regards the business logic of the Information Sharing mechanism will reach 90%



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Thank You & Q/A





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