

Accountability for Cloud and other Future Internet Services

The A4Cloud project



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PROJECT

Who we are

Industry Partners



Cloud Community & Standardisation



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Research Institutes



R&D in technical, legal and socio-economic aspects of Accountability

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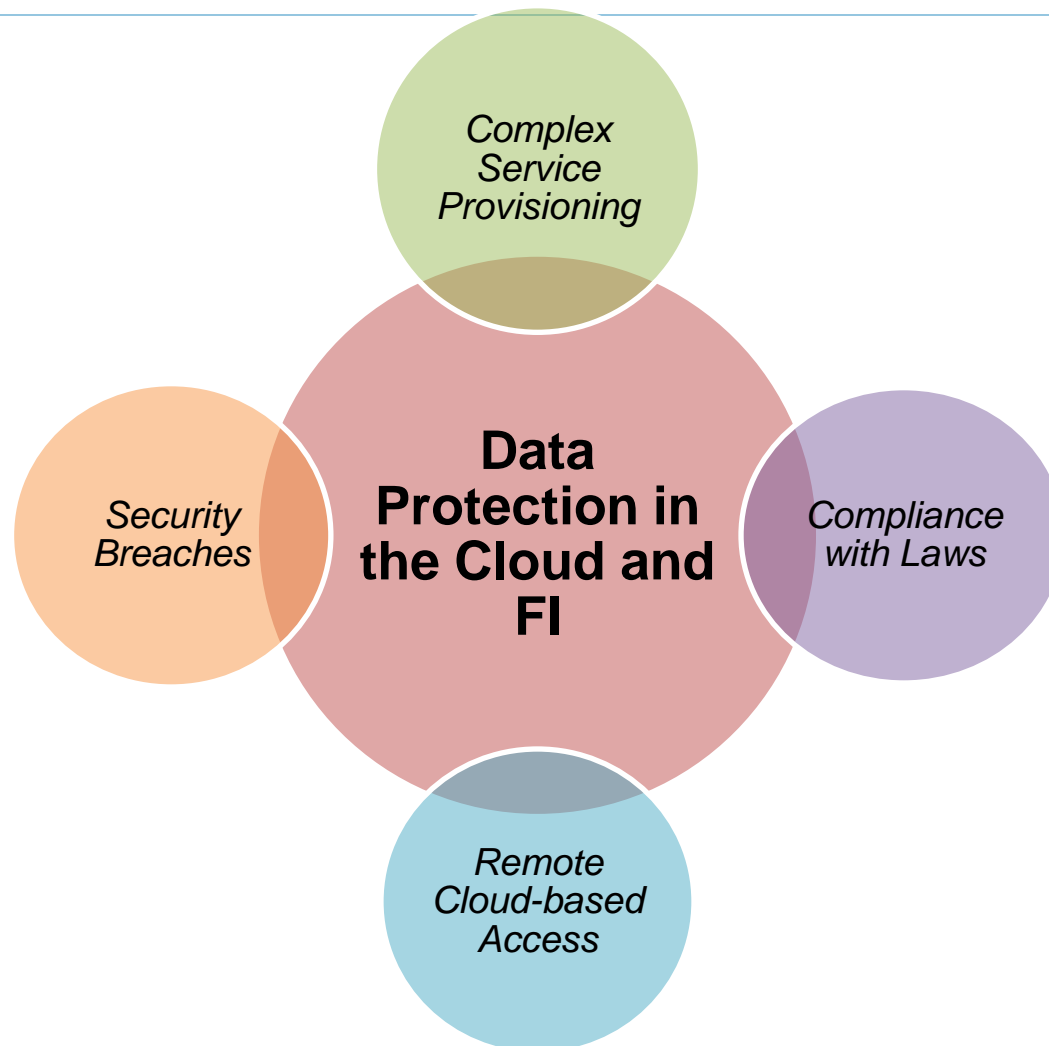
Project Start Date: 1st October, 2012

Project Duration: 42 months

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The Challenge



Drivers for an accountability-based approach

- Increase trust and assurance
- Allow more dynamism
- Decrease regulatory complexity
- Provide effective data governance and control in cloud-based IT



Accountability-based approaches for trust and security

Defining Accountability

Accountability consists of explaining one's actions, justifying those actions and remedying any failure to act properly

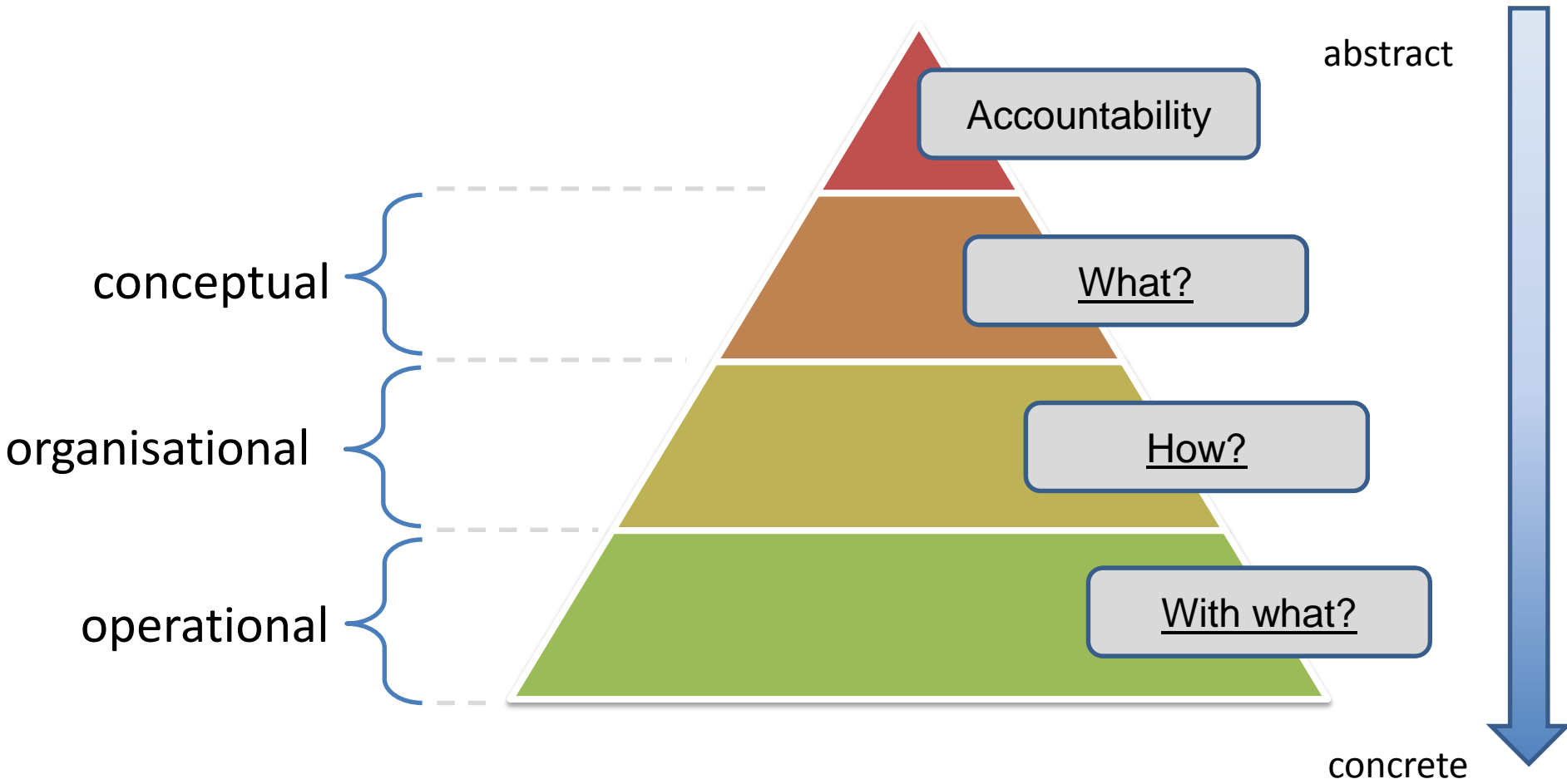


Accountability concerns data stewardship regimes in which organizations that are entrusted with personal and confidential data are responsible and liable for processing, sharing, storing and otherwise using the data according to contractual and legal requirements from the time it is collected until when the data is destroyed (including onward transfer to and from third parties).

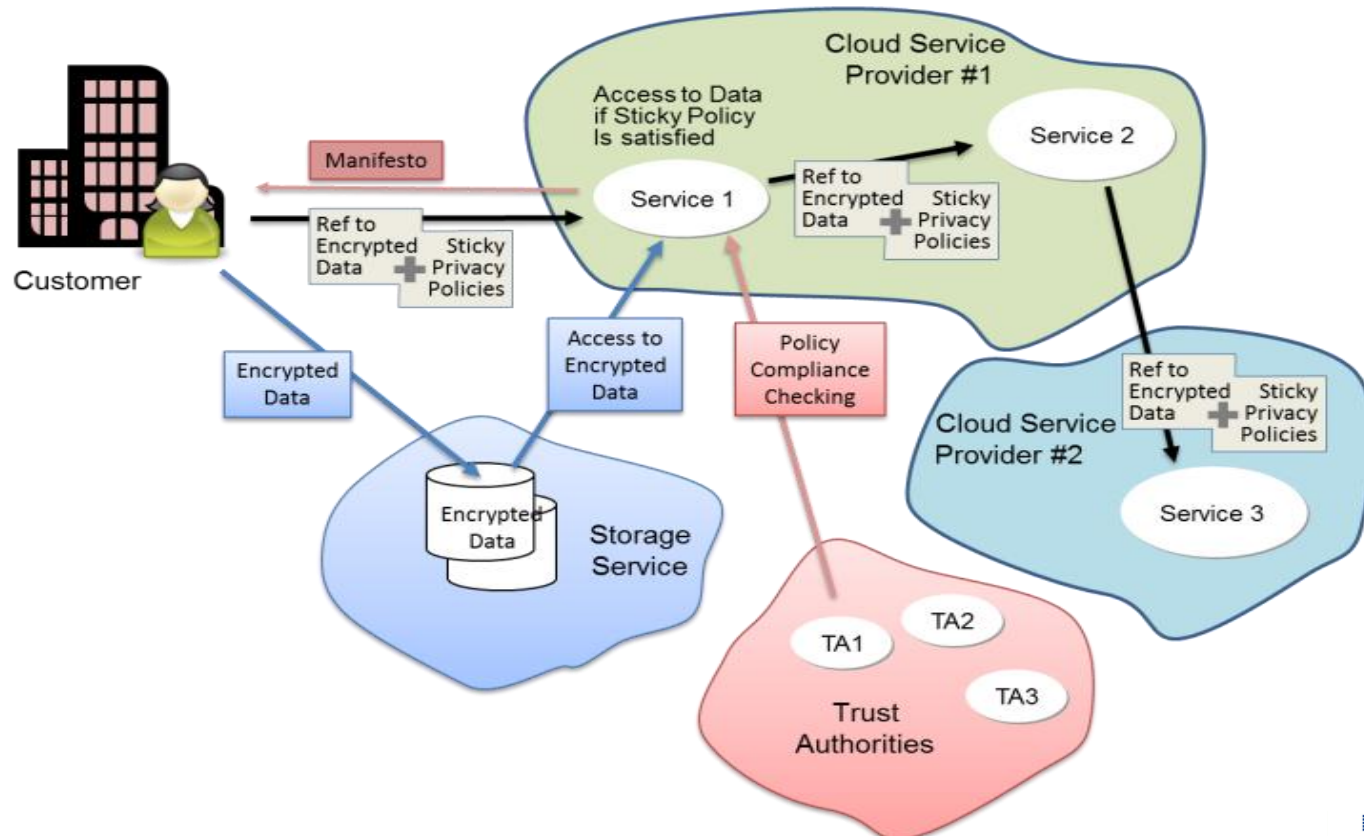
Inter-disciplinary approach for co-designing Accountability



Conceptual model of accountability



The example of sticky policies

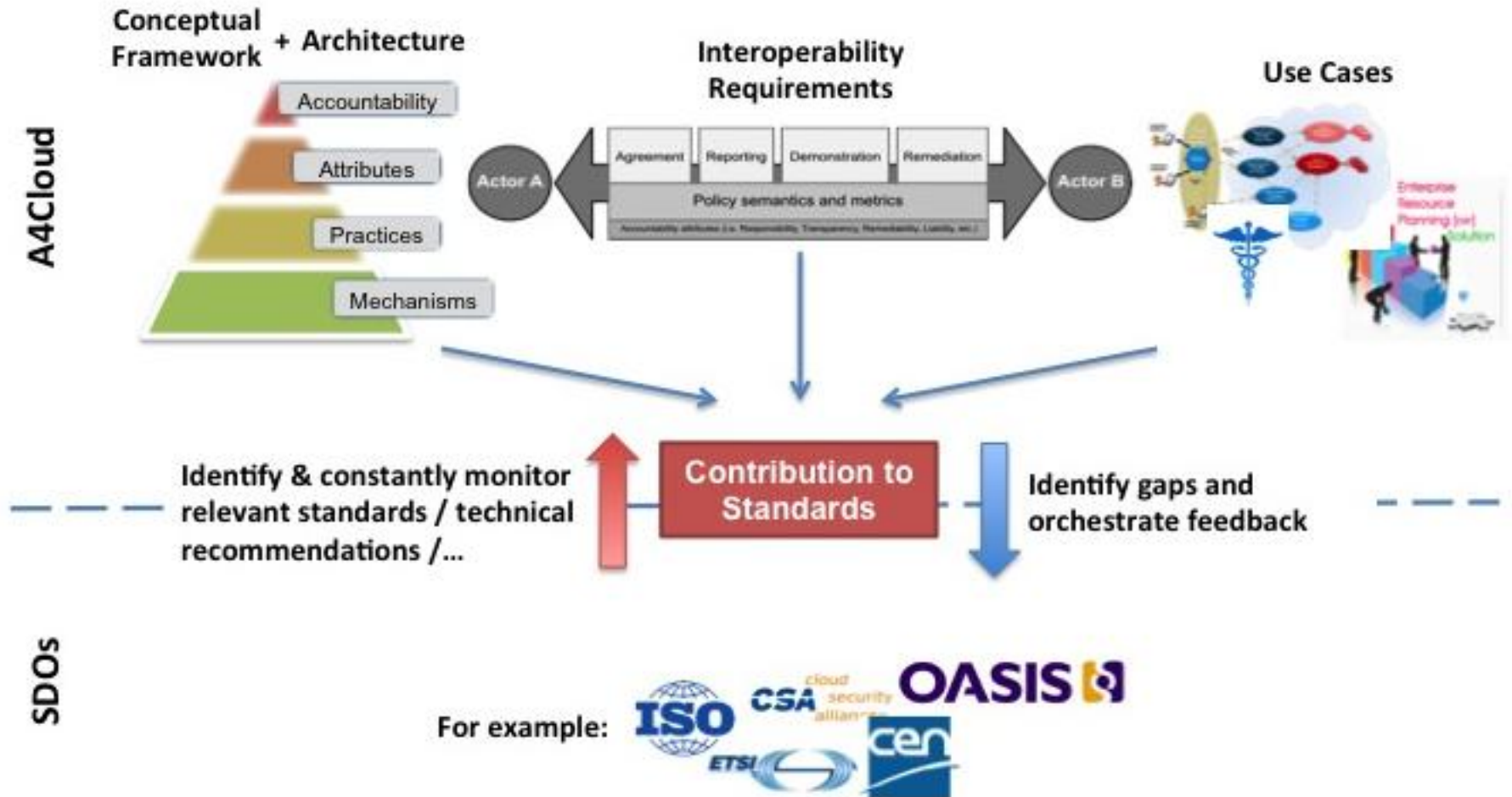


Our deliverables

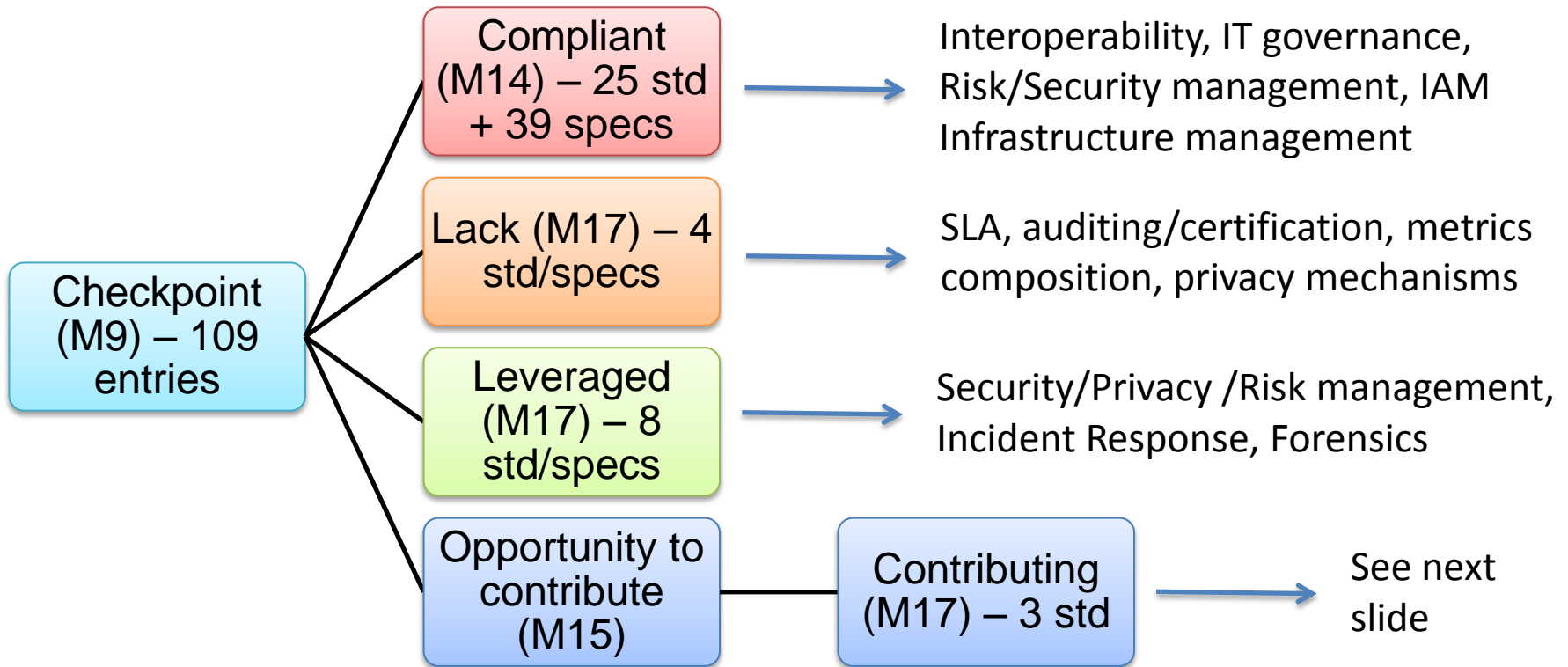


Tool	Purpose
Accountability and Privacy Enforcement Tool	Enable enforcement of policies in ways that can be verified and audited
Audit Agent System	Enables customers of cloud services to perform audits of their cloud infrastructures
Cloud Control Tool (CCT)	The declarative definition of implementation techniques and tools for the addition of new functionalities to existing Cloud applications and infrastructures
Data Protection Impact Assessment Tool	Selecting service providers by assessing the impact of a particular choice before sensitive information is transferred or shared
Data Track	Enabling data subjects to exercise their rights online to access, correct and request removal of their data at data controllers
Data Transfer Control Tool	Accountable data localization and transfer across cloud software, platform and infrastructure services, usually run by data processors
Incident Response Tool	Provides data subject access rights and to file complaints regarding the processing of personal data by the controller and/or an incident
Plug-in for assessment of policy violation	Provide an assessment on the relevance of the violation of policies, so that stakeholders receive information about the most relevant policy violations
Redress Tool	Advises end users and organisations on actions that can be taken in case of violations
Tool for Cloud Contracts	A simple expert system to help with drafting and managing custom contracts
Transparency Log	Transfer of data from CPs to CCs/CAs in a secure and privacy-friendly way

The role of A5 in A4Cloud



Current status: areas being covered



Few examples

CSA Cloud Trust Protocol (CTP)
ODCA Service Orchestration
CSA Open Certification Framework
CSA Cloud Control Matrix (CCM)
CSA CAIQ
ITIL
COBIT
ISO 27001
ISO 27036
oAuth
WSLA
WS-Agreement
CIM suite of standards - e.g. CIM-SPL
CIMI (Cloud Infrastructure Management Interface)
OCCI
OpenID
SAML

OATH (not OAUTH)
ARF
X-ARF (Extensible abuse reporting format)
M-ARF (Messaging abuse reporting format)
CVE
CWE
SCAP
CSA Cloud Trust Protocol (CTP)
SUoM: ODCA Standard Units of measure
ENISA Procure Secure
CloudAudit
PKI standards (X.509, XML Digital Signature, PKCS* etc...)
TLS
PKCS*
SHA2
ECRYPT yearly report
+ Key management standards as above

Thank You.