

INFORMATION SECURITY MANAGEMENT



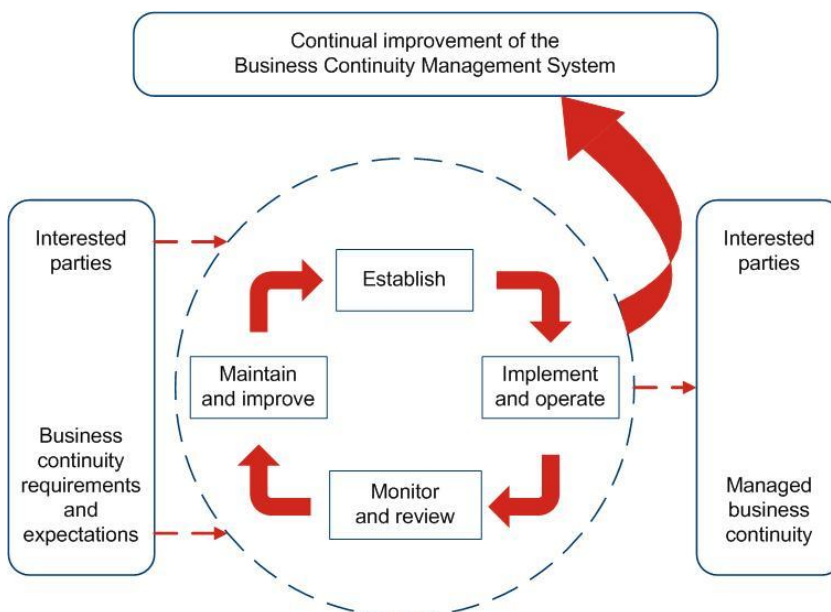
BCMS – Business Continuity Management System

Business Continuity Management System is about a process of preparation for fact that things can go wrong and about a process of execution of planned and rehearsed steps to protect the business and hence the stakeholders' interests. BCMS goes beyond recovery from a disaster to establishing an **organization's environment and culture** that seeks to prevent failure and crisis. BCMS involves all personnel of organization in this and significantly participates in building a culture within an organization.

The goal of BCMS within conditions of modern organization is to minimize the period of an interruption of critical business processes that execute and support the achievement of determined business goals and objectives. In case of an unexpected or unwanted event (disaster) **potential impacts** of disruption or an interruption of critical business processes **will thus be minimized**. A good reputation and image will be protected and financial losses will be minimized, etc.

BCMS is based on the couple of internationally proven British Standards 25999. **BS 25999-2:2007** specifies requirements for formally assessing an organization's ability to manage its business continuity. For BCMS implementation BS 25999-2:2007 uses recommendations and principles contained within **BS 25999-1:2006**.

Similarly to other management systems BCMS can be certified both separately or as a part of an Integrated Management System. Certification is performed according to BS 25999-2 requirements. BCMS certificate issued by independent authority plays an important role in the client and partner trust as well as creating competitive advantage.



BCMS Highlights

- ▣ *It is specified by the British Standard BS 25999-2:2007*
- ▣ *It applies to the BS 25999-1:2006 recommendations and principles*
- ▣ *It increases an organization's resilience against emergency events*
- ▣ *It improves the flexibility of the response to crisis and disasters*
- ▣ *It protects the interests of the key stakeholders, the reputation and brand of organizations*
- ▣ *The system's approach to business continuity management is based on the Plan-Do-Check-Act (PDCA) cycle*

RAC Capabilities

- ▣ *Consultants with extensive expertise, professional certification and training*
- ▣ *Reference projects of the Business Continuity Plans (BCP) development and BCMS overall implementation*
- ▣ *Translation of standards and publications from the area of BCMS, e.g. „The Route Map to Business Continuity Management; Meeting the Requirements of BS 25999”*
- ▣ *Implemented Integrated Management System (IMS), Det Norske Veritas has certified the QMS part according to the ISO 9001:2000 and the ISMS part according to the ISO 27001:2005 under British accreditation by UKAS*

BCMS Deliverables

Implementing BCMS according to the BS 25999-2 can bring real benefits to an organization apart from meeting the requirements of regulators, customers and the law. The proven compliance with the requirements of this standard can be used as part of a marketing package as well as a competitive advantage. Among other indisputable benefits are:

- ▣ Improving an operation of internal management processes
- ▣ Improving an organization's resilience against the disruption of business
- ▣ Reduction of impacts of unexpected events, disasters and crisis
- ▣ Minimizing the period of an interruption of critical business processes and activities
- ▣ Ensuring delivery of an organization's key products and services even in time of crisis
- ▣ Financial contributions in the form of reliefs on insurance
- ▣ Higher satisfaction of personnel and loyalty from the consumers
- ▣ Increasing the organization's credibility for its partners and clients, the protection of its reputation and established brand
- ▣ Meeting regulatory (e.g. BASEL II, SOX) and statutory requirements (e.g. The Crises Act or Act No. 458/2000 Coll.)

“BCMS certification is not necessary condition which would have to follow up after the implementation of BS 25999-2 requirements. From the view of an organization's operation is much more important to have an implemented incident and crisis response structure than to dust certificate on the reception wall.”

RAC „made-to-order” BCMS

RAC team members offer consultative support in the realization of particular steps of successful BCMS implementation and achievement of compliance with BS 25999-2, including the support during certification audit.

- ▣ BCMS Policy preparation and publication
- ▣ Undertaking Business Impact Analysis (BIA) of the key processes and establishing the BCMS parameters (MTPD a RPO)
- ▣ Undertaking risk assessment that identifies and evaluates risks which threaten the key processes
- ▣ The preparation and design of measures for loss mitigation and risk treatment
- ▣ The design and elaboration of cost effective strategies for recovery of processes and supportive resources
- ▣ The preparation of business continuity plans for key and supportive processes
- ▣ Creating schedules and scenarios of regular plan exercising; the preparation and implementation of pilot exercising of the selected plans
- ▣ Setting up a process of maintaining and improving the implemented BCMS
- ▣ Effective BCMS integration with other implemented management systems (ISMS, QMS, EMS)

Effective Transmissions of “Know – How”

During the BCMS implementation we stress the partnership approach. We started from the requirement on the most effective transmissions of “Know – How”, the need for continuous awareness of significance and overall importance of business continuity management as well as the establishment of basic levels of organizational culture in this area. Therefore active transmissions of knowledge to the personnel of consumer companies is a part of particular project phases of implementation



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