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*A European Methodology for the Security Assessment of Dams*

## **Project Summary**

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# Objectives

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The project is aimed at the development and the verification of a methodology for the *security assessment* of dams against threats such as: *terrorist attacks*, *sabotage* and *malevolent intrusions*.

(to be proposed as a common framework for the effective protection of dams at EU level).

# Motivation for funding by EC

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- ✓ recognition that *protection* of dams against natural hazard and terrorist attack/sabotage is nowadays a *hot critical* issue in European countries, considering that dams are a vital part of *Europe infrastructures*;
- ✓ lack of systematic and rational approaches for the *security assessment and management of dams*, either at national and European level;

# Motivation for funding by EC

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- ✓ lack of technical and decisional tools to support *risk mapping* of dams, with regards to terrorist threats at European level;
- ✓ trans-national nature of the project (3 important European countries, *Austria*, *Italy* and *Spain*, with more than 30% of all EU large dams, are represented)

# Main figures

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- *Duration:* 1 year (from 31/12/2006) + 2 months extention
- *Partners:* 2 developers

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3 end-users



- *Budget:* 231,903 €
- *Funding from EC:* 197,118 €(85%)

# Main components

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- ✓ a *threat assessment* procedure for the determination of the likelihood of malevolent adversary attacks, sabotages and intrusions to a critical asset;
- ✓ a procedure for the *consequence assessment* in case the threats would succeed in compromising the ability of the dam to accomplish its mission
- ✓ a procedure for determining the *effectiveness* of the security protection system to prevent an attack against an operational component or a critical asset of the dam

# Main components

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- ✓ a *risk assessment* procedure to support managers to evaluate the level of risk associated with the threat, consequences, and protective system effectiveness and to identify the needs in terms of *security upgrades* or consequence mitigation for *risk reduction*;
- ✓ a *survey* procedure aimed at *verifying* the development of the methodology and at *demonstrating* the above procedures on a set of dams, identified following a screening among the *dam portfolios* provided by partners;

# Approach

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- ✓ *Developer partners* (CESI RIC and UPV) to develop the methodology and to facilitate its correct application
- ✓ *End-users partners* (Verbund, CVA, JUCAR) to provide the input and know-how to customize the methodology to their specific needs and to verify the methodology on their dams portfolios

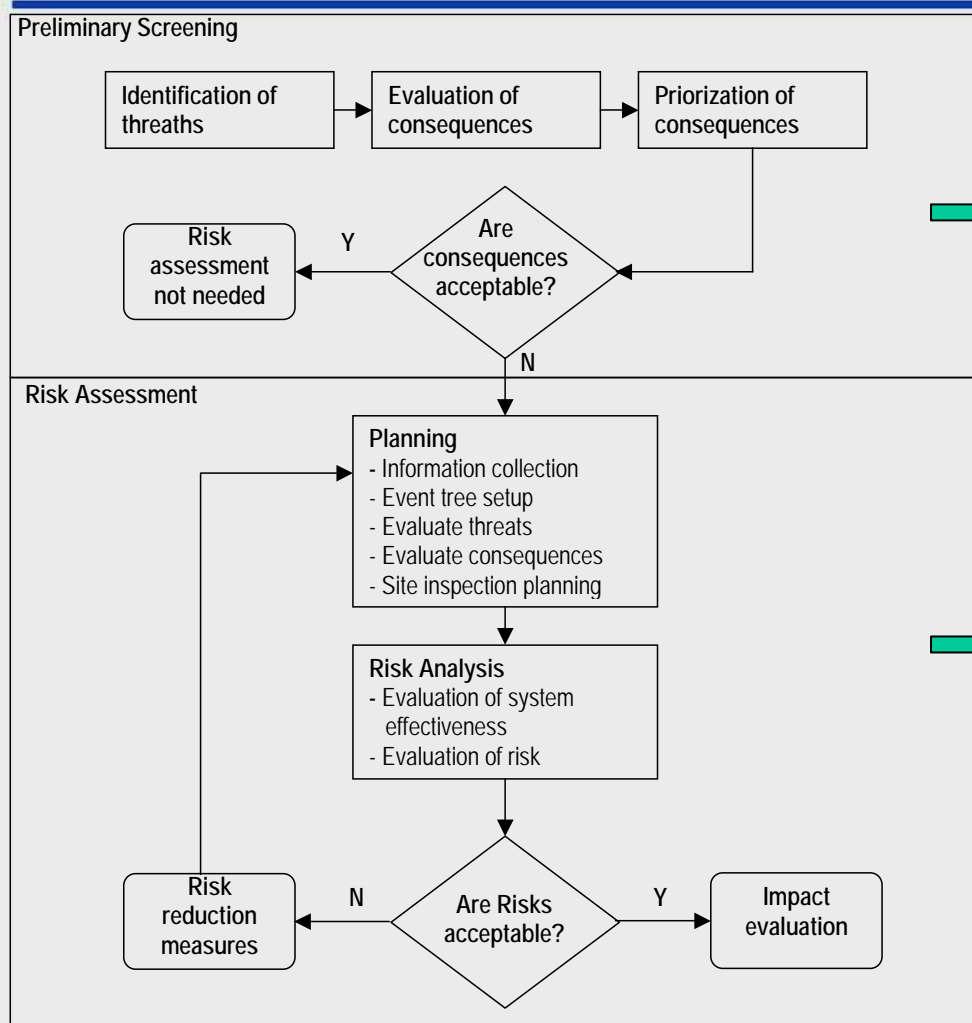


# Approach

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- ✓ An *expert panel*, composed of qualified international experts in dam engineering and risk analysis, to review and to evaluate the project results
- ✓ A suitable *confidentiality policy* to prevent intentional and malevolent access and disclosure of sensitive data and information related to safety and security

# Methodology



3 most critical dams  
for each end-user

*Security Fault Tree*

$$Risk = R(L, V, C)$$

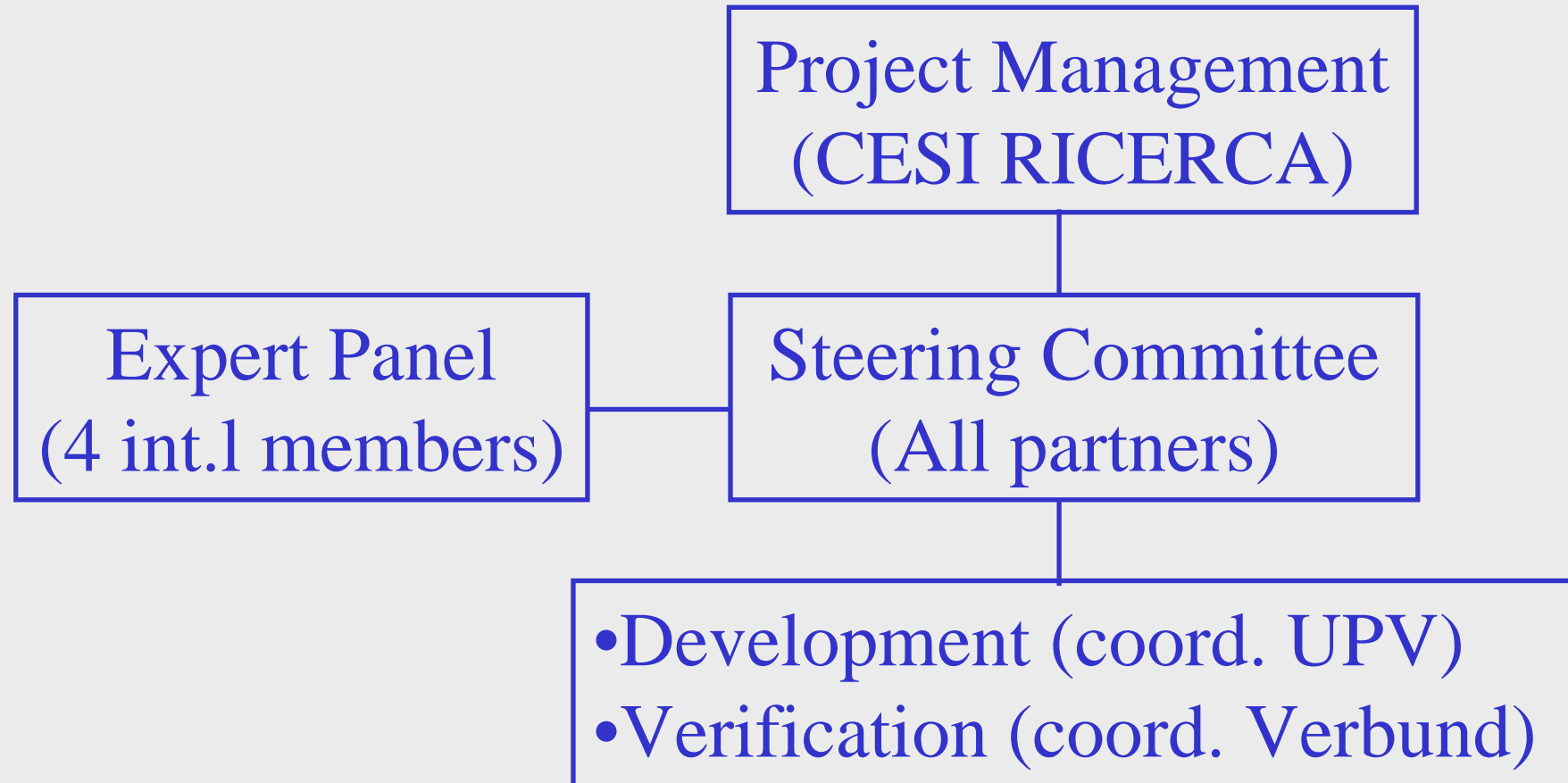
L = Likel. of Attack

V = System Inadeq.

C = Consequences

# Organization & Implementation

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# Work Plan

Activity	MONTHS												man days	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
Project Management	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	6.0	50.0
Kick-off meeting	10.0													10.0
1 Selection of a dams portfolio	10.0													10.0
2 Development of a simplified procedure for dams screening														0.0
2.1 Identification of undesired events	10.0													10.0
2.2 Identification of event consequences		10.0												10.0
2.3 Definition of criteria for avoiding a full risk assessment analysis		10.0												10.0
2.4 Procedure implementation in work-sheets	15.0	15.0												30.0
3 Screening of all the dams in the end-user portfolio			10.0	20.0	20.0									50.0
Intermediate meeting to discuss Expert Panel evaluation of results							10.0							10.0
4 Development of a full risk assessment procedure														0.0
4.1 Identification of site information need			10.0											10.0
4.2 Development of a Security Dam Fault Tree			20.0											20.0
4.3 Identification of adversaries and attack scenarios				20.0										20.0
4.4 Determination of event consequences in detail					10.0									10.0
4.5 Definition of site survey planning					20.0									20.0
4.6 Development of a system effectiveness procedure						10.0								10.0
4.7 Development of a risk analysis procedure						20.0								20.0
4.8 Guide in the selection of security system upgrading for risk reduction							20.0							20.0
4.7 Development of a procedure for upgrading impact evaluation							20.0							20.0
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5 Full risk assessment of a sub set of end-user dam portfolio								20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	100.0
Complete evaluation of the project during the final Expert Panel meeting													10.0	10.0
Final report													X	0.0
	49.0	39.0	44.0	44.0	54.0	34.0	54.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	24.0	36.0	450

# Meetings

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- ✓ *Kick-off, Vienna, 15-16 Feb. 2007*
- ✓ *Mid-term, Milan, 2-3 Aug. 2007*
- ✓ *Final, Valencia, 25-26 Feb. 2008*

## Final Event

- ✓ *Workshop, Valencia (26 Feb. 2008)*  
(With expert panel members. Dissemination of results among dam engineering community, dam operators, public authorities, civil protection, etc.)

# Dam Surveys

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Dams identified following the preliminary screening procedure. :

- ✓ *3 CVA dams* (Sep. 2007 )
- ✓ *3 Verbund dams* (Oct. 2007 )
- ✓ *3 Jucar dams* (Nov. 2007 )

# Consortium Agreement

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The **Consortium Agreement** addresses the following issues:

- ***Property rights:*** jointly shared between developers (CESI RIC. and UPV)
- ***License rights:*** Permanent license rights to all end-users (Verbund, CVA, Jucar)
- ***Confidentiality policy:*** Consortium vs. public and third parties; Consortium vs. EC; Developers vs. End-users; Consortium vs. Expert panel members

# Expert Panel

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The external review by EP (composed by *4 international experts* appointed by CESI RICERCA, upon acceptance of the confidentiality policy):

- ✓ to *review* the methodology according to the workplan;
- ✓ to *assess* quality and innovation of results;
- ✓ to *identify* limitations and further improvements



# Expert Panel

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The EP members :

- ✓ *David Bowles*, USA (Professor at Utah State University, Risk Analysis/Assessment/Management, dam engineering and safety assessment)
- ✓ *Robin Charlwood*, USA (Consultant, Dam engineering and safety assessment)
- ✓ *Rudy Matalucci*, USA (Consultant, Civil Engineering, Risk assessment and security technology)
- ✓ *Enrique Matheu*, USA (DHS officer, Risk Analysis/Assessment/Management, dam engineering and safety assessment)

# Background

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In Italy the public funded *Research Programme for the Electric System (RdS)* has recognized the need to *identify*, *assess*, and *control* risks associated with the *security* of its critical infrastructure assets, including *power grid* and *dams*, considering that demands on the services provided by these facilities are increasing, and the condition of the assets is deteriorating, as they are nearing or surpassing their design life.

# Background

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*RdS* activities in 2006 (by CESI RICERCA with contributions from R. Charlwood, R. Matalucci and CVA):

- ✓ *Review* of security risk assessment methodologies, singling out those more applicable to *dams* and *electric transmission grids*;
- ✓ Individuation of *security requirements* for Italian dams and electric transmission grids based on a trial application of DAMS-VR to CVA dams;
- ✓ Proposal for a *road map* to facilitate the development, verification, demonstration and acceptance of a security risk assessment methodology in the Italian context.

# Background

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As a response to a Presidential Decision Directives 62 (*Combating Terrorism*) and 63 (*Critical Infrastructure Protection*), the *Interagency Forum for Infrastructure Protection (IFIP)* was chartered in 1997 as a forum for exchange of security and protection system information among owners and operators of federal dams and related infrastructure.

# Background

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IFIP members:

- ✓ US Army Corps of Engineers (*USACE*)
- ✓ U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (*USBR*)
- ✓ Tennessee Valley Authority (*TVA*)
- ✓ Bonneville Power Administration (*BPA*)
- ✓ Western Area Power Administration (*WAPA*)
- ✓ Federal Bureau of Investigation (*FBI*)
- ✓ U.S. Department of Energy (*USDOE*)
- ✓ Sandia National Laboratories (*SNL*)

# Background

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IFIP purpose:

- ✓ Risk Assessment Methodology for Dams (*RAM-D*)
- ✓ Risk Assessment Methodology for Transmission (*RAM-T*)

Both of these methodologies applied an existing security risk assessment process developed early for protection of the U.S. national weapons complex.

Following the development effort at SNL, the IFIP pursued a field verification process for RAM-D<sup>SM</sup> at two major Federal dams owned by USBR, and USACE, respectively.

# Background

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Available methodology and tools:

- ✓ *RAM-D and RAM-T* methodologies developed by Sandia National Laboratories for dams and transmission systems;
- ✓ *DAMSVR* developed for FERC by William Foos & Associates for dams;
- ✓ *MATRIX* Security Risk Analysis Program developed by USBR for dams;
- ✓ *CARVER*, a check list approach, and other similar systems;
- ✓ *RAMCAP*, Risk Analysis and Management for Critical Asset Protection.

# Background

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Security concerns thoroughly addressed by the EC through:

- ✓ *Justice and Freedom Department* in 2004 launched the *European Programme for Critical Infrastructure Protection (EPCIP)* aimed at enhancing EU prevention, preparedness and response to terrorist attacks involving critical infrastructures;
- ✓ *7th Research Framework Programme (FP7)* widely supports R&D activities in the same fields.



# Requirements

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Essential requirements:

- ✓ *Rigorous risk-based* security assessment methodology
- ✓ *Repeatability* of results if same input data is applied;
- ✓ *Quantified* relative risk provided to owner;
- ✓ *Standardized baseline* and common risk terminology
- ✓ *Accountability* by the decision-makers (assumptions, decisions, acceptable risk);
- ✓ *Traceable* path of assessment data and risks involved;
- ✓ *Consistent terminology* with all associated industries involved;
- ✓ Ease in future *automation*.

# Requirements

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## *Advantages* of RAM-D:

- ✓ Can be applied in various levels of detail as determined by the needs of the project and owner/stakeholder ;
- ✓ Includes a rational basis for security risk analyses, and adequate documentation for selecting components for analysis and for identifying critical assets within a project;
- ✓ Structured documentation systems and extensive worksheets granting the repeatability requirement;

# Requirements

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## *Advantages* of RAM-D:

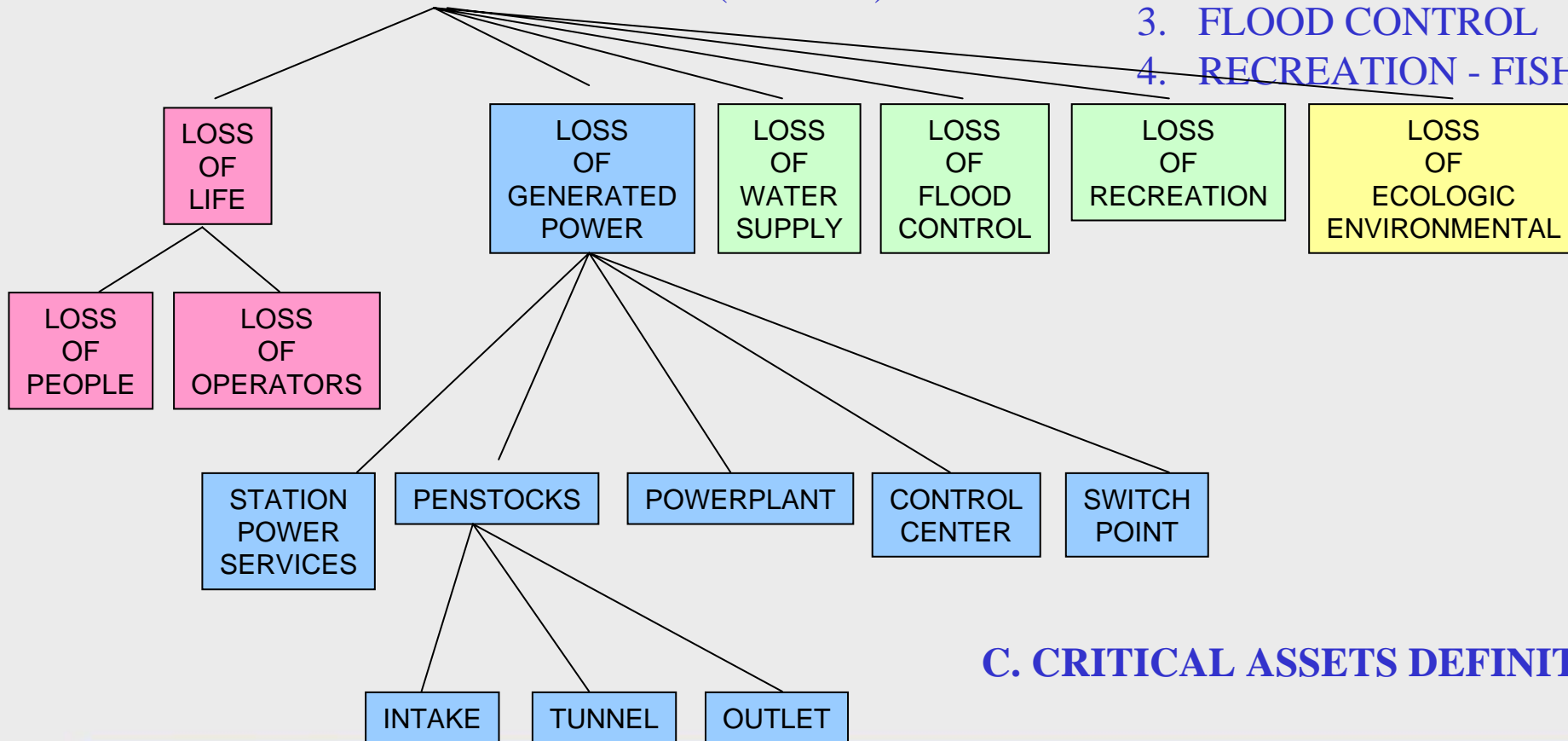
- ✓ The risk computation algorithms recognize that certain key inputs, particularly threat, cannot be defined in statistical probability terms and therefore uses a three (L, M, H) or five (VL, L, M, H, VH) level likelihood grading system to compute a relative risk number which preserves the risk logic;
- ✓ Results provide a clear basis for determining required security protective measures where their effectiveness is related to estimates of risk reduction potential;

# Proposed Security Methodology

## A. DAM MISSION

1. POWER GENERATION
2. WATER TO IRRIGATION
3. FLOOD CONTROL
4. RECREATION - FISHING

## B. LOST OF MISSION (fault tree)



## C. CRITICAL ASSETS DEFINITION

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## D. CONSEQUENCE OF LOST MISSION (in €)

- d1. loss of lifes
- d2. loss of generated power
- d3. loss of critical asset

## F. SECURITY STRATEGY

- f1. today
- f2. attack scenario considered

## H. RISK REDUCTION

## E. ATTACK SCENARIO (treaths)

- e1. vandals (high)
- e2. criminals (high)
- e3. eco-T (medium)
- e4. military (medium)
- e5. ...
- e6. Al-Qaeda (low)

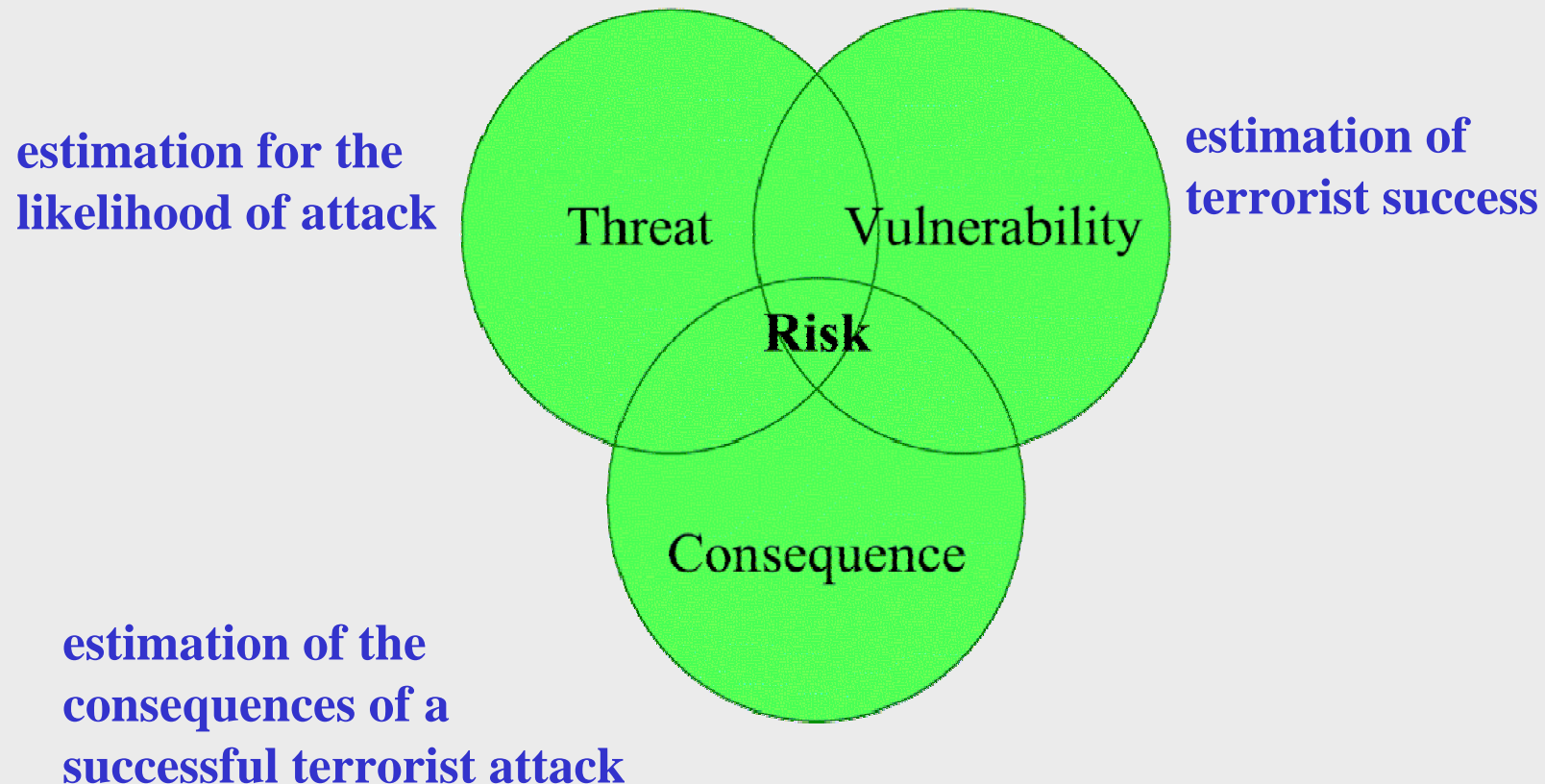
## G. DESIGN

$$R = R(T,V,C)$$

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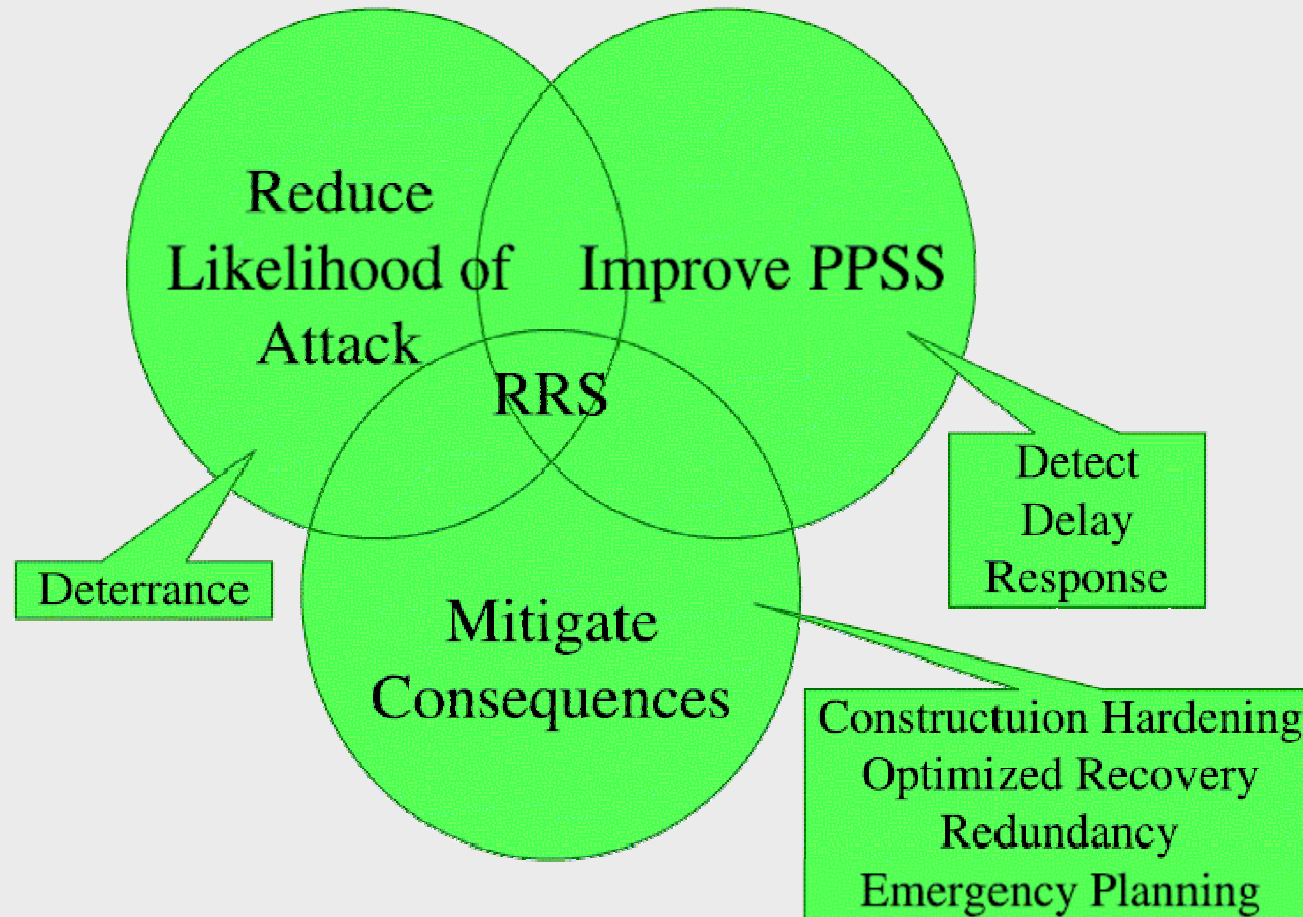
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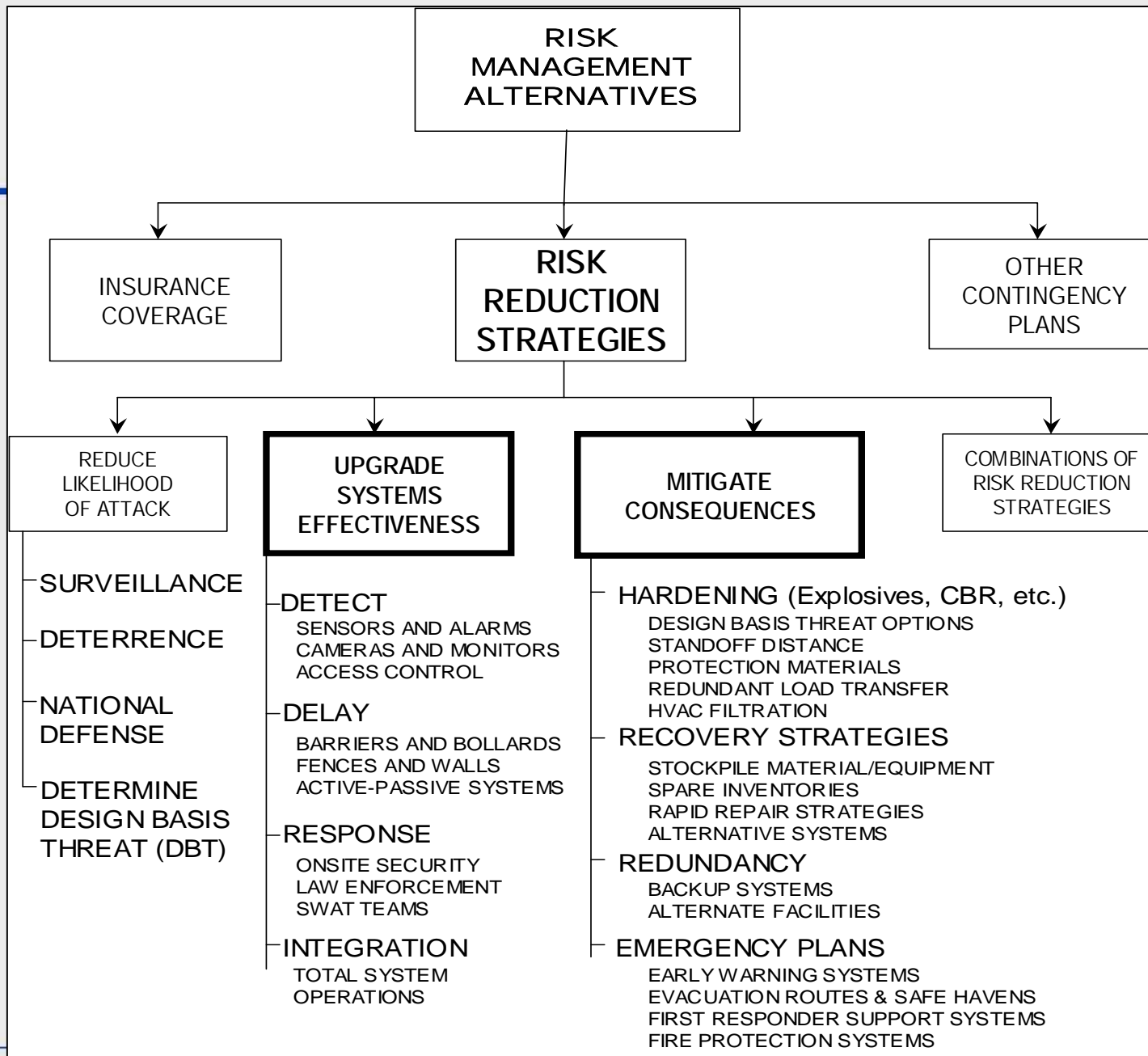


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## Risk Reduction Strategies (RRS)







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