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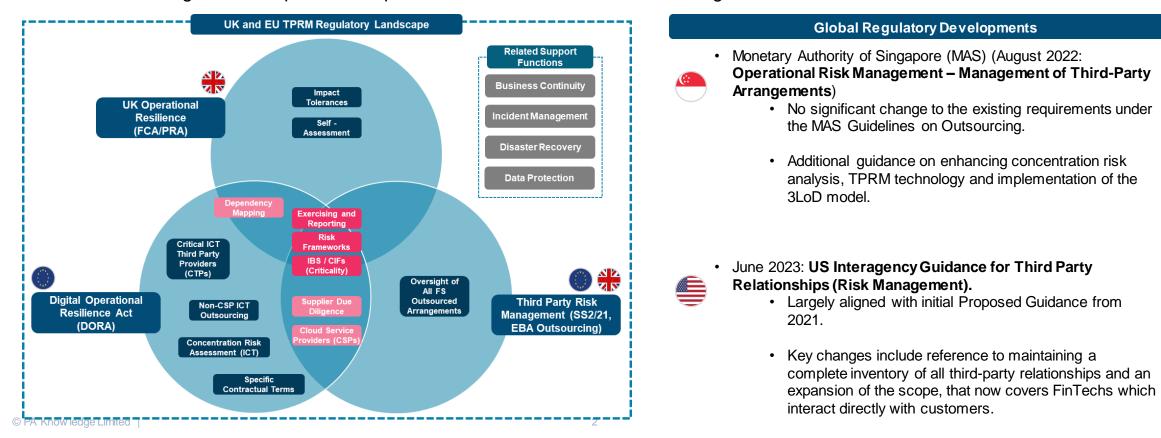
# Themes across resilience regulation

Using the Digital Operational Resilience Act as a blueprint

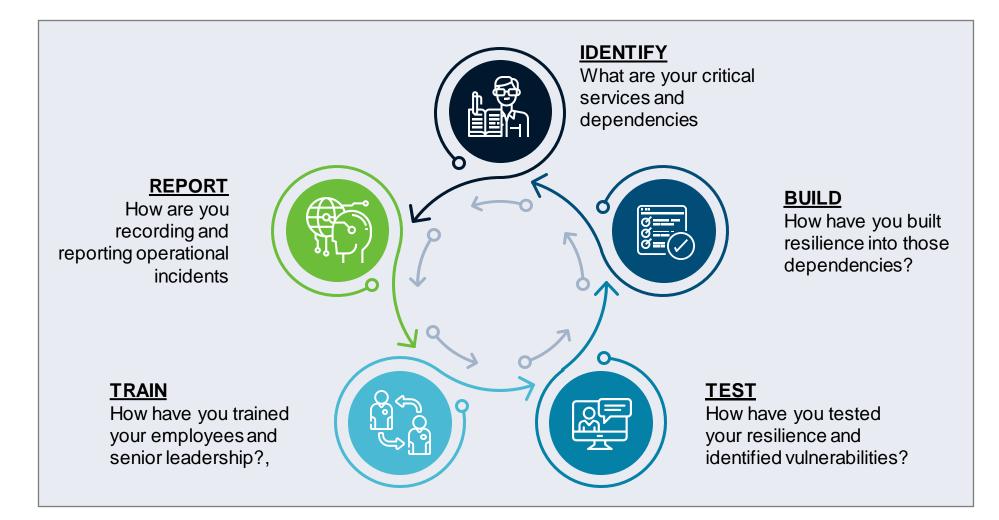
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## **Regulatory Background**

The Digital Operational Resilience Act (DORA) and existing regulatory guidance around Operational Resilience and Third-Party Risk Management all have similarities, as they focus on ensuring the stability, security, and continuity of financial services. These regulatory frameworks share common objectives related to resilience, risk management, customer protection, and testing and exercising. However, they differ in their specific focus areas and the types of entities they regulate. Where Operational Resilience focuses on ensuring service continuity, DORA addresses digital service providers' Operational Resilience in the context of digital services.



## Identifying your key dependencies – how to define critical

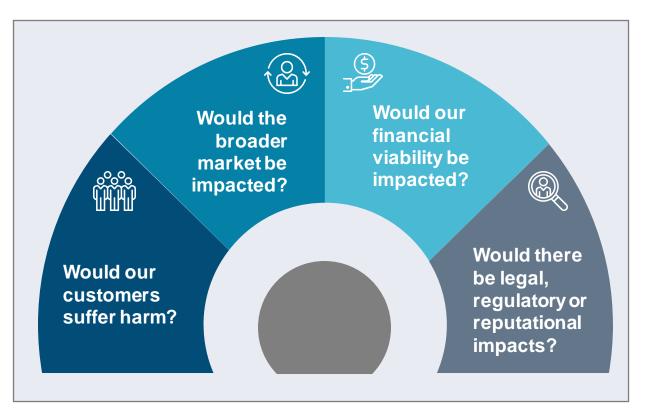


## Identifying your key services - how to define critical

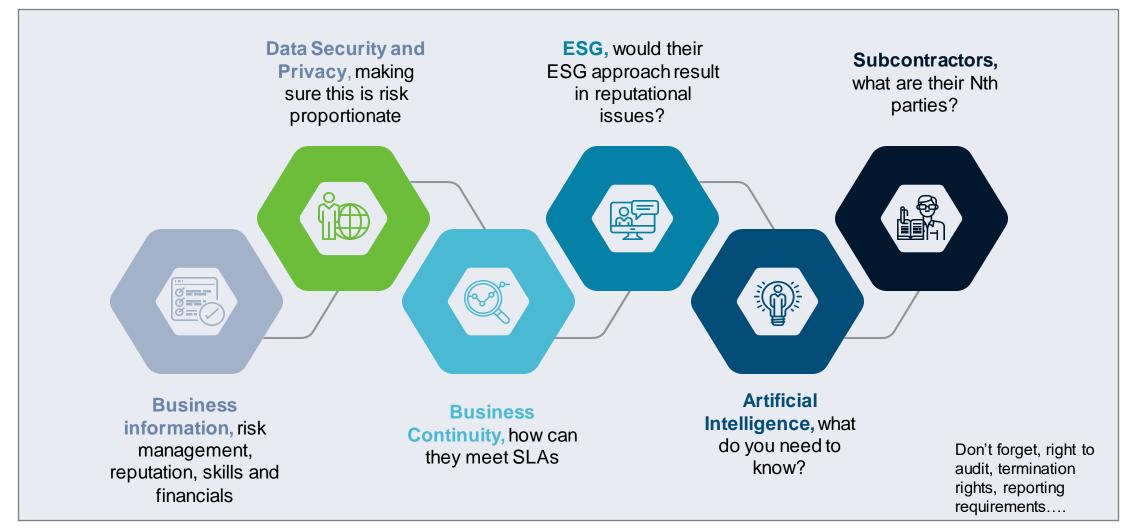
There are slightly deviating definitions of critical or important across the current regulatory landscape.

However, at the highest-level firms should use their existing Business Impact Assessments and resilience documentation to determine the following

If the service was disrupted....



## Building in resilience at the off-set: Due Diligence



## Testing to identify vulnerabilities

Scenarios are driven by themes that are aligned to the service(s) being provided. Suppliers are asked to provide details of how they would respond to the scenario(s). This provides practical insights into the suppliers' preparedness and their ability to respond to disruption.

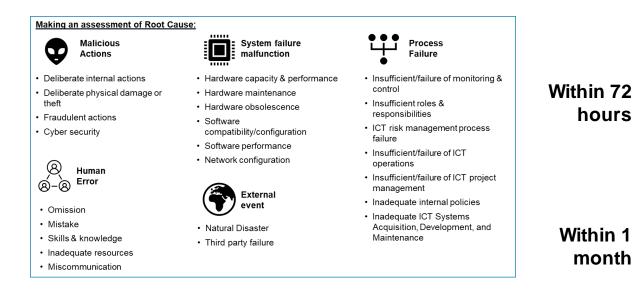
Relevant themes (Sample)		Relevant themes (Sample)	Scenarios for suppliers (Sample)
	Security Governance	Focus area on people and processes to manage cybersecurity, staff training and mechanism to escalate risks. Aim to explore governance structures of the supplier.	<ul> <li>How would the supplier respond to a cyber-attack on their infrastructure?</li> <li>Explain level of confidence in business continuity arrangements in the event of an out of hours breach?</li> </ul>
	Breach response	Review incident recovery process and internal response procedures, allocated individuals to contact regulator, previous incidents and actions taken in response.	
	Data Protection	Adherence to applicable privacy regulations, review of existing controls and security measures (encryption at rest), Processing Agreements in place. Identify applicable privacy regulation compliance for personal data.	<ul><li>How would the supplier respond to a loss of client data?</li><li>How would the supplier respond to</li></ul>
	Offshoring Data	Where data is offshored, assessment of security measures, contracts, locations of data, whether personal data is involved.	challenges in providing technology (laptops) offshore?
	Testing and Assurance	Existing mechanisms and frequency for testing efficiency of controls and review of where additional controls are required.	<ul> <li>How does the supplier select and rotate penetration test suppliers?</li> <li>How are challenges around allocating named individuals to key systems addressed?</li> </ul>
9.00°	Network Security	Assess basic cyber controls across antivirus, patching, network access, role-based controls and cloud services protections.	

## **Recording and Reporting incidents**

Reporting to the regulators is not a new concept in Financial Services, however the predefined reports may require firms to carry out a feasibility assessment on their ability to report.

More broadly SEC 8K requirements also place more pressure on firms to report

Within 4 hours







**Final Report:** Information on root cause, breach of SLAs or contractual agreements, information about measures taken for remediation and recovery, lessons learnt, information on direct and indirect costs and losses due to the incident

## Training your accountable people



#### Firm wide culture

#### Embedding resilience principles similar to security and privacy to build a resilient culture

Across the business, individuals need to report security issues, privacy gaps and take ownership for building resilience by design

#### Senior Leadership

Many regulations focus on senior accountability, and resilience being set from the top

Making resilience a key part of business strategy and seen as an enabler not a compliance hindrance

#### **Tailored training**

Many first line roles have day to day responsibility for building firm resilience

Vendor managers for example need to understand the importance third parties play to the overall success of the business

#### Lessons Learnt

#### Post incident or exercise, sharing lessons learnt supports building cultural awareness.

This could be through a community of practice or town hall, where themes are shared

### Steps to take to align with resilience



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