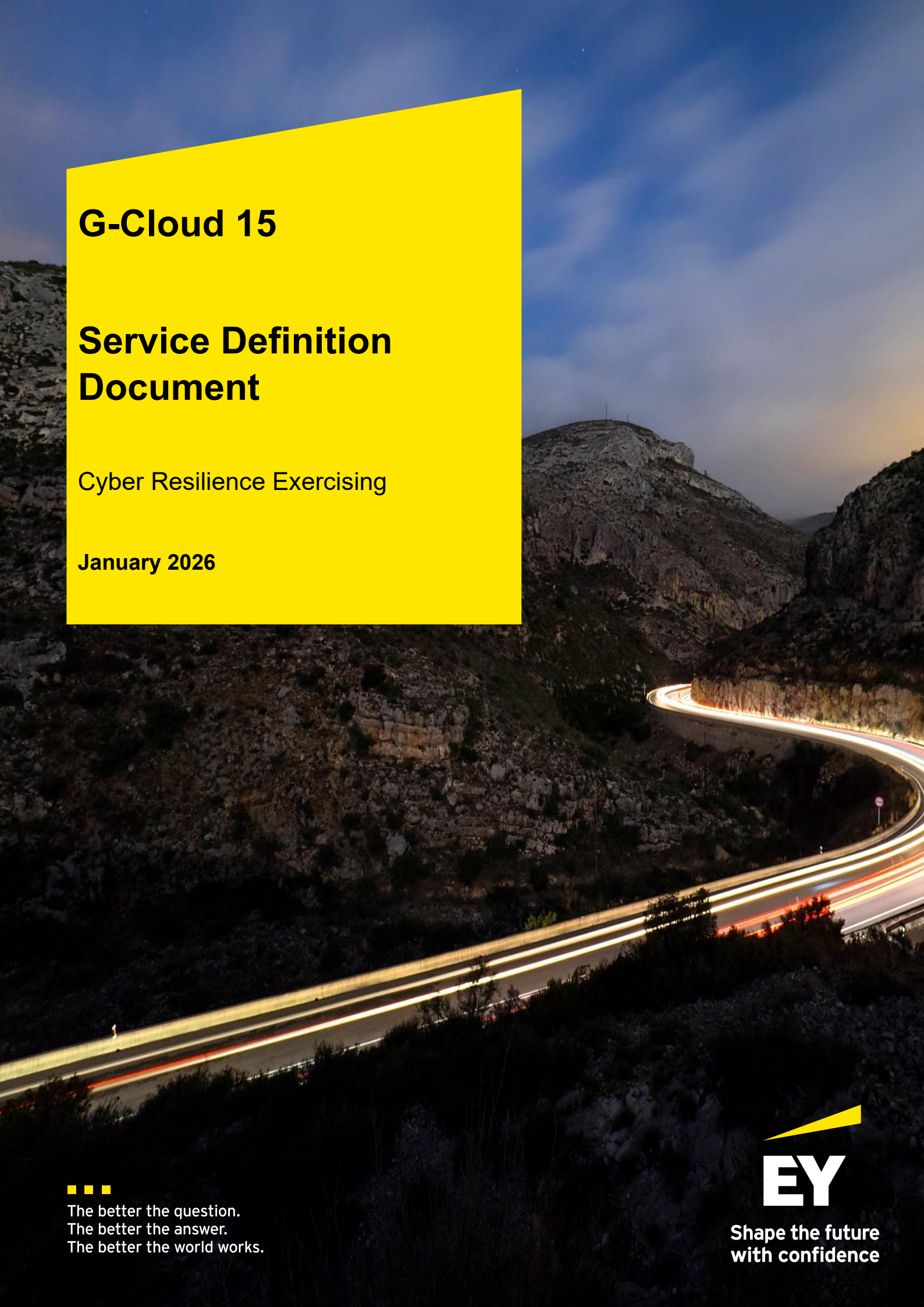




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Cyber Resilience Exercising

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1. Service detail

Cyber Resilience Exercising Service

Our Cyber Resilience Exercising Service is closely aligned with EY's other cybersecurity offerings. They provide our clients with a comprehensive cybersecurity solution chain. As a National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) certified incident exerciser, EY delivers cyber exercises that allow clients to validate their crisis response. Effective responses to major cyber crises rely on established processes and a skilled leadership team, both of which are developed and validated over time. Conducting a cyber crisis exercise is a powerful way to assess current capabilities and cyber resilience processes.

We deliver four types of exercises, each of which is tailored to the organisation's maturity level:

1. **Facilitated Discussion:** A group dialogue that guides participants through a realistic attack scenario, enabling them to explore key decisions and define clear action points in a guided environment.
2. **Single-team Simulation:** A table-top validation involving a single team of participants, required to drive activities within the exercise and respond to fully tailored information feeds with facilitation from EY.
3. **Multi-team Simulation:** A table-top validation involving multiple teams (e.g. leadership, technical, functional), required to respond to fully tailored information feeds with facilitation from EY.
4. **Full-scale Live Event or Wargame:** An end-to-end simulation which involves all response and recovery teams, that mirrors real-world crisis conditions. Potentially involving systems and "command post" style working from designated locations.

The diagram below shows how our cyber exercises are structured and delivered. They translate the exercise types described above into clear deliverables and a simple step-by-step approach.

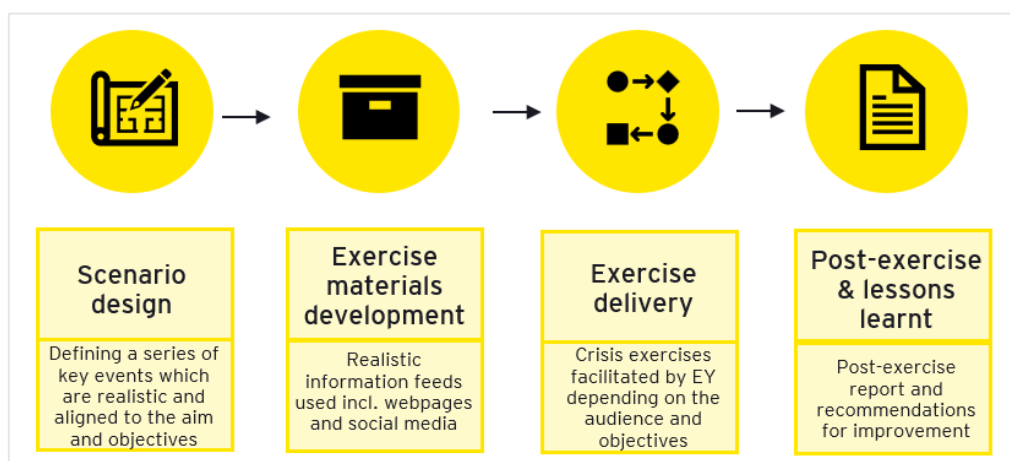


Figure 1 – Exercise Methodology

EY's cyber resilience exercising services enable our clients to understand their current capability and maturity through capability understanding, development and validation. EY's services are aligned to the following core standards: Business Continuity ISO 22301, IT

Service Continuity ISO27301, Crisis Management BS11200 and NIST 800-53. Our operational resilience model enables clients to select components that suit their business requirements as seen below.

Cyber crises present unique challenges that make effective response exceptionally complex. The visual below highlights the core issues our exercises are designed to address.

Ambiguity	Current, historic and ongoing	Stakeholder interest	Non-linear / organisational fatigue	Wicked decisions
▶ In a cyber crisis the true nature of the incident may not be known for weeks, and its impacts can be nearly impossible to understand in the early stages.	▶ The breach/attack may have taken place months ago; it may also be ongoing at the time of discovery / response. ▶ They usually worsen over the course of early investigation as more becomes known.	▶ A vast array of stakeholders will have a vested interest in arm's response, and they will all have an opinion and will rarely stay quiet or out of your way.	▶ Cyber crises tend to go in cycles of activity - they rarely align and require ongoing response which fatigues teams and leaders.	▶ Cyber crises present difficult choices leading to the "least bad" outcomes: where the options in response could cause significant impacts with strategic ramifications.

Figure 2 – What Makes Cyber Different and Difficult

The features of this service are:

Capability Understanding

- Assessing existing processes (including business continuity, crisis management and incident response) against market leading standards and practices such as ISO22301, ISO27361, ISO22316, ISO22398, BS11200, NIST 800-53, NIST 800-61 and others
- Understanding leadership's direction and buy-in in the organisation's resilience posture
- Identifying capability gaps that may limit a timely response and define areas for improvement

Capability Validation

- End-to-end testing of an organisation's crisis response, from detection to recovery, including communication and stakeholder management
- Bespoke toolkits for delivering training and exercising
- Tailored recommendations for continuous improvement to achieve desired maturity level

Capability Development

- Resilience roadmap development based on identified exercise findings (incl. delivering further exercising as a programme, developing a resilience programme, building business continuity and incident response capabilities etc.)
- Developing a suite of foundational policies, frameworks, plans and playbooks
- Embedding resilience into day-to-day operations

Through this service clients can achieve the following benefits:

- Improved maturity of the organisation's resilience and incident response capabilities
- Enhanced operational resilience
- Reduced time needed to respond and recover from cyber incidents, minimising operational and financial impact
- Regulatory compliance and alignment with market leading practices

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