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# Cloud Security Reference Architecture– Information Security Requirements

Information Security Requirements for Cloud Contracts v0.9



### Preface

As the public sector adopts cloud services as a key enabler for its digital transformation, information security and data protection represent critical risk areas. At the same time, cyber security risks are highlighted as a strategic area by national security authorities, with nation state threat actors and advanced cybercrime organizations targeting vulnerabilities in digital services and infrastructure.

This document presents the Norwegian Public Sector Cloud Marketplace' (MPS') Cloud Security Reference Architecture Information Security requirements. Its primary purpose is to strengthen information security and data protection in the Norwegian public sector, through verifying the security of cloud services ("security of the cloud") and enabling secure adoption of cloud services ("security in the cloud").

We use the term "Cloud Security Reference Architecture" as a concept to describe the overall principles, methodology, and requirements for information security and data protection developed for cloud services by MPS. This document represents a key part of the reference architecture – the information security requirements.

The document is based on international and national laws, standards and frameworks, and example cloud agreements. It is developed in cooperation with public sector entities, cloud vendors, and relevant authorities, and it is tested in framework agreement procurement processes at MPS.

The document is intended to be used for cloud services in the public sector, both the public sector (customers) and cloud service providers (suppliers). It should be noted that the requirements outlined are intended to be used as a reference, and that all requirements do not apply in all cases. Users should review and select applicable parts of the document, and add additional requirements as needed.

The document will be continuously updated through user feedback, with new additions. The first new revision – version 1.0 - is planned during 2024, based on feedback on the current version and with the addition of additional elements such as mapping to laws, standards and frameworks (e.g., CSA-CCM and ISO 27001) vendor input forms, and the inclusion of relevant data protection requirements.

We hope this comes to good use!

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### **1** Introduction

This document contains the first version of the Cloud Security Reference Architecture Information Security Requirements for Cloud Contracts, developed and published by the Norwegian Public Sector Cloud Marketplace (MPS) at the Norwegian Agency for Public and Financial Management (DFØ).

The purpose of the document is to strengthen information security and data protection in the Norwegian public sector through making available a set of standardized-security requirements, enabling the public sector to set requirements and verify the security of cloud services ("security of the cloud"), but also to succeed with managing risks in their cloud adoption ("security in the cloud").

We use the term "Cloud Security Reference Architecture" as a concept to describe the overall principles, methodology, and requirements for information security and data protection developed for cloud services by MPS. The "Cloud Security Reference Architecture" will be developed over time, and is intended to include information security and data protection requirements (this document), mapping to legal / regulatory requirements and security standards / frameworks (to be published as part of v1.0), vendor input and evaluation forms (to be published as part of v1.0), as well as the vendor's responses to the requirements, including the vendors' security architectures.

It is important to stress that public sector buyers should make a thorough assessment of each requirement in the particular context of their intended use of the cloud services following a risk based approach. As a starting point, requirements that limit or skews competition in a public procurement process should not be used unless this is based on legitimate needs and requirements, e.g. regulatory requirements.

This version of the document covers only information security. Data protection is planned to be added to the document in an updated version and is expected to be published during 2024.

### **1.1 Audience**

The document and the outlined requirements are written for the Norwegian public sector and vendors of cloud services and is intended to be used as a reference for procurement, contract management, and vendor management related to cloud services in the public sector.

The document is written in English as the cloud services market is international. A Norwegian translation is available as part of guidance provided by the Norwegian<sup>1</sup> Public Sector Cloud Marketplace.

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#### **1.2 Structure and Methodology**

The Cloud Security Reference Architecture Information Security Requirements for principal, basic and optional security requirements in Cloud Contracts, is developed during the period 2022-24 in dialogue with users in the Norwegian public sector (government, counties and municipalities), vendors and relevant authorities.

The requirements are based on international standards and frameworks (including ISO 27001 and NIST Cyber Security Framework v2.0, also referred to as NIST CSF), Norwegian standards and frameworks (including NSM ICT Security Principles and "Normen"), legal frameworks (including GDPR, NIS2, the Norwegian Security Act, and the Norwegian Digital Security Act), and a comprehensive assessment of information security and data protection requirements from both national (government and municipalities) and international example contracts. A comprehensive overview of referenced standards and frameworks is included as an appendix, and a mapping table with relevant laws, standards, and frameworks will be provided at a later stage.

The requirements are further tested in procurement processes and market assessments at the Norwegian Public Sector Cloud Marketplace, where the vendors have had the opportunity to ask questions and to give input to the requirements.

The requirements are structured in 3 sections, as follows:

- A. **Principal requirements:** High level information security and data protection requirements intended to be included in the main contract of cloud services agreements.
- B. **Basic security requirements:** A comprehensive set of information security requirements intended to be included as a security annex in cloud services agreements.
- C. **Optional security requirements:** A set of optional information security requirements intended to support the Norwegian public sector with "security in the cloud", supported by the vendor's reference architecture, specific national requirements, and other security related services.

It should be noted that the requirements are intended to be used as a reference, and that all requirements do not apply in all cases. Users of the Cloud Security Reference Architecture should review and select applicable requirements, and add additional requirements as required. This evaluation should include whether the requirements are mandatory requirements, evaluation requirement, optional requirements, or documentation requirements. To determine the applicable requirements for each environment, it is advisable to adopt a risk-based approach, guided by recognized frameworks such as those previously mentioned.

The following key terms are used in the document:

- Contract: The cloud service agreement between Customer and Supplier
- Service: The cloud services in question (i.e., IaaS, Paas and/ or SaaS<sup>2</sup>)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Infrastructure-as-a-Service, Platform-as-a-Service, Software-as-a-Service

- Customer: The entity buying or consuming cloud services
- Supplier: The cloud service provider

# 2 Principal Security Requirements

This chapter contains high level information security and data protection requirements intended to be included in the main contract of cloud services agreements.

Number	Category	Requirement	
A.1	Purpose	The Supplier acknowledges that information security is of	
		critical importance to the Norwegian government and	
		Customer under this Agreement.	
A.2	Purpose	The Supplier shall ensure that all security risks are managed in a vigilant manner and take all necessary measures to protect the offered Services from all levels of threats, including, but not limited to, nation state targeted network and intelligence operations.	
A.3	Compliance	<ul> <li>The Supplier (and any person or entity acting on its behalf, including Subcontractors, and any Affiliate) shall;</li> <li>A) comply with all Laws applicable to the Supplier in general, including those concerning security, bribery, corruption, and fraud;</li> <li>B) offer Services that are in accordance with applicable Laws and that will enable the Customers to comply with applicable Laws relevant for the Services, including the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) (where applicable) and the Norwegian Act no 38 of 15 June 2018 relating to the Processing of Personal Data (Personal Data Act); and</li> <li>C) comply with the highest standards of business ethics, i.e., establish and maintain robust processes and controls to ensure ethical compliance for itself and throughout its supply chain</li> </ul>	
A.4	Compliance	chain.The Supplier shall comply with international standards and frameworks for information security.The Supplier shall achieve and maintain information security and data protection compliance in accordance with international standards and frameworks, such as ISO/IEC 27001:2022, NIST Cybersecurity Framework v.2.0, or other substantially equivalent standard(s) for information security management and any updates to such standards	

A.5	Documentation	The Supplier shall, within 30 (thirty) days after a written	
		request from the Customer, provide reasonable	
		documentation to verify compliance of any security or	
		data protection provisions in the Contract.	
A.6	Notification	In the event of a serious security incident or significantly	
		increased threat to the information security relating to the	
		Services, the Supplier shall provide an initial notification	
		in writing or by phone directly to the Customer within 24	
		hours and a report of the incident within 72 hours. The	
		same applies to breaches of personal information.	
A.7	Audit	The Customer shall, by itself or by use of a third party,	
		have the right to carry out audits of the Supplier in order	
		to:	
		A) verify that the Supplier is complying with this	
		Agreement;	
		B) carry out general IT security risk reviews;	
		C) carry out data security and data protection	
		reviews; or	
		D) accommodate requests from Norwegian security	
		authorities and for compliance with Laws,	
		hereunder the Norwegian Act no 24 of 1 June 2018	
		relating to national security (the Security Act).	
A.8	Governance	The Supplier shall appoint a security responsible at an	
		executive level as a counterpart to the Customer, who is	
		responsible for strategic security meeting places,	
		reporting, and follow-up of material risks, incidents, and	
		vulnerabilities.	

### **3 Basic Security Requirements**

This section contains a comprehensive set of information security requirements intended to be included as a security annex in cloud services agreements.

It is recommended that the requirements are reviewed for the scope in question and adjusted accordingly, including adding new or removing unnecessary requirements.

Please note that there is an intended redundancy between some of the principal requirements (level A) and the basic security requirements (level B). This is to support more complex contract structures, such as framework agreements, and it is indicated through cross-references (footnotes). This can be simplified by removing redundant requirements in level A or B respectively.

Num ber	Categor y	Title	Requirement
B.IS.1	Security	Compliance with	The Supplier shall achieve and maintain
3	Governa	standards and	information security and data protection
	nce	frameworks	compliance in accordance with:
			a) ISO 27001:2022, NIST Cybersecurity
			Framework or other substantially
			equivalent standard(s) for information
			security management and any updates
			to such standards;
			b) cloud specific frameworks, such as ISO
			27017, ISO 27018, CCM-CSA, C5 and
			FedRAMP.
B.IS.2	Security	Information	The Supplier shall establish and maintain an
	Governa	security	effective information security management
	nce	management	system that addresses all information security
		system	risks, including both external threats and insider
			risks. The Services shall comply with
			requirements set forth in ISO/IEC 27001:2022 or
			equivalent standards.
B.IS.3	Security	Assurance	Upon request by the Customer, the Supplier
	Governa		shall provide documentation that verifies
	nce		independent assurance of the Supplier's
			information security management system
			through ISO/IEC 27001:2022 certifications, SOC2
			Type 2 reports, C5, FedRAMP or equivalent

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See also requirement A.4

			evidence. The Supplier shall maintain the
			assurance at an equivalent or higher level
			throughout the duration of the Contract.
B.IS.4	Security	Security audit and	The Supplier shall ensure the security of the
	Governa	security testing	Service(s) through regular external and internal
	nce	obligation <b>s –</b>	security audits and security testing. Upon
		Regular Security	request by the Customer, the Supplier shall
		Audits and Testing	provide specifications of the type of testing
			performed, including which business processes
			are in scope for the testing requirements, e.g.,
			change management and release management,
			and the frequency of such testing.
B.IS.5	Security	Security audit and	The Supplier shall address any issues identified
	Governa	security testing	in a security audit or security testing that are
	nce	obligations –	relevant to the Service(s) without undue delay
		Documentation	and provide the Customer with a copy of the
		and Remediation	security audit or testing report upon request.
B.IS.6	Security	Access to Security	The Supplier shall upon request make available
	Governa	Documents	to the Customer security policies and related
	nce		security documents necessary to demonstrate
			compliance with the obligations laid down in the
			Contract.
B.IS.7	Security	Third Party	The Supplier shall ensure that third parties (e.g.,
	Governa	Security	vendors, services, subcontractors, and software
	nce	Management –	providers) used in providing the Services to the
		Security	Customer under the Contract meet the security
		Requirements	requirements set out in this Contract.
B.IS.8	Security	Third Party	The Supplier shall notify the Customer in
	Governe	Security	advance of any planned changes to the
	nce	Management –	ownership or operation of the data centres or
		Ownership and	infrastructure used to deliver the Services. Such
		Operations of Data	notice shall include the identity of the new third-
		Centres and	party owner or operator, if applicable, and any
		Infrastructure	potential impact on the provision of the Services.
B.IS.9	Coopera	Information	The Supplier shall appoint an information
4	tion	security	security responsible under the Contract as a
	regardin	responsible	counterpart to the Customer, who is responsible
	g		for strategic security meetings, reporting, and
	шоппа		management of material risks, incidents, and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> See also requirement A.8

	tion Security		vulnerabilities. The Customer shall be entitled to escalate any issues to the responsible at
			executive level.
B.IS.1 0	Coopera tion regardin g informa tion security	Information security responsible – Summoning meetings	Both Parties can summon a meeting with 7 (seven) days' written notice.
B.IS.1 1	Incident , Asset and Vulnera bility Manage ment	Security incident management and threat intelligence - Processes	The Supplier shall establish and maintain processes for security incident management and threat intelligence. This includes to actively detect, identify and respond to threats and security incidents, including those arising from third parties or third-party components in the Service(s).
B.IS.1 2 <sup>5</sup>	Incident , Asset and Vulnera bility Manage ment	Security incident management and threat intelligence - Notifications and Documentation	In the event of a serious security incident or significantly increased threat to the information security relating to the Services, the Supplier shall provide an initial notification in writing or by phone directly to the Customer within 24 hours and a report of the incident within 72 hours. The same applies to breaches of personal information.
			The report shall include information about the systems, services and information affected, along with an assessment of the impact on the Customer and a remediation plan.
B.IS.1 3	Incident , Asset and Vulnera bility Manage ment	Security incident management and threat intelligence - Cooperation	In the event of a serious security incident, the Supplier shall cooperate with relevant vendors of the Customer, such as ICT outsourcing partners, cloud vendors and managed security services providers appointed by the Customer, to ensure the operational information security of the Customer's systems.
B.IS.1 4	Incident , Asset and Vulnera bility	Security incident management and threat intelligence -	The Supplier shall maintain and on request from the Customer provide access to a security log of all incidents concerning Customer Data, including log data and relevant indicators of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See also requirement A.6

	Manage ment	Access to Security Logs	compromise, for Customer incident analysis and digital forensic purposes.
B.IS.1 5	Incident , Asset and Vulnera bility Manage ment	Security incident management and threat intelligence - Threat Intelligence	The Supplier shall perform threat intelligence and continuously, or at least daily, update indicators of compromise (IoCs) and malware definitions.
B.IS.1 6	Incident , Asset and Vulnera bility Manage ment	Security incident management and threat intelligence - Malicious Software	The Supplier shall, while performing under the Contract, ensure that all software and storage media used in the performance of the Service(s) is free of any malicious software.
B.IS.1 7	Incident , Asset and Vulnera bility Manage ment	Asset and Vulnerability Management – Asset Management	The Supplier shall establish and maintain processes for management and control of enterprise and software assets in the Services. This includes keeping updated asset inventories with asset ownership, detecting and managing unauthorized assets, and managing relevant controls.
B.IS.1 8	Incident , Asset and Vulnera bility Manage ment	Asset and Vulnerability Management – Vulnerability Management	The Supplier shall establish and maintain processes for managing vulnerabilities in the Services. This includes performing security patching and implementing other compensating measures.
B.IS.1 9	Incident , Asset and Vulnera bility Manage ment	Asset and Vulnerability Management – third-party vulnerabilities	The Supplier shall monitor third-party vulnerability notifications and other relevant security vulnerability advisories.
B.IS.2 0	Incident , Asset and Vulnera bilitv	Asset and Vulnerability Management – Vulnerability	Each vulnerability identified in the Service(s) shall be assigned a unique Common Vulnerability and Exposures ("CVE") identifier and a Common Vulnerability Scoring System

	Manage ment	Identification and Scoring	("CVSS") score. The Supplier shall maintain a record of all identified vulnerabilities.
B.IS.2 1	Incident , Asset and Vulnera bility Manage ment	Asset and Vulnerability Management – Vulnerability Notification	The Supplier shall notify the Customer without undue delay of any vulnerabilities identified in the Services with a CVSS score of 9.0 to 10.0 (Critical) or 7.0 to 8.9 (High). The notification shall include information about the systems and information affected, along with an assessment of the impact on the Customer, and a remediation plan. The Supplier shall provide necessary support and information to the Customer and take appropriate actions to manage and mitigate risks associated with such vulnerabilities.
B.IS.2 2	Incident , Asset and Vulnera bility Manage ment	Suspension of service due to security incidents and vulnerabilities	In the event of a serious security incident or vulnerability in the Services, the Supplier shall offer to suspend the Services until the situation has been resolved or the Supplier has remedied the issue to the Customer's satisfaction. The Supplier shall assist the Customer with suspending the Services upon request.
B.IS.2 3	Incident , Asset and Vulnera bility Manage ment	Penetration testing rights	The Customer, shall, by itself or by use of a third party, have the right to perform penetration testing of the Services according to agreed routines, to identify and analyse any potential security vulnerabilities and risks.
B.IS.2 4	Access Control and Custom er Data	Security Access Management	The Supplier shall implement and maintain strict access control policies and procedures to ensure that only identified and authorised personnel have access to the Service(s) and their management system. The policies must, at minimum, address privileged access management, password management, authentication, authorisation, provisioning, and revocation of terminated users, separation of duties, approval workflows, and just-enough and just-in-time administration.

B.IS.2 5	Access Control and Custom er Data	Security Access Management – Regular Access Reviews	The Supplier shall conduct regular access review to ensure compliance with the established access control policies and procedures.
B.IS.2 6	Access Control and Custom er Data	Flexible and fine- grained identity and access management – Customer Identity and Access Management	The Supplier shall provide the Customer with flexible and fine-grained mechanisms for identity and access management. This includes facilitating integration with the Customer's existing identity and access management systems, such as user directories.
B.IS.2 7	Access Control and Custom er Data	Flexible and fine- grained identity and access management – Standards for Cross-domain Identity Management	The Supplier shall support relevant standards such as SCIM 2.0 or IETF RFC 7643 for cross- domain identity management.
B.IS.2 8	Access Control and Custom er Data	Secure Remote Access	The Supplier shall ensure that any remote access to the Service(s) is secured with strong encryption and authentication measures in accordance with best industry practices, and that security gateways (enabling security policy enforcement, security monitoring, etc.) are used to control access between the Internet and the Supplier's Service(s).
B.IS.2 9	Access Control and Custom er Data	Separation of Customer Data	The Supplier shall keep all Customer Data logically separate from the data of any third parties in order to eliminate the risk of compromising data and/or unauthorised access to data. Logically separate means the implementation and maintenance of necessary and technical measures to secure data against undesired change or access. Undesired changes or access shall include access by the Supplier's personnel or others who do not need access to the information in their work for Customer.

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B.IS.3 0	Access Control and Custom er Data	Encryption of Customer Data – Protection of Customer Data	The Supplier shall ensure protection of Customer Data in transit and at rest, both internally within the Service(s) and for inbound/outbound traffic, including web access, APIs and administrative accesses.
B.IS.3 1	Access Control and Custom er Data	Encryption of Customer Data – State of the Art Encryption	To achieve this protection, the Supplier shall implement measures such as state of the art encryption in transit, encryption at rest and strong authentication.
B.IS.3 2	Access Control and Custom er Data	Encryption of Customer Data – Quantum Resistant Cryptographic Algorithms	Cryptographic algorithms used by the Supplier as part of the Service should be quantum resistant, in accordance with CNSA 2.0 ("Commercial National Security Algorithm Suite 2.0") or equivalent.
B.IS.3 3	Access Control and Custom er Data	Logging of access to Customer Data	The Supplier shall maintain logs of all access to Customer Data by its own employees and any third parties and shall make such logs available to the Customer upon request.
B.IS.3 4	Access Control and Custom er Data	Logging of access to Customer Data – Retention Period	The Parties shall agree on a retention period for the access logs under the Contract, taking into account applicable Laws and regulations, as well as any recommendations from Norwegian national security and information security authorities.
B.IS.3 5	Access Control and Custom er Data	Notification of relocation of Customer Data	The Supplier shall notify the Customer in writing in advance of any planned relocation or transfer of Customer Data, including backups, to a new data center or any other location.
B.IS.3 6	Change Manage ment and Security by Design	Change Management	The Supplier shall establish and maintain strict procedures for technology change management and deviation handling in the Service(s).
B.IS.3 7	Change Manage ment and Security	Change Management – Advance Notice	The Supplier shall provide advance notice to the Customer of any changes to the Service(s) that may negatively impact information security with sufficient time for the Customer to object.

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B.IS.3 8	Change Manage ment and Security by Design	Security by Design	The Supplier shall implement and adhere to security by design principles in the provision of the Service(s) and ensure that software hardening best practices are implemented with secure configuration set as default.
B.IS.3 9	Change Manage ment and Security by Design	Security by Design – Testing	The Supplier shall conduct testing to ensure that the Service(s) maintain a high level of integrity and quality, with no backdoors or known vulnerabilities.
B.IS.4 0	Change Manage ment and Security by Design	Security by Design – Standards and Best Practices	The Supplier shall follow relevant industry standards and best practices to ensure security by design, such as CIS, CWE Top 25, OWASP Top 10, and OWASP ASVS ).
B.IS.4 1	Busines s Continui ty	Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery	The Supplier shall establish and maintain business continuity and disaster recovery plans that adhere to best industry standards, such as ISO 22313 or equivalent. The plans shall include measures to prevent or mitigate the impact of various types of disasters or disruptions, including but not limited to ransomware attacks, a distributed denial-of-service attack ("DDoS Attacks"), advanced persistent threats ("APT") attacks, unavailability of external IT resources or other external authentication sources, sabotage, fire, and natural catastrophes. The Supplier shall regularly test and rehearse these plans to ensure their effectiveness in the event of a disaster or disruption.
B.IS.4 2	Busines s Continui ty	Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery – Capacity Management	The Supplier shall implement and maintain capacity management measures to ensure stable operations in both normal and disaster recovery situations.

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	ty	Supplier's Systems	ensure the integrity and availability of its
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B.IS.4	Physical	Physical Security	The Supplier shall implement and maintain
4	Borsono		appropriate physical security measures for its
	ll		data centres, cloud infrastructure, operations
	". Security		environments (including remote operations),
			and any equipment installed on Customer
			premises, in accordance with relevant
			international standards and the Supplier's own
			policies.
B.IS.4	Physical	Physical Security –	The Supplier shall conduct annual audits of its
5	and	Audits	physical security measures by an independent,
	Persone		qualified auditor certified to evaluate
	ll		compliance with applicable standards and
	Security		policies.
B.IS.4	Physical	Personnel Security	The Supplier shall ensure that all personnel
6	and	,	involved in the delivery of the Service(s).
	Persone		including personnel of any subcontractors and
	u		third parties have committed themselves to
	Security		confidentiality, receive appropriate training and
			maintain necessary expertise on security
			maintain necessary expertise on security
			matters. This shall include training on applicable
			security rules, regulations and standards,
			Including Customer-specific security rules where
			applicable.
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7	and	- Security	The Supplier shall establish and maintain procedures for personnel security, including
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7 B.IS.4	and Persone Il Security Physical	- Security Screening and Clearance Personnel Security	The Supplier shall establish and maintain procedures for personnel security, including screening and background checks, to ensure that all personnel have the appropriate level of security clearance in accordance with best industry practice and any applicable laws. The Supplier shall perform annual security
7 B.IS.4 8	and Persone Il Security Physical and	<ul> <li>Security</li> <li>Screening and</li> <li>Clearance</li> <li>Personnel Security</li> <li>Audits</li> </ul>	The Supplier shall establish and maintain procedures for personnel security, including screening and background checks, to ensure that all personnel have the appropriate level of security clearance in accordance with best industry practice and any applicable laws. The Supplier shall perform annual security audits on these procedures, conducted by a
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# **4 Optional Security Requirements**

This chapter contains a set of optional information security requirements intended to support the Norwegian public sector with "security in the cloud", supported by the vendor's reference architecture, specific national legal and regulatory requirements, and other security related services.

This chapter is a collection of identified optional cloud requirements and is not necessarily intended to be applied in full. It is recommended that only requirements relevant for the scope in question are included in procurement and / or contract documents.

Num	Title	Requirement
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C.1	Security	The Supplier is requested to document its security
	Architecture	architecture. The security architecture should be aligned
		with industry best practice security architecture concepts,
		such as zero trust and defendable/defensible security
		architecture and established cyber security frameworks,
		such as NIST Cybersecurity framework v2.0 or equivalent.
C.2	Secure Cloud	The Supplier should enable secure configuration,
	Adoption	deployment, and operation of the cloud services in an
	("Security-in-the-	automated fashion with the purpose of reducing security
	cloud")	risks from an end-to-end perspective. If applicable,
		propose relevant landing zones for the Service in scope.
C.3	Governance and	The Supplier should provide a security/ compliance/ trust
	Compliance	portal or dashboard that provides access to relevant
	Dashboard	security policies and up-to-date access to Customer
		security and compliance information.
C.4	Governance and	The Supplier should provide a compliance matrix to
	Compliance Matrix	document compliance to common international legal
	– International	frameworks and security standards/ frameworks, such as
	Standards and	NIS2, GDPR, ISO27001/2, ISO27017, ISO 27018, ISO27701,
	Frameworks	NIST CSF, HIPAA, CSA-CCM, FedRamp, and C5.
C.5	Governance and	The Supplier should provide a compliance matrix to
	Compliance Matrix	document compliance with national security laws/
	– National	regulations and security frameworks, such as
	Standards and	"sikkerhetsloven", "lov om digital sikkerhet", "arkivloven",
	Frameworks	"regnskapsloven, "NSM Grunnprinsipper for IKT-
		sikkerhet", and "Normen".

C.6	Security in multi-	The Supplier should enable end-to-end security in multi-
	cloud and hybrid	cloud and hybrid cloud environments, for example:
	cloud	• Extending security tools / services to other cloud
	environments	services (SaaS/PaaS/IaaS).
		<ul> <li>Integrating security tools / services with the</li> </ul>
		security tools / services of other cloud services
C.7		The Supplier should provide encryption services to enable
0.1		strong encryption of Customer data at rest and in transit
		with customer-managed / customer-owned cryptographic
		keys.
		The Supplier should document it roadmap to ensure that
		cryptographic algorithms used in the Service are quantum
		resistant, in accordance with CNSA 2.0 ("Commercial
		National Security Algorithm Suite 2.0") or equivalent.
		Describe how this is solved, including key encryption
		protocols, key management.
C.8	Legal and	The Supplier should be able to meet legal and regulatory
	Regulatory -	requirements related to personnel security, as mandated
	Personnel Security	by laws and regulations, including:
		<ul> <li>National security clearance of personnel</li> </ul>
		- Police certificate of personnel
		The Supplier should describe how they can support such
		requirements at the time of implementation or
		subsequently based on regulatory changes.
C.9	National Location <sup>6</sup>	The Supplier should be able to offer the Service, or a
		subset of the Service, from Norway. This includes using
		infrastructure and resources within Norway. The Supplier
		should also be able to limit the processing of Customer
		Data to Norway. This means no transfer of any Customer
		Data outside Norway, including for support services,
		except when obligated by law.
C.10	EU/EEA Location <sup>7</sup>	The Supplier should be able to offer the Service, or a
		subset of the Service, from EU/EEA. This includes using
		infrastructure and resources within EU/EEA. The Supplier
		should also be able to limit the processing of data to
		EU/EEA. This means no transfer of any data outside

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Must assess in each case if there is a legitimate basis for this requirement, ref. EU/EEA-law, etc.

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		EU/EEA, including for support services, except when	
		obligated by law.	
C.11	Training and	The Supplier should be able to provide training and	
	Awareness	awareness services. Describe how the Supplier can provide	
		services and programs for training and awareness to	
		enable a secure cloud adoption for the Customer and for	
		strengthening the security culture in the Customer's	
		organization.	
C.12	Professional	The Supplier should be able to provide professional	
	Services	services. Describe how the Supplier can provide	
		implementation services to support a secure cloud	
		implementation in compliance with the proposed security	
		reference architecture.	

## **5 References**

Abbreviati	Title	Source
on		
C5	BSI Cloud Computing Compliance Criteria Catalogue	https://www.bsi.bund.de/EN/Themen/Unternehm en-und-Organisationen/Informationen-und- Empfehlungen/Empfehlungen-nach- Angriffszielen/Cloud-Computing/Kriterienkatalog- C5/kriterienkatalog-c5_node.html
CIS	CIS Critical Security Controls v8.1	https://www.cisecurity.org/controls
CNSA 2.0	Commercial National Security Algorithm Suite 2.0	https://media.defense.gov/2022/Sep/07/20030718 36/-1/-1/0/CSI_CNSA_2.0_FAQPDF
CSA-CCM	Cloud Security Alliance Cloud Controls Matrix Version 4	https://cloudsecurityalliance.org/research/cloud- controls-matrix
CVE	Common Vulnerabilities and Exposures	https://www.cve.org/
CVSS	Common Vulnerability Scoring System (CVSS) v4.0	https://www.first.org/cvss/
CWE Top 25	CWE Top 25 Most Dangerous Software Weaknesses	https://cwe.mitre.org/top25/
FedRamp	US Federal Risk and Authorization Management Program	https://www.fedramp.gov/
GAPP	Generally accepted privacy principles (2009). See PMF – Privacy Management Framework for updated version.	https://us.aicpa.org/interestareas/informationtec hnology/privacy-management-framework
GDPR	General Data Protection Regulation	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/679/oj
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act	https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/index.html
IETF RFC 7643	IETF RFC 7643 System for Cross-domain Identity Management: Core Schema	https://datatracker.ietf.org/doc/html/rfc7643

ISO 22123	ISO/IEC 22123-1:2023	https://www.iso.org/standard/82758.html
	Information	
	Technology – Cloud	
	Computing	
ISO 22313	ISO	https://www.iso.org/standard/75107.html
	22313:2020Security	
	and resilience —	
	Business continuity	
	management systems	
	— Guidance on the use	
	of ISO 22301	
ISO 27001	ISO/IEC 27001:2022	https://www.iso.org/standard/27001
	Information security.	
	cybersecurity and	
	privacy protection —	
	Information security	
	management systems	
	- Poquiromonts	
150 27002		https://www.iso.org/standard/75652.html
130 21002	Information socurity	
	cyborcocurity and	
	cybersecurity and	
	Information security	
100 07017		https://www.iss.eur/stag.doud/42757.html
150 27017	ISU/IEC	nttps://www.iso.org/standard/43757.ntml
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	n technology —	
	Security techniques –	
	Code of practice for	
	information security	
	controls based on	
	ISO/IEC 27002 for	
	cloud services	
ISO 27018	ISO/IEC 27018:2019	https://www.iso.org/standard/76559.html
	Information	
	technology — Security	
	techniques — Code of	
	practice for protection	
	of personally	
	identifiable	
	information (PII) in	
	public clouds acting as	
	PII processors	
ISO 27701	ISO/IEC	https://www.iso.org/standard/71670.html
	27701:2019Security	
	techniques —	
	Extension to ISO/IEC	
	27001 and ISO/IEC	
	27002 for privacy	
	information	

	management — Requirements and guidelines	
NSM	NSM Grunnprinsipper	https://nsm.no/regelverk-og-hjelp/rad-og-
Grunnprinsi	for IKT-sikkerhet 2.1	anbefalinger/grunnprinsipper-for-ikt-sikkerhet/ta-
pper		i-bruk-grunnprinsippene/
NIST CSF	NIST Cyber Security	https://www.nist.gov/cyberframework
2.0	Framework 2.0	
NIS2	Network &	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-
	Information Security	content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX%3A32022L255
	Directive	5
Normen	Normen – Norm for	https://www.ehelse.no/normen/normen-for-
	informasjonssikkerhet	informasjonssikkerhet-og-personvern-i-helse-og-
	og personvern i helse-	omsorgssektoren
	og omsorgssektoren	
	versjon 6.0	
OWASP Top	Open Worldwide	https://owasp.org/www-project-top-ten/
10	Application Security	
	Project Top 10 Web	
	Application Security	
OWASP	RISKS Open Worldwide	https://owasp.org/www.project.application
ASVS	Application Security	security-verification-standard/
7373	Project Application	security-vermeation-standardy
	Security Verification	
	Standard (ASVS)	
PMF	Privacy Management	https://us.aicpa.org/interestareas/informationtec
	Framework	hnology/privacy-management-framework
Sabsa	Sabsa Enterprise	https://sabsa.org/
	Security Architecture	
SCIM 2	System for Cross-	https://scim.cloud/
	domain Identity	
	Management 2.0	
SUC2 Type	American Institute of	nups://www.aicpa-
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	SOC 2 Type II Report	organization-controls-soc-suite-or-services
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