

Emergency Exercise "Skinfakse 24"

The Telecom Sector's Critical Infrastructure (TeleDCIS Members) Conducted the "Skinfakse 24" Emergency Exercise

On Thursday, November 7, the telecom sector's critical infrastructure (TeleDCIS members) conducted the "Skinfakse 24" emergency exercise. The purpose of the exercise was to ensure the telecom sector's operational communication between telecom providers, CFCS, and TeleDCIS.

Experiences from the geopolitical situation were a significant factor during the exercise, where drones, submarine cables, and shadow fleets were involved. We tested various scenarios that align with the telecom sector's annual risk and vulnerability assessment.

The exercise's resource personnel gathered at TeleDCIS, where the exercise commenced at 9:00 AM. The first alerts came in shortly after, and communication was established with the various NOCs and SOCs, which were busy investigating and responding to emails to report back to TeleDCIS and CFCS. We also tested SINE radios, which are rarely used outside of our monthly checks.

Throughout the day, we executed many different scenarios to stress-test the robustness of the telecom sector with various scenario types. We successfully completed the exercise, which concluded around 3:00 PM, allowing everyone to relax and return to evaluate the day's events.

We have begun debriefing and evaluation to determine if any processes or other aspects need adjustment. Our initial impression is that the telecom sector is robust and highly competent. Emergency exercises in the telecom sector will continue, as we constantly strive to learn from each other during and after the exercises.

A big thank you to the telecom sector for participating in an excellent emergency exercise.

"Skinfakse (Old Norse: Skinfaxi, 'shining mane') is the horse in Norse mythology that pulls Dagr's chariot across the sky every day. The horse's mane and tail shine like gold and illuminate the world."

