



# Dogana

ADVANCED SOCIAL ENGINEERING AND  
VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT FRAMEWORK

## ***Very fast* overview of the DOGANA project and underlying concepts**

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## What's cybercrime today?

From geek-driven to  
business-driven.



## **Selling is selling!**

What do you need  
to sell  
cybercriminals  
products?  
Who's the  
customer?

**“THE GOLDEN RULE  
FOR EVERY  
BUSINESS MAN IS  
THIS:  
PUT YOURSELF IN  
YOUR CUSTOMER'S  
PLACE.”**

***ORISON SWETT MARDEN***

## What's cybercrime today?



**BOTH TRIES TO ENTER, TWEAKING THE PERSON AT THE DOOR..**

## What's cybercrime today?



**YES A TOTALLY DIFFERENT APPROACH, USING THE  
SAME TECHNIQUES OF MARKETING..**

**VIRAL,**

**GUERRILLA,**

**UNCONVENTIONAL,**

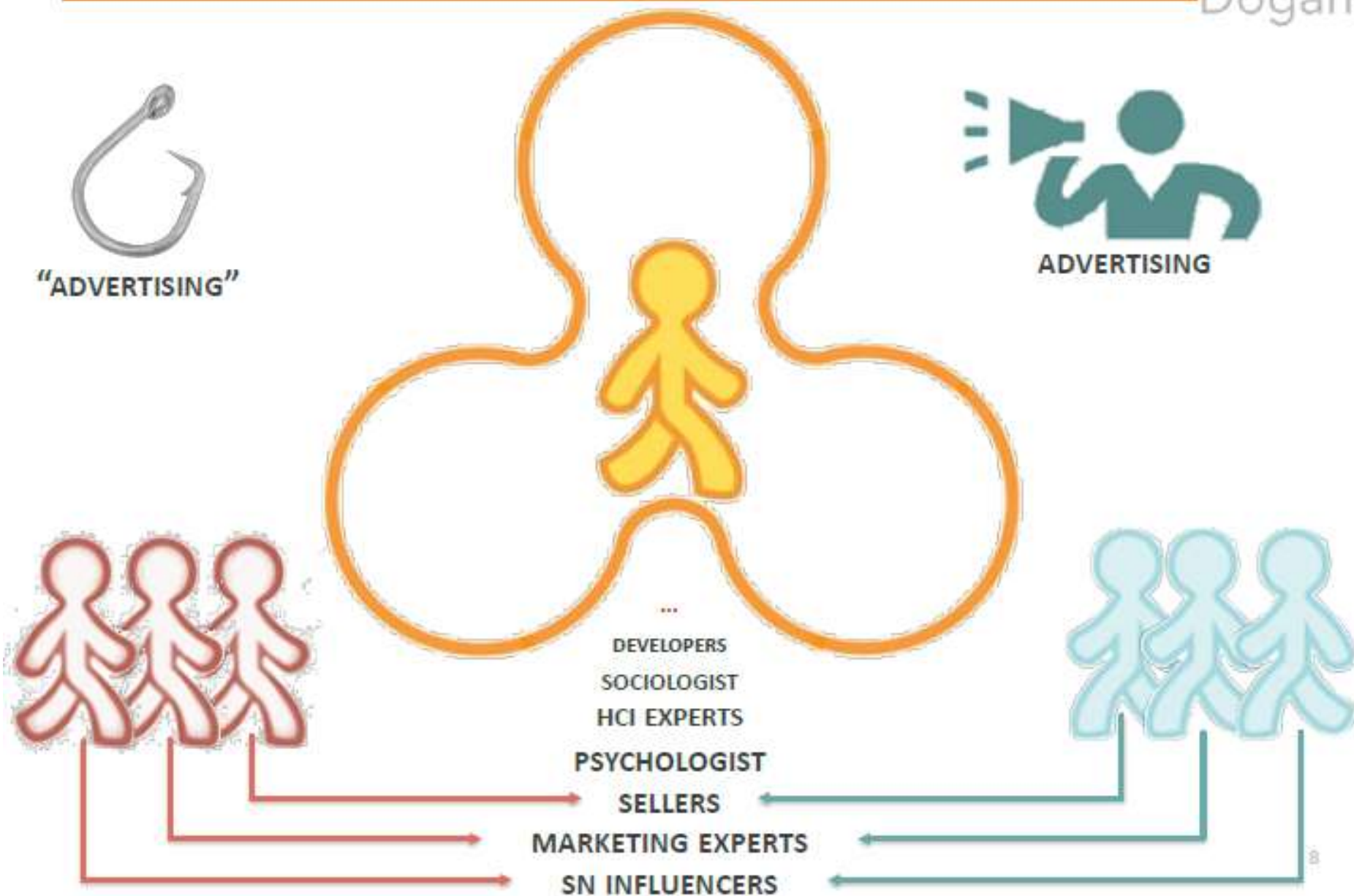
**... AND OF COURSE SOCIAL**

**SO WHAT? ANYTHING NEW??**

# What's cybercrime today?



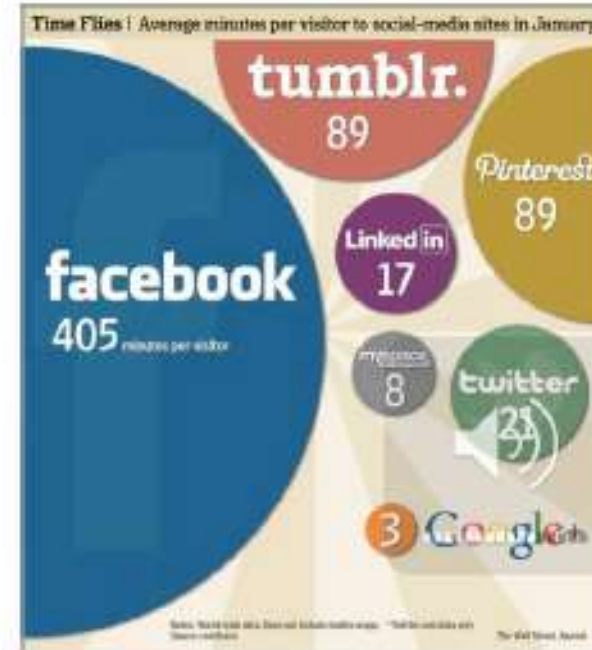
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## DOGANA's motivation

- Digital footprint/shadows of companies is often out of control
- Employees awareness level is not know
- Social Media is used daily by many people to share thoughts, images, videos and personal information
- Frictionless/fearless sharing



## Exposition over social media

At a general level it is possible to identify two main types of exposition over the social media:

Company's exposition



Spread of general and reserved or confidential information regarding projects, products, production sites, etc.

Private user exposition



Spread of personal or working information of a single user (working position, roles, assigned tasks or customers, etc.).



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## Our experience

In the last five years we performed about **20 SDVA** in big enterprises with thousands of employees, involving about **20000 users**



Given an **example** of a possible test email



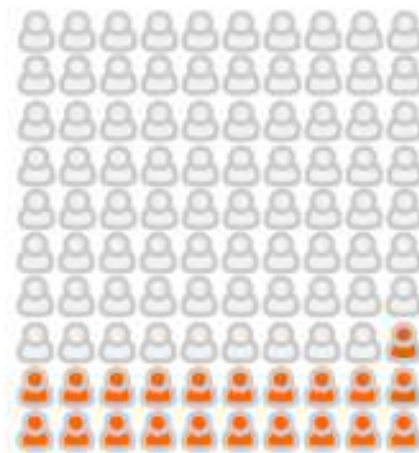
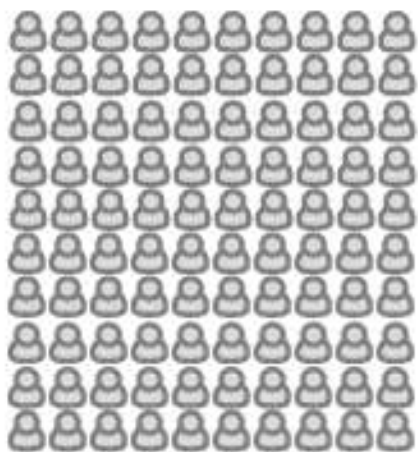
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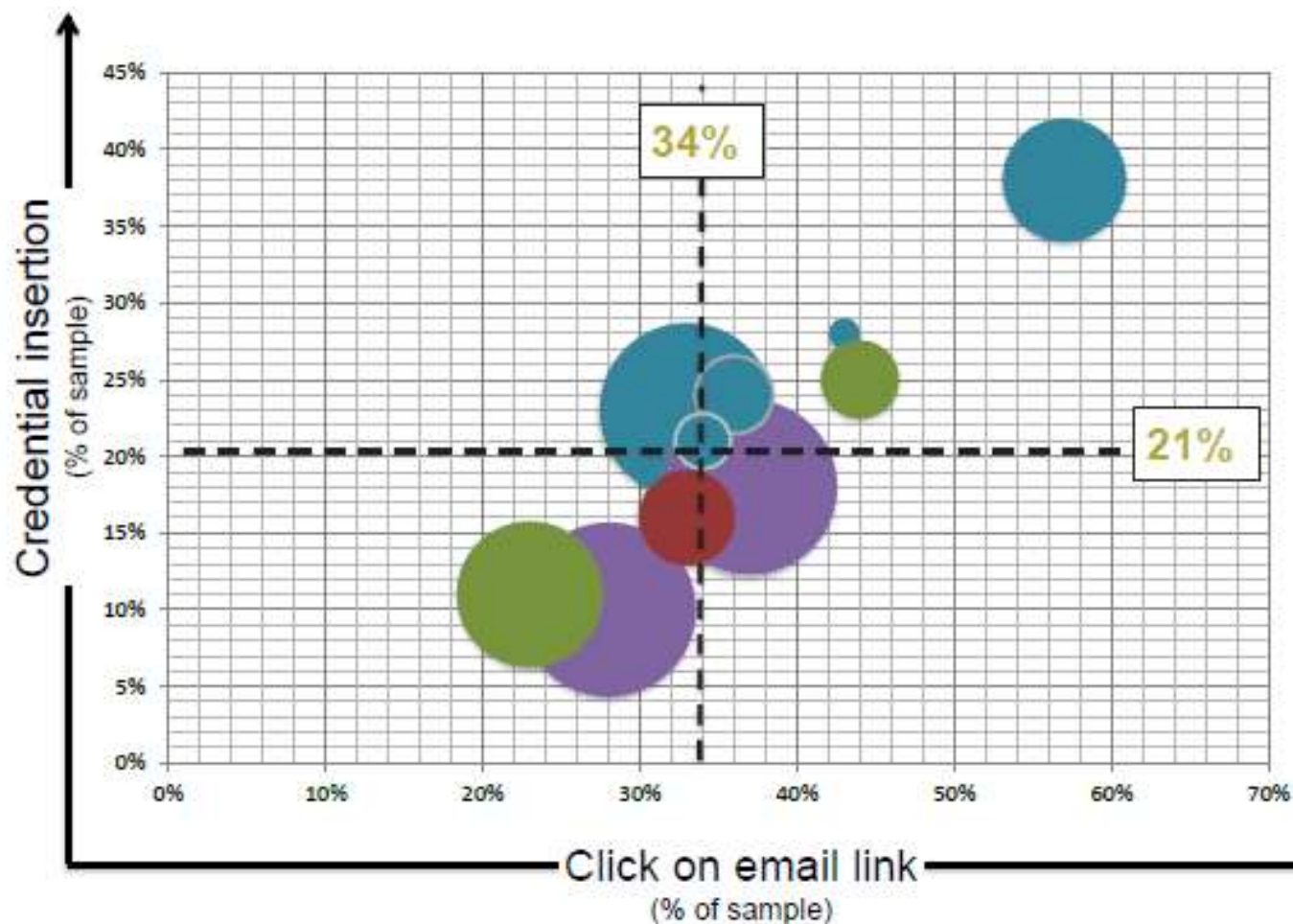


## Overall results



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**3 emails**  
to obtain one  
click

**5 emails**  
to obtain a  
valid  
credential

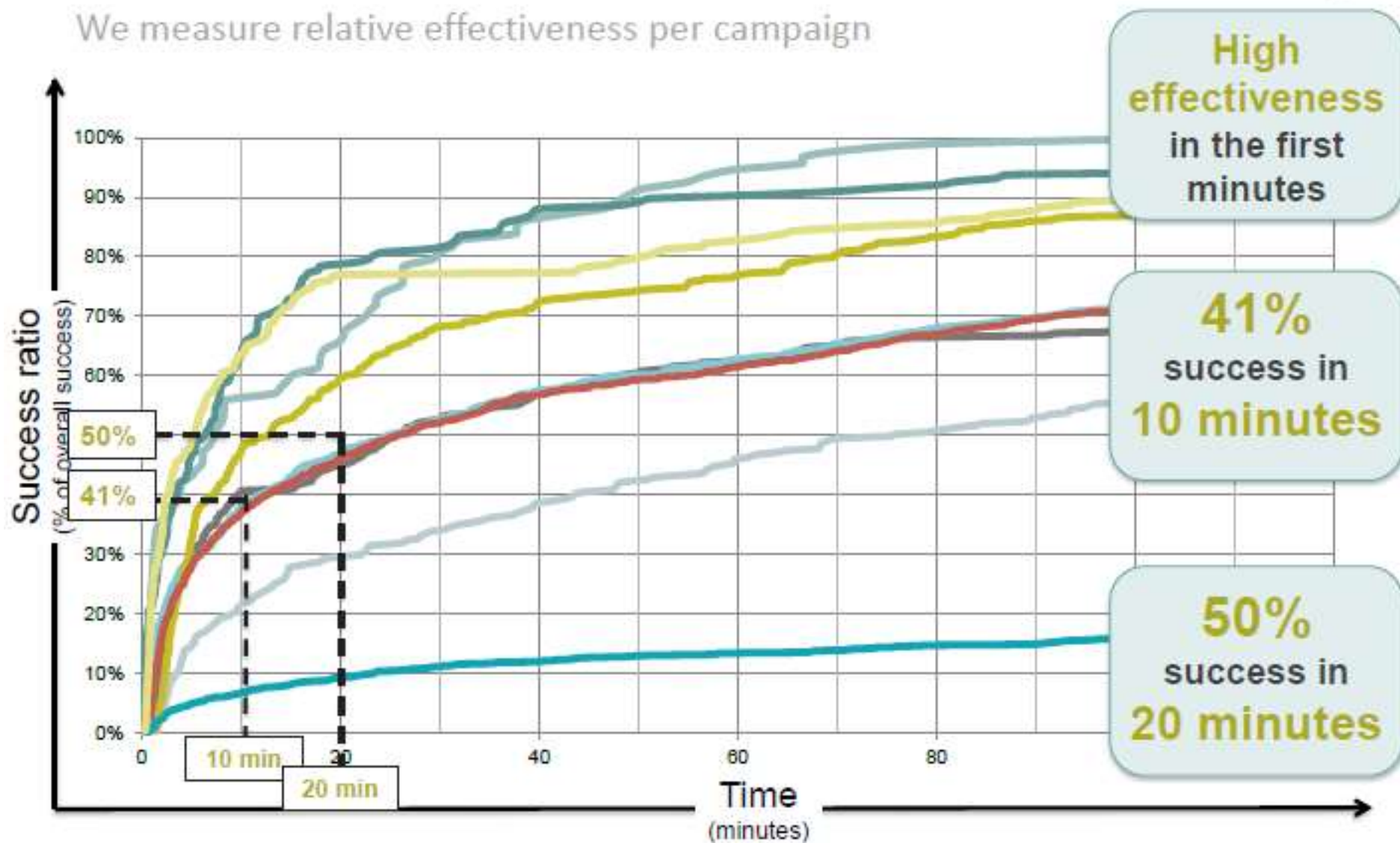
**58%**  
conversion  
rate  
click/insertion

## Comparison with other studies



## Time analysis - Visits

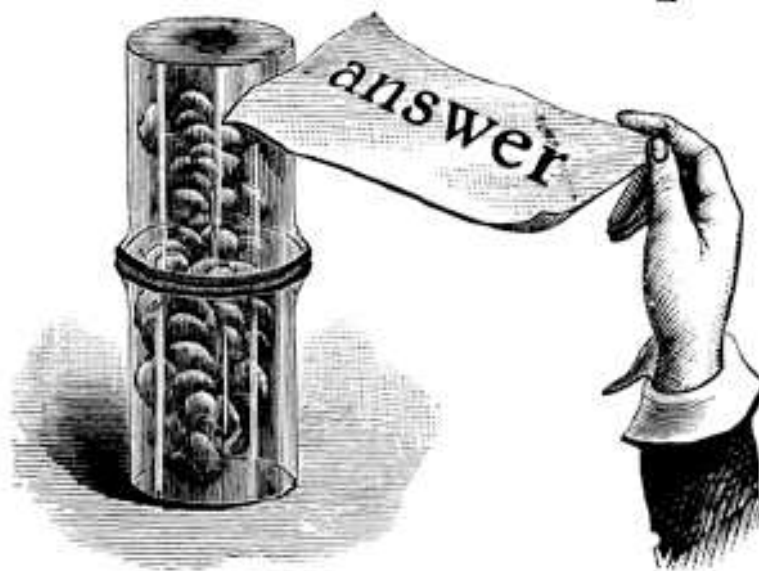
We measure relative effectiveness per campaign



## The need: Which countermeasures to use?

How can your organisation select the right re-action, given the extreme volatility of these attacks?

Difficult Question?  
Here's a simple





## The need: Which countermeasures to use?

How can the company select the right re-action, given the extreme volatility of these attacks?

Some information cannot be hidden, or can anyway always be rebuilt, or even found elsewhere!

It is very difficult to motivate people or train them against these messages.

To prevent spear phishing, users should not click on Web links or open attachments from unsolicited emails. Organizations should minimize the amount of business-related information, such as job titles, company email, organizational structure, and project names, and personal data being posted on social media Websites. If the information is listed on third-party sites, organizations should contact the site owner and that the data be taken down, according to ICS-CERT.

As for the watering hole attacks, organizations needed to review their policies and requirements for browsing software and ensure common applications are up-to-date with the latest patches.

Policies revision is a slow and complex process, especially in the big enterprises

Updates are sometimes difficult to be delivered due to compatibility reasons (business cannot be interrupted)

## The (foreseen) DOGANA answer ...



DOGANA plan to deliver a complete toolset to detect and prevent social-engineering cyber-attacks at 3 levels:

- **technological:** develop an integrated toolchain to assist social vulnerability assessments and evolve on the existing tools
- **legal:** supply a legal framework to assist enterprises to perform internally this type of assessments
- **education:** study and experiment new awareness methodologies to improve the education of employees with the aim of a lasting and efficient training.
- **risk management:** measure the risks consistently

The results of the project will be tested with the internal partners enrolled as end-users.

## The DOGANA answer ...



Social Media  
Scanning

New attack  
trends

DOGANA  
Toolset

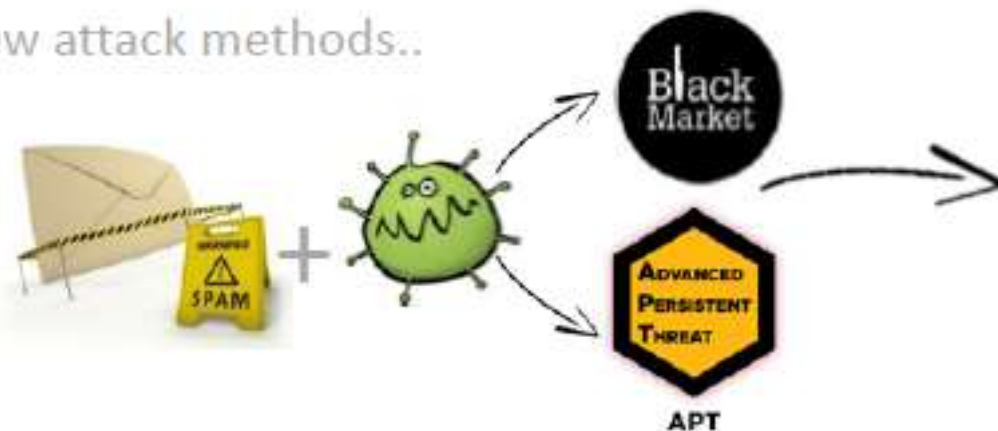
Awareness  
and new  
countermeasures



DOGANA delivers a complete toolset to detect and prevent social-engineering cyber-attacks

# Pillars of the novel methodology

New attack methods..



..require new assessment methods.

## Complete Toolset for «social driven» vulnerability assessment

Analysis of web and social medias to evaluate exposure



Analysis to select proper profiles



Technological and/or social attack tests, including strongly contextualized



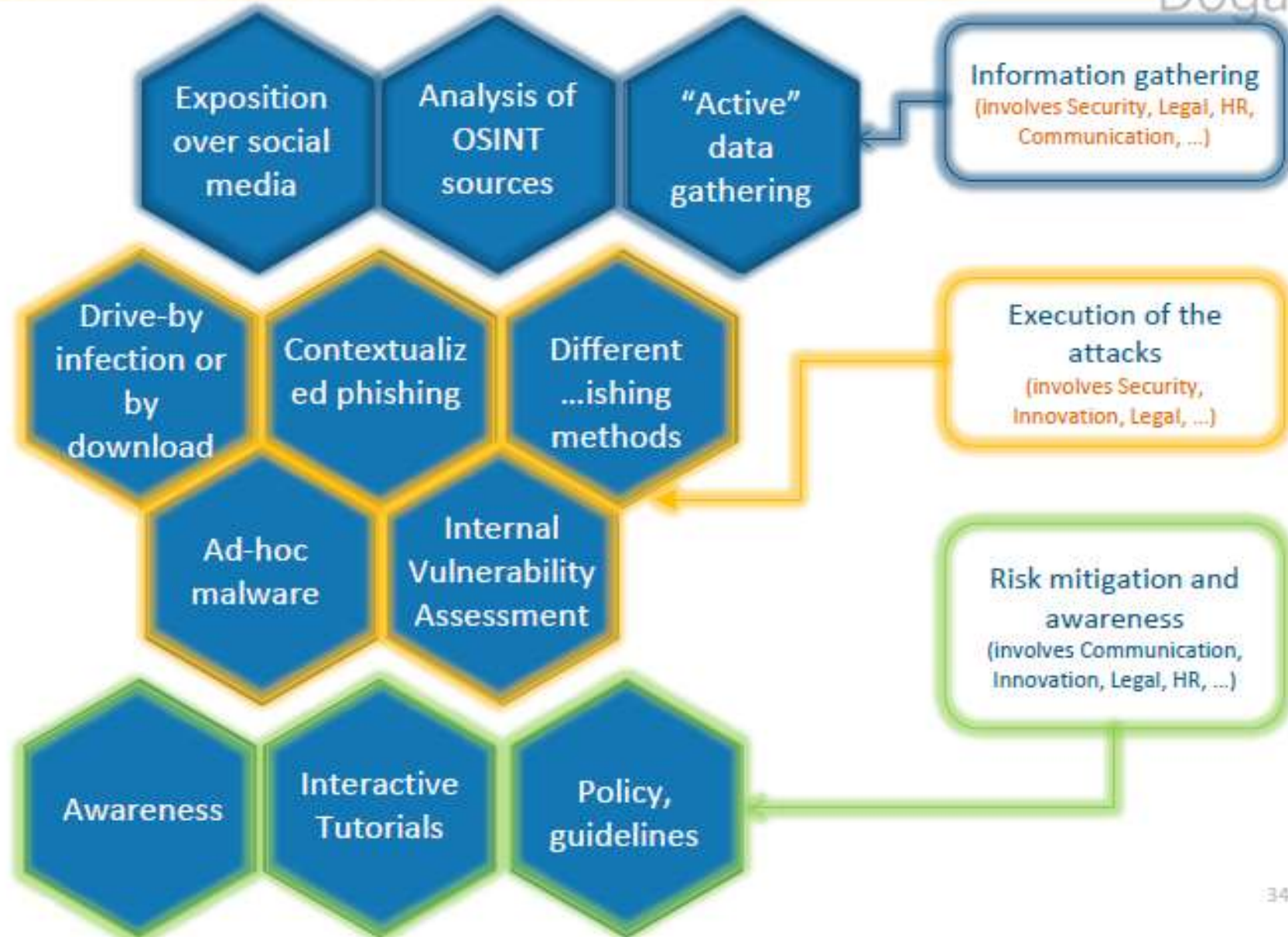
Analysis and assistance to identify and develop solutions



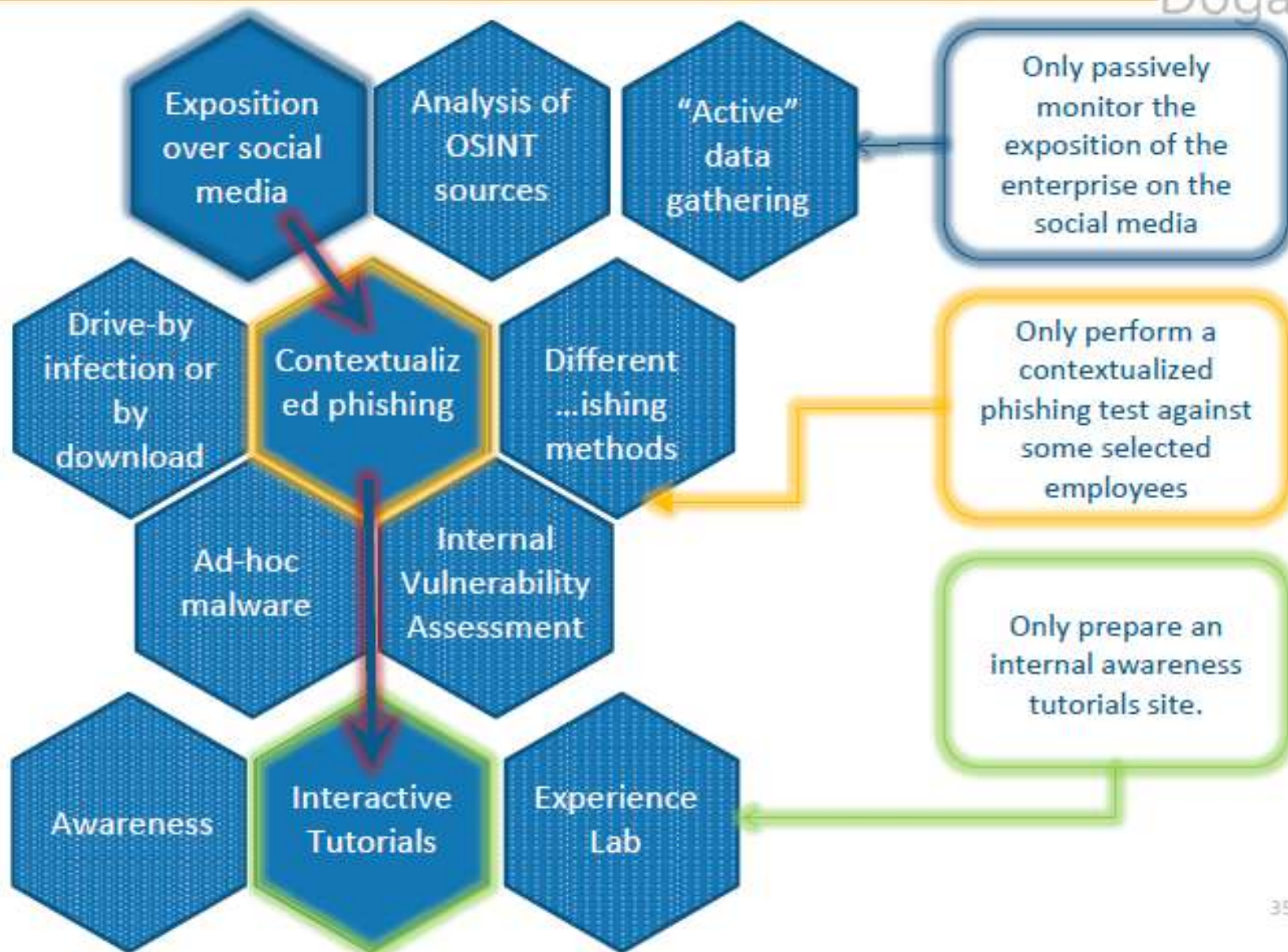
# Pillars of the novel methodology



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# Complexity of performing a test-trial a sample





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