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NIS2 checklist for mid-sized companies: the evidence you need

NIS2 doesn't just ask whether you have processes — it asks whether you can prove them. Which process-related evidence is expected, and how you produce it from what you already have, in days instead of quarters.

NIS2 requires six inspectable pieces of evidence for your security-relevant processes: documented processes, a visible risk-to-measure link, clear responsibilities, currency, traceable incident and reporting paths, and referenceability back to the source. The bottleneck is almost never the knowledge — it's the inspectable form, and that's exactly what you can produce from what you already have, in days instead of quarters.

NIS2 mainly affects mid-sized and larger companies in critical or important sectors — and most of them don't fail on knowledge, they fail on evidence. The processes run, responsibilities are settled in people's heads, the measures work. What's missing is the inspectable form: documented, referenced, current. That's what this checklist is for — as orientation, not a substitute for legal advice.

What evidence does NIS2 require for processes?

1. **Documented processes** — the security-relevant workflows written down, not just in the heads of the people responsible. Including who does what, and when, if something goes wrong.
2. **Risk-to-measure link** — for every identified risk, the concrete measure that addresses it. The connection has to be visible, not just asserted.
3. **Clear responsibilities** — who owns which control, which process, which decision. Names or roles, not "IT".
4. **Currency** — a state that reflects what holds *today*, not one frozen when the document was last touched.
5. **Incident and reporting paths** — a traceable flow for detecting, handling and reporting security incidents, including who is responsible.
6. **Referenceability** — every piece of evidence should point back to its source. "It's in the wiki" isn't enough; "it's here, as of this date" is.

Where ProcessForge comes in

The honest difficulty is rarely the first write-up — it’s translating the real as-is state into exactly this form, under time pressure. ProcessForge pulls the real workflow from what you already have — docs, tickets, system exports, conversations — and builds the artifact the evidence requires:

- **Input:** your existing sources, uncleaned
- **System:** reconciles the real workflow against the required points and shows gaps
- **Artifact out:** process docs, risk-to-measure links and responsibilities, referenced back to the source

> From the living context, not yesterday’s docs.

And the real leverage shows up next time: when a process changes, the same system pulls the updated version from whatever state holds then. A quarter-long project becomes a single run — in days instead of quarters.

To try it: Bring your upcoming NIS2 trigger into the demo call — we’ll build the first piece of evidence live from a real source.
