

# Cybersecurity Services

*Our cybersecurity services are designed to help governments and civic-minded organizations protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of their data by identifying risks and taking action to mitigate them. Whether you require a cybersecurity risk assessment, an actionable plan to improve your cybersecurity posture, or targeted implementation support, we adapt our approach to match your capacity and goals.*

## What we do

### Cybersecurity risk assessment

We help you build a comprehensive understanding of your organization's cybersecurity risk profile through stakeholder interviews, workshops, policy reviews, and an analysis of existing practices and tools. Our approach evaluates your data security needs across the data lifecycle while considering your organization's size, capacity, and technological maturity.

***What you gain: A clear understanding of your organization's readiness to detect, respond to, and mitigate cybersecurity threats.***

### Cybersecurity plan development

Based on the findings of your cybersecurity risk assessment, we work with you to define realistic goals and prioritized actions aligned with your cybersecurity needs. The plan will guide improvement efforts and outline a set of priority cybersecurity initiatives based on recognized best practices and adapted to your unique organizational context.

***What you gain: A structured and actionable roadmap for mitigating risks and enhancing your cybersecurity practices.***

### Targeted implementation support

We provide tailored, hands-on assistance to help you implement your cybersecurity plan effectively. Our support includes:

- Conducting audits to verify compliance with relevant security standards and evaluating existing controls.
- Validating policies and procedures through stress-testing in controlled environments before broader deployment.
- Developing policies, standards and procedures for long-term and proactive risk management.
- Team training to equip staff with the knowledge and skills to proactively identify and manage risks

***What you gain: Increased security in your data environment through updated policies and standards, secure tools, tested procedures for threat detection and response, and teams equipped to handle current and future threats.***

## Why work with Open North?

At Open North, we combine deep expertise in data with a multidisciplinary approach. Our team includes urban planners, software engineers, community organizers, data scientists, cybersecurity and IT audit specialists, sociologists, geographers, and technology lawyers, bringing diverse perspectives to every project.

We are passionate about our work and committed to continuous learning, investing regularly in the professional development of our team members through recognized training and certifications, while adapting this knowledge to meet the unique needs of diverse contexts.

### What sets us apart:

- **Accessible, right-sized solutions:** As a small not-for-profit organization, we understand the unique constraints faced by smaller organizations and work to tailor solutions to your organization's capacity and resources.
- **Commitment to knowledge sharing:** We believe in learning in the open by publishing free and accessible resources, guides, tools, and courses.
- **Building capacity for autonomy:** We focus on equipping your organization with the capacity to succeed on its own, without dependence on outside support.

*Contact us today to learn how we can help your organization unlock the potential of your data, achieve your goals, and contribute to advancing the common good through responsible and impactful data practices.*

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