

**CERT@VDE –  
The cybersecurity platform for industrial  
small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)**

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# Industrial IoT (IIoT) or Industry 4.0

IT based automation devices  
based on classic  
operation systems

classic fieldbuses replaced by Ethernet-based buses

Worldwide access to the sensors: through the Cloud!



# Security differences between Office-IT and Process-IT



	Process-IT, Industrial Control Systems (ICS)	Office-IT, Office-Systems
Anti-Virus-Programs	unusual / difficult to apply	usual / easy to apply
product life cycle	up to 20 years and longer	3 - 5 years
real-time requirement	very high	low: delays are acceptable
application of patches	not regular / unplanned	regular / planned
security tests / audits	no common practice	planned und partly mandatory
outsourcing	rarely	standard
physical security	varies from low until high	high (esp.Critical Infrastructures)
vulnerability handling	SME: immature	standard

# ...need of a „coordinating PSIRT“ in Germany for ICS...



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**PEPPERL+FUCHS**

**Weidmüller**

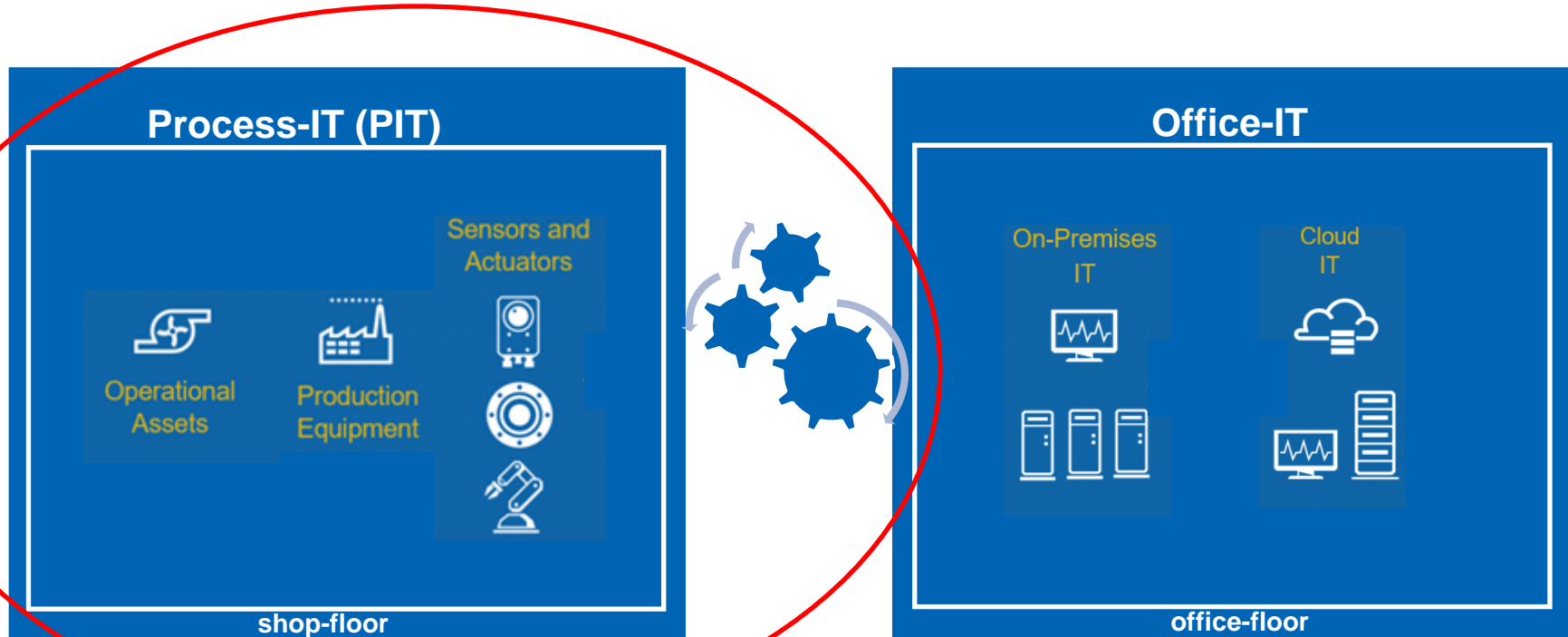
**EH**  
Endress+Hauser

## Common Position:

- *„.....we, the SMEs of the Industrial Automation need a trustworthy, neutral, independant platform based on an institution with a wellknown reputation...“  
→ VDE e.V. (registered association, non-profit)“  
  
→ *Within european time zone – able to speak German – able to speak „Automation“**

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# Scope of CERT@VDE



# The VDE e.V. - Association for Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies



## Science, Technology, Innovation

- Knowledge transfer in the VDE network of experts
- Partner for educational and technological policies
- Youth development



## Standardisation

- VDE|DKE is the German member of IEC and of CENELEC



## Test, Certification

- Interoperability – Safety – Security - Usability



non-profit



# Historical interrupt or „why VDE“?



Fußnote: Von Unknown, dead. - Scan from Original, Gemeinfrei

Quelle: <https://commons.wikimedia.org/w/index.php?curid=1733600>

1879

- Foundation of the first “Berliner Elektrotechnik-Vereins“: Proposed by Werner v. Siemens:

→ **Safety**... for electrical systems

→ **Exchange of information** ... between power operators and manufacturers

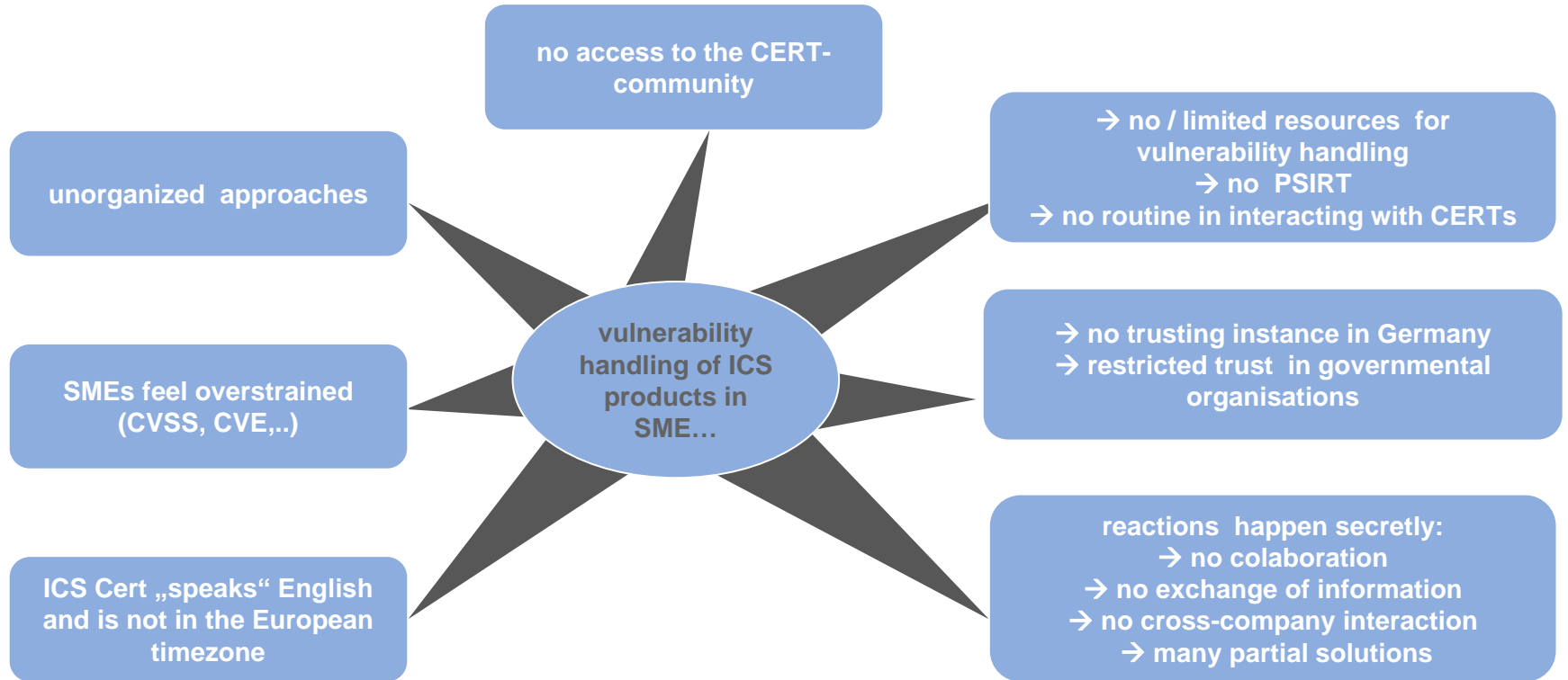
1893

- Foundation of VDE  
(by Adolf Slaby and Georg Wilhelm von Siemens)

**Electrical Safety → Functional Safety → Cybersecurity**

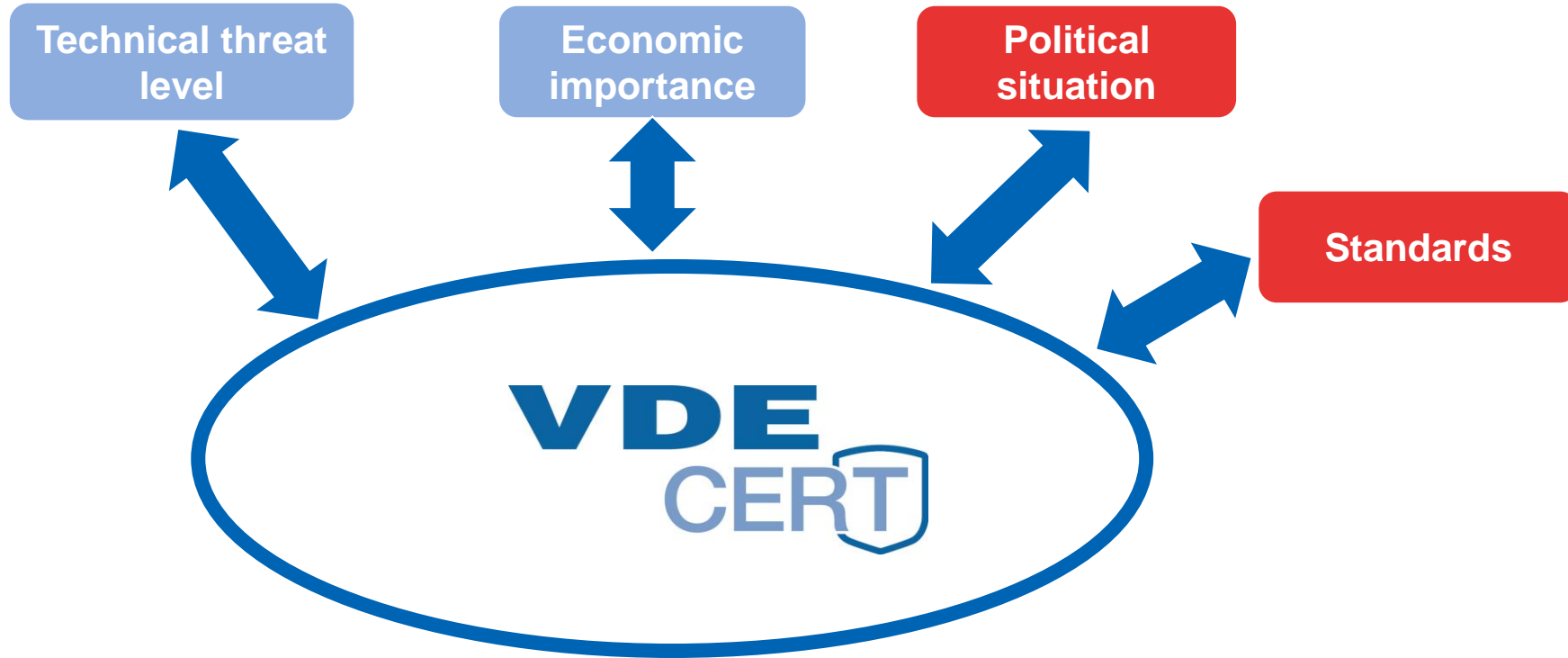
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# Today's situation: vulnerability handling in SMEs





# Further drivers for CERT@VDE



# Germany: National Cybersecurity-Strategy (2016)

1

- Protect enterprises
- Foster economy
  
- Collaboration of providers
- Involvement of external IT-security expertise

2

Increase the ability to analyse and to react on cyber threats

...to fight against cyber espionage and cyber cyber-sabotage

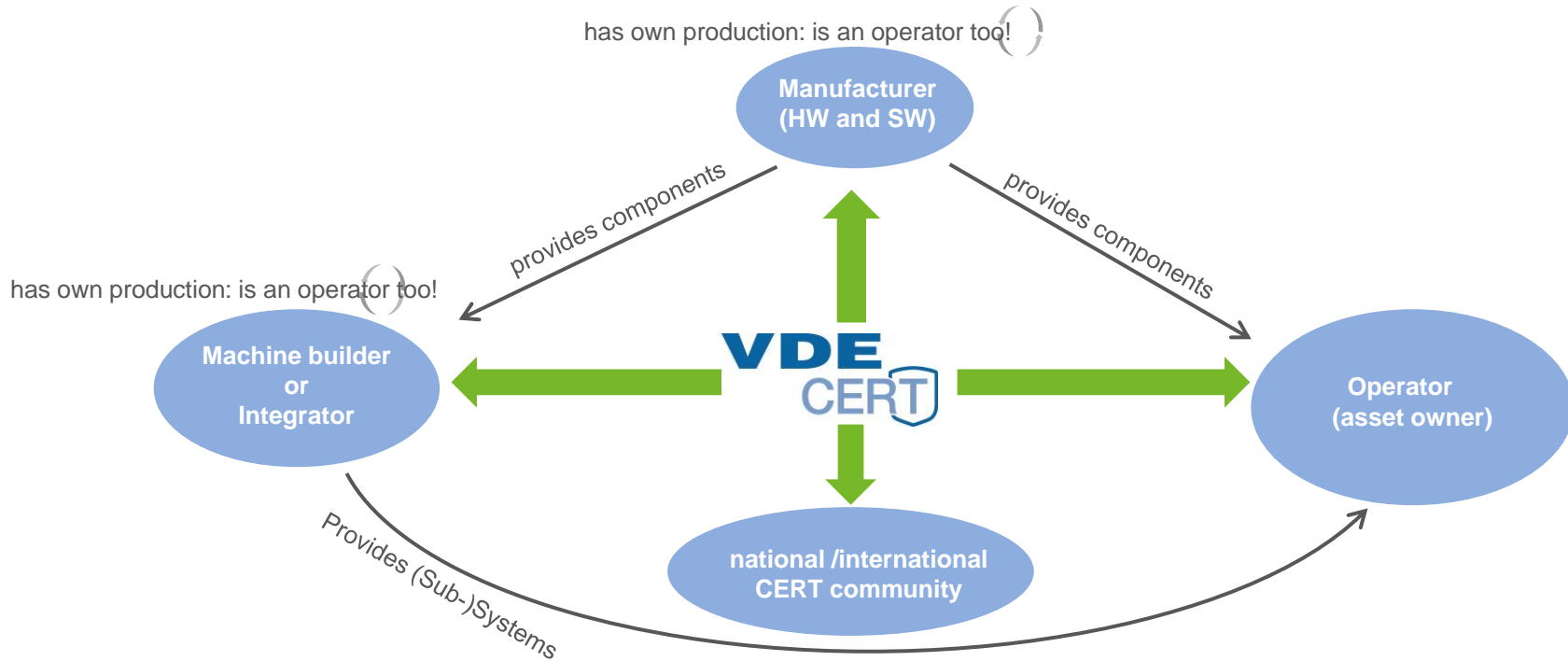
Strengthen CERT-structures:

→ Attract resources and personnel...

# IEC 62443: Normative requirements in standards for industrial security

General	Policies and procedures	System	Component
1-1 Technology, concepts and models	2-1 Requirements for an IACS security management system Ed 2.0 Profile of ISO 27001/27002	<b>3-1 Security technologies for IACS (TR)</b>	4-1 Secure product development lifecycle
1-2 Master Glossary of terms and abbreviations	2-2 <i>Implementation guidance for an IACS security management system</i>	3-2 Security risk assessment and system design	<b>4-2 Technical security requirements for IACS products</b>
1-3 System security compliance metrics	2-3 Patch management in the IACS environment (TR)	<b>3-3 System security requirements and security levels</b>	
1-4 System security lifecycle and use case	2-4 Requirements for IACS solution suppliers		
Definitions Metrics	Security Requirements for plant owner and suppliers	Security Requirements for a secure system	Security Requirements for secure components
	<b>Process requirements</b>	<b>Functional requirements</b>	

# Closing the gap: CERT@VDE



# Added values for CERT@VDE cooperation partners



- **cross-company** discussions and interaction on the trustworthy and secure environment of CERT@VDE (*anonymous, if required*) → **motivates to collaborate!**
- **information hub** between CERT community and automation industry



qualified information exchange between manufacturers, operators, integrators and CERT community  
→ **Responses** to threats/detected vulnerabilities: **structured and faster!**



## Single Point of Contact:

- for operators to find contact persons of the manufacturers
- for operators to find published security information of all their suppliers in one place
- for manufacturers to address customers and integrators using their products
- supports the communication with other CERTs (e.g. ICS-CERT) for the constituency
- supports the communication with reporters of vulnerabilities („White-Hat Hacker“...):  
→ „**Coordinated Disclosure**“
- collects and provides industry-specific security information for the constituency

# Added values for CERT@VDE cooperation partners – II.



**coordination** when fixing vulnerabilities and **support** on publication of advisories.  
CVE number assignment  
(lack of routine in SMEs dealing with CVSS)



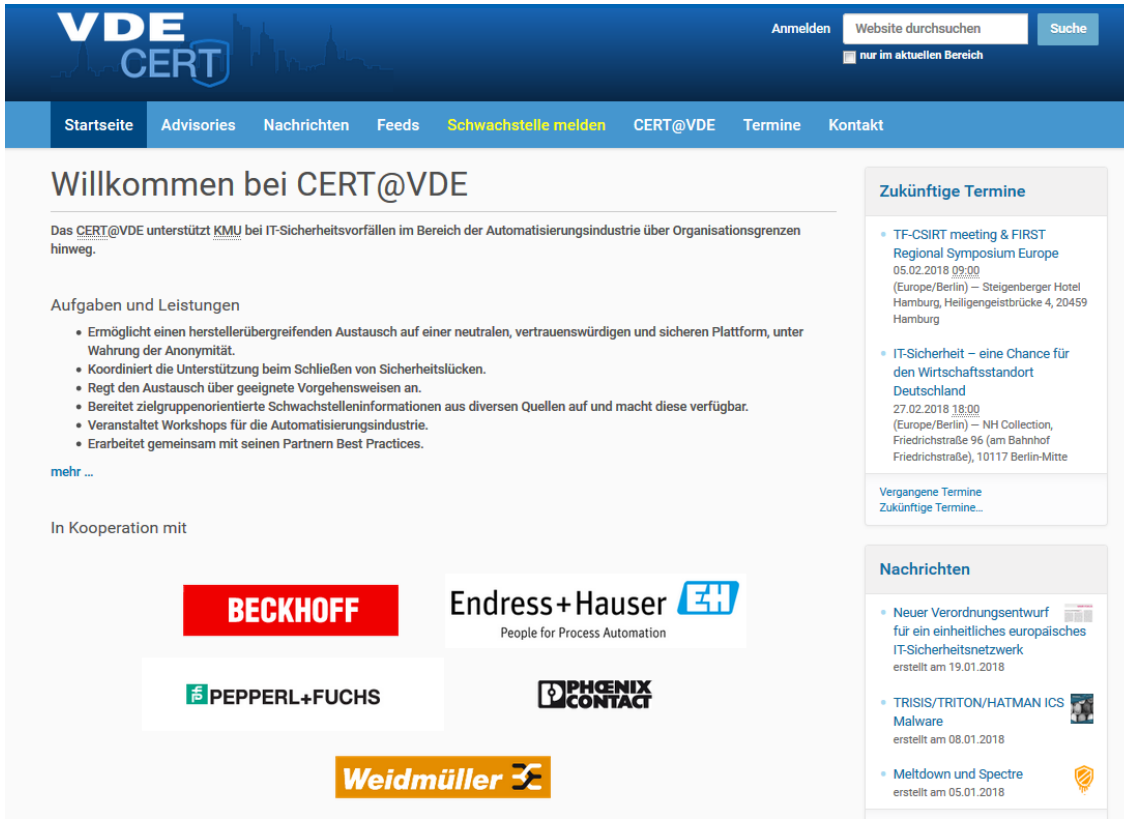
elaborate **Best Practices** by the constituency, for the constituency



**events and workshops** for the automation industry to improve processes, to raise awareness and to promote the importance of CERTs



- **image boost** for the cooperation partners
- **institutionalisation of PSIRT structures** inside the SMEs is encouraged



The screenshot shows the homepage of CERT@VDE. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the VDE CERT logo, a search bar, and a login button. Below the navigation bar, there is a main heading 'Willkommen bei CERT@VDE' and a sub-heading 'Das CERT@VDE unterstützt KMU bei IT-Sicherheitsvorfällen im Bereich der Automatisierungsindustrie über Organisationsgrenzen hinweg.' To the right, there is a section for 'Zukünftige Termine' listing two events: 'TF-CSIRT meeting & FIRST Regional Symposium Europe' and 'IT-Sicherheit - eine Chance für den Wirtschaftsstandort Deutschland'. Below this, there is a section for 'Nachrichten' listing three news items: 'Neuer Verordnungsentwurf für ein einheitliches europäisches IT-Sicherheitsnetzwerk', 'TRISIS/TRITON/HATMAN ICS Malware', and 'Meltdown und Spectre'. At the bottom, there are logos for partner companies: BECKHOFF, Endress+Hauser, PHOENIX CONTACT, PEPPERL+FUCHS, and Weidmüller.

- **Team:**
  - 1 Head
  - 2 IT-Sec-Managers
  - 1 BDM + marketing
- **Web:**
  - <https://cert.vde.com>
- **Advisories**
- Collaboration platform based on „Mattermost“
- **Member:**
  - „Deutscher CERT Verbund“
  - Accredited in „TI-TF-CSIRT“

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