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## Attestation Guidance

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# 1 Introduction

The Attestation confirms to the financial entity undergoing a TIBER test<sup>1</sup> as well as to the respective authority that the test has been conducted in accordance with the rules and core requirements of the TIBER-EU framework. It serves as proof of having conducted the test and highlights the main facts and scope of the test.

## 1.1 Purpose of this document

The purpose of this document is to provide the relevant stakeholders with information on the requirements<sup>2</sup> for the content and format of a TIBER-EU Attestation. It also aims at providing guidance on important aspects to be considered during drafting as well as supporting material.

## 1.2 Target audience

This TIBER-EU Attestation Guidance is mainly aimed at the TIBER authority issuing an Attestation as well as the financial entity receiving it. Beyond that, it is useful to read for all stakeholders of a TIBER engagement to understand the nature of its content.

## 1.3 Location within testing process

Attestation takes place after the successful conclusion of the TIBER test. After the test manager (TM) has confirmed that the test was conducted in accordance to the rules of the TIBER-EU framework, the respective TIBER authority<sup>3</sup> will issue a formal attestation document to the tested financial entity.

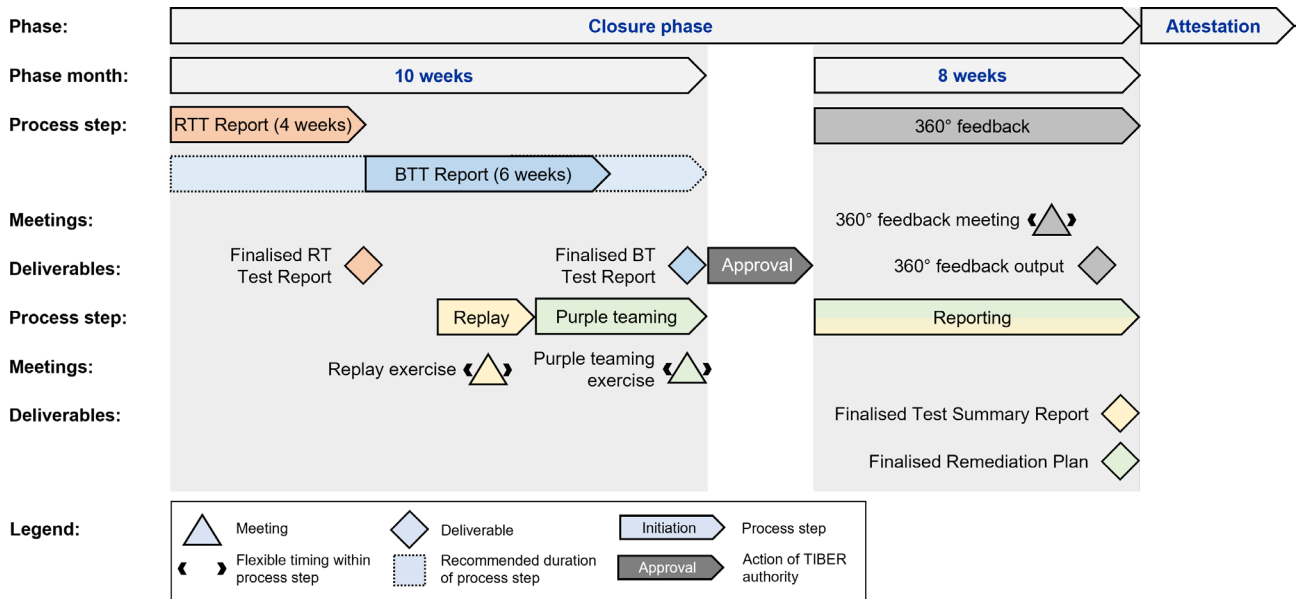
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<sup>1</sup> And/or a Threat-Led Penetration Test under DORA.

<sup>2</sup> In addition to the minimum requirements for complying with the TLPT obligations under DORA, this document also includes operational TIBER-EU guidance based on best practices, knowledge and experience from numerous previous tests.

<sup>3</sup> A TIBER authority is any authority under the TIBER framework and/or its national or European implementations, that conducts (regulatory) tasks within a TIBER test. When using the TIBER-EU framework for TLPT obligations under DORA, the respective "TLPT authorities" are considered as TIBER authorities for that test.

**Figure 1<sup>4</sup>**  
**Attestation after the closure phase**



<sup>4</sup> Note that only the actions of the TIBER authority are included in the figure that have an impact on the timelines of the test. The figure is not an exhaustive overview of all actions to be undertaken by the involved stakeholders.

## 2 Required content of the Attestation

The Attestation shall include at least the following information:

- on the performed test:
  - the starting and end date of the test;
  - the critical or important functions (CIFs) in scope of the test;
  - where relevant, information on critical or important functions in scope of the test in relation to which the test was not performed;
  - where relevant, other financial entities that were involved in the test;
  - where relevant, the ICT third-party services providers that participated in the test;
- with respect to testers:
  - whether internal testers were used;
  - if providers were used that were not meeting one or more of the requirements listed in the procurement guidelines, and had to adopt appropriate measures to mitigate the risks relating to the lack of compliance with such requirements;
- the duration of the active red team testing phase in calendar days;
- where multiple TIBER authorities have been involved in the test, a list of all TIBER authorities involved, including information on the capacity to which they have been involved;
- list of the documents examined by the TIBER authority for the purposes of the Attestation.

## 3 Considerations when drafting the Attestation

The TIBER authorities should use the right template. The first template in the annex must be used for tests that are only a TIBER test. The second template must be used for TIBER tests that are also subject to legal obligations – such as a TLPT, which include some TLPT specificities.

Information of other financial entities or third parties should only be included in the Attestation if they participated in the test, meaning that their ICT systems were analysed during the threat intelligence phase and possibly targeted in the red teaming phase. The presence of these additional entities in the control team (CT) should be stated as well.

TIBER authorities should check if according to their national law the Attestation is an administrative decision, which can be appealed. If so, if the attestation needs to include an appeal clause.

## 4 Annex

### 4.1 Annex 1 – TIBER attestation

#### TIBER-EU Attestation for test performed on [name entity]

[The TIBER authority], hereby confirms that [name entity] has participated in a Threat Intelligence Based Ethical Red-Teaming test (TIBER), and attests that the test was conducted in accordance with the requirements, as set out in the TIBER-EU framework and, if applicable its relevant national/European implementation(s).

The test started at [start date – date of notification letter] and ended [end date – delivery test summary]. The active red teaming phase lasted [number] calendar days.

#### Regarding the scope

For this test, the following critical or important functions were in scope:

[indication of the scope]

[where relevant, information on critical or important functions in scope of the test in relation to which the TIBER was not performed, and information on critical or important functions identified by the entity that remained out of scope.]

[The test included systems of [other financial entities/third party providers]:]

Name of the financial entity/ third party	Type of involvement

#### Regarding the involvement of other authorities

For this test other TIBER authorities [were/were not] involved.

[list of involved TIBER authorities and the capacity in which they were involved]

Name of authority	Type of involvement

## Regarding the documentation

The following documents were examined for the purpose of providing this Attestation: the initiation documents, the Scope Specification Document, the Targeted Threat Intelligence Report, the Red Team Test Plan, the Red Team Test Report, the Blue Team Test Report, the Test Summary, the Remediation Plan [and possibly any other documents that were shared and should be mentioned]].

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Date

[name]

[function]

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature



## 4.2 Annex 2 – TIBER Attestation for TLPT

DORA TLPT Attestation for test performed on [name entity]

[The TLPT/TIBER authority], hereby confirms that [name entity] has participated in a Threat-Lead Penetration Test (TLPT), and attests that the test was conducted in accordance with the requirements, as set out in DORA ((EU) 2022/2554), its TLPT RTS as well as the TIBER-EU framework and, if applicable its relevant national/European implementation(s).

The test started at [start date – date of notification letter] and ended [end date – delivery test summary]. The active red teaming phase lasted [number] calendar days.

### Regarding the scope

For this test, the following critical or important functions were in scope:

[indication of the scope]

[where relevant, information on critical or important functions in scope of the test in relation to which the test was not performed, and information on critical or important functions identified by the entity that remained out of scope.]

[This test included systems of [other financial entities/third party providers]:

Name of the financial entity/ third party	Type of involvement

### Regarding the involvement of other TLPT/TIBER authorities

For this test other authorities [were/were not] involved.

[list of involved (TLPT/TIBER) authorities and the capacity in which they were involved]

Name of authority	Type of involvement

### Regarding the testers

For this test internal testers [were/were not] used.

The exception in article 5(3) second subparagraph of the RTS on TLPT [was/was not] used.

### Regarding the documentation

The following documents were examined for the purpose of providing this Attestation: the initiation documents, the Scope Specification Document, the Targeted Threat intelligence Report, the Red Team Test Plan, the Red Team Test Report, the Blue Team Test Report, the Test Summary, the Remediation Plan [and possibly any other documents that were shared and should be mentioned].

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Date

[name]

[function]

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Signature

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