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Preface

When EEMUA produced its first edition of Publication 201 the technologies in use in control rooms were very different from those likely to be found in a control room nowadays, and so were many of the expectations. Where once a custom built hardware console was the norm, most functions are now performed using a keyboard and mouse with a more or less commoditised PC. With this has come a shift in thinking: that the control room is 'just another office' and as such needs nothing special by way of facilities, construction and working space. The fallacy of that approach is obvious to anyone who encounters it, or worse, has to work in a control room where no thought has been given to its unique requirements. It therefore seemed opportune to broaden the scope of this publication to include consideration of those requirements, starting with the very basic issue of what sort of space is required and developing the ideas in the same manner as a control room project might develop. The efficient management of the control room project is aided by a range of templates and checklists.

It was also considered important to take account of changes occurring outside the control room which were likely to have an impact, particularly remote access, local control points and control of remote unmanned sites, all of which are overshadowed by the constraints of cyber security.

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