

J. Actions involving classified information

In the case of actions involving security-related activities, special provisions for classified information (as defined in the [Commission Rules of Procedure](#) (*Decision 2015/444/EC, ECSC, Euratom*, and further explained in the [Guidelines for the classification of research results](#)⁴⁵) will be taken in the grant agreement, as necessary and appropriate.

Proposals should not contain any classified information. However, it is possible that the output of an action ('results') needs to be classified, or that classified inputs ('background') are required. In such cases proposers have to ensure and provide evidence of the adequate clearance of all relevant facilities. Consortia have to clarify issues such as e.g. access to classified information or export or transfer control with the national authorities of their Member States/Horizon 2020 associated countries prior to submitting the proposal. Proposals need to provide a draft security classification guide, indicating the expected levels of classification. Appropriate arrangements will have to be included in the consortium agreement.

The Work Programme will indicate which topics are likely to lead to a security scrutiny.

This applies primarily to the actions under Part III of the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme, Societal Challenge 7 'Secure Societies — Protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens', but the provisions may appear in other parts. These references do not however preclude a different assessment following the security scrutiny. To that effect positively evaluated proposals involving sensitive or classified information will be flagged to the members of the Secure Societies Programme Committee configuration and dealt with according to its Rules for Procedure.

These provisions do not apply to prizes.

⁴⁵ http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/other/hi/secur/h2020-hi-guide-classif_en.pdf