

J. Classified Information

In the case of actions involving security-related activities special provisions for classified information (as defined in Commission Decision 2001/844/EC, ECSC, Euratom) 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 ('Foreground') 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/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.

Topics in the work programme that are most likely to lead to classified projects include the following reference:

“Projects addressing this topic may involve the use of classified background information (EU or national) or the production of security sensitive foreground information. As such, certain project deliverables may require security classification. The final decision on the classification of projects is subject to the security evaluation.”

This applies primarily to the Secure Societies challenge, 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.