



**SOG-IS Recognition Agreement
Management Committee
Policies and Procedures**

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Introduction

- 1 In the Common Criteria area, the JIL and the work of its subgroups is a major success. The JHAS subgroup is often cited as a key group for its competency and its productions which always become mandatory supporting documents for smartcards and similar devices evaluations. The JTEMS group, which is much younger, also delivers some much awaited documents by the POI community.
- 2 The very role of these groups is to define, refine and exchange information on the CC methodology and more specifically on the vulnerability assessment part (AVA_VAN).
- 3 This success leads to the fact that these groups are “the place to be” when an entity wants to be in touch with the main actors of these domains.
- 4 However as these groups grow up and more entities want to join these groups, their efficiencies could go down. So, there is a need to have a document describing the rules and expectations for organisations to participate to these subgroups.

Applying members

- 5 The general rules are applicable to all applying organisations, but according to the role of the organisation, some specific rules are added.

General rules

Technical Usefulness of the application

- 6 The applying entity should demonstrate its need to be a member of the subgroup and reciprocally the gain for the subgroup to have its participation.
- 7 The applying entity shall belong to a recognized organization/corporation.

Attendance

- 8 The applying entity shall accept a minimum participation level of 75% in subgroup meetings and actively respond to the tasks asked by the chairman. A single representative and a back-up should be defined.

Confidentiality and legal aspects

- 9 Due to the sensitivity of the topics discussed in the subgroup meeting, the confidentiality of the discussion must be guaranteed by respecting the relevant subgroup TOR.
- 10 For some of the topics concerning cryptography, cryptanalysis and high-end measurement equipments, the Wassenaar arrangement could apply, especially the "List of dual-use goods and technologies", category 5, part 2, "Information security" are relevant.

Certification Bodies

- 11 CBs represented in the JIWG are considered a *de facto* member of all subgroups.
- 12 Other SOGIS participants are allowed to apply for membership.
- 13 Certification Bodies operating outside the European region¹ can only apply for membership under the terms of a liaison.

¹ Note that where European region is mentioned this shall be interpreted as nations within the European Union and EFTA as defined by the SOGIS-MRA.

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- 14 The purpose of a liaison is to strengthen the technical capabilities on both sides and to inform each other on technical developments. This liaison essentially includes coordination meetings at the CB level and the exchange of an observer representative attending each other subgroup meetings as specified in the liaison agreement.
- 15 It is expected that a liaison request is sent from an already existing and active consortium or community. Therefore other schemes wishing to have a liaison are encouraged to setup a consortium or community with all their stakeholders in the technical domain covered by a subgroup.

Laboratories

- 16 Laboratories operating under a SOG-IS MRA Qualified CB are allowed to apply for membership.
- 17 Laboratories originating within the European region supported by a SOG-IS MRA Qualified CB are allowed to apply for membership (written support letter required).
- 18 Laboratories originating outside the European region (and not operating under a SOG-IS MRA Qualified CB) can only apply for membership under the terms of a liaison.

Developers

- 19 Developers that have relevant products evaluated in Europe by a European laboratory under an appropriate scheme (e.g. SOG-IS MRA, CCRA, etc.) are allowed to apply for membership.
- 20 It is not intended that subgroup participation is used as a means to gain experience to start evaluating products and to enable start doing business in Europe.

End Users

- 21 End-user groups or organisations (e.g. Payment schemes, Telco's, etc.) that have their business in Europe are allowed to apply for membership.

Application assessment

- 22 Applicants, not being a Certification Body are required to submit their completed application form (see Annex) to the chairman of the relevant subgroup.
- 23 The application form will be assessed by the relevant subgroup on the technical capabilities of the applicant and their potential and willingness to actively contribute to the subgroup goals. As part of this assessment there could be a request to the applicant to provide a technical presentation.
- 24 Furthermore the willingness of the applicant to obey the confidentiality rules and to respect the intellectual property rights of the members will be assessed.
- 25 The results of these assessments and the advice of the subgroup must be forwarded to the JIWG for final approval.
- 26 Applications from a CB will follow a different process and have to be submitted to the chair of the JIWG. In this case the JIWG will perform the assessment and will coordinate the result with the SOG-IS MC.

Existing members

- 27 All subgroup members (except *de facto* members) will have to renew their application every 3 years.
- 28 Any member who no longer complies with the general rules defined above may be excluded from the subgroup.

JIL Subgroup Application Form

Organisation's rights and obligations are described in the JIL Application Rules document available on the SOGIS website www.sogisportal.eu.

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| Subgroup participation | |
| Organisation's Name | |
| Business description | |
| Main Contact details | Name: Email: |
| Back-up Details | Name: Email: |
| Attachments to be provided | Reciprocity benefit (required): Support letter (if applicable): PGP key(s): |

The organisation agrees to cover travel expenses and to provide enough time to the organisation representative to prepare and to attend subgroup meetings.

If allowed to participate to the cited JIL subgroup, the organisation agrees to accept and respect the subgroup TOR.

The organisation is aware that for some of the topics concerning cryptography, cryptanalysis and high-end measurement equipments, the Wassenaar arrangement could apply, especially the "List of dual-use goods and technologies", category 5, part 2, "Information security" for more information.

Name, title and organisation,
agrees to uphold the general conditions for applying to a JIL subgroup and requests the registration of this application form for the cited JIL subgroup.

At _____, the

[Signature on behalf of the organisation]