Annex 2. Submission form for the expression of interest

***IMPORTANT NOTICE***

*Those submitting expressions of interest must use this template for their submission (designed to highlight important aspects and facilitate the assessment against the award criteria).*

***Character*** *and* ***page limits****:*

1. *page limit: 90 pages*
2. *minimum font size — Arial 8 points*
3. *page size: A4*
4. *margins (top, bottom, left and right): at least 15 mm (not including headers & footers).*

*Please abide by the formatting rules. They are not a target! Keep your text as concise as possible. Do not use hyperlinks to show information that is an essential part of your project.*

*Please include in the header (top left) of each page the reference acronym of the expression of interest.*

*Before filling in this form, please read carefully the relevant CfEI, and any other reference documents related to this call available on our site:* [*Call for Expressions of Interest - European Union (europa.eu)*](https://cybersecurity-centre.europa.eu/funding-opportunities/call-expressions-interest_en)

*Please make sure that your expression of interest:*

1. *is submitted on the correct form, completed in full and dated;*
2. *is signed by the person authorised to enter into legally binding commitments on behalf of the participant;*
3. *meets the submission arrangements set out in the CfEI;*
4. *is submitted by the deadline.*

 *Paragraphs in italics are intended as explanatory guidance for the submission and shall be deleted before bidding.*

 *Don’t forget to delete this box and explanatory text in italics.*

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| **PROGRAMME CONCERNED** |
| **XXX**  |
| **REFERENCE NUMBER OF THE CALL OF EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** |
| XXX |
| **SUMMARY OF THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** |
| Reference name of the expression of interest:  |
| Reference acronym of the expression of interest: |
| Identity of the coordinator: |
| Consortium: *YES/NO*  |
| Enlargement of an existing cross-border SOC platform: YES/NOIn case of enlargement of an existing cross-border SOC platform, please indicate the name/acronym of the existing platform |
| Summary of the expression of interest: (*in EN, max 1000 words)*  |
| Conditions for accepting additional participating partners if selected. Please include also the indicative amounts of the contribution of the additional participating partners. In case of enlargement of an existing cross-border SOC platform, please indicate how the additional participating partners have been selected, the conditions foreseen and their contribution to the SOC platform.  |

**2. Information on the expression of interest**

*Please provide a detailed description of the project, its* ***relevance and impact****. For this purpose, please describe how it will address the key features of a cross-border SOC platform defined in depth in Section 4.2 of the CfEI.*

*Please note that the expression of interest should also take into consideration the eligibility and award criteria displayed in Section 6 of the CfEI.*

*Please provide, in complement to this Submission Form, official letters of support from the bodies of the participating MS.*

2.1 Description of the project, relevance and impact.

*Please provide a description of the proposed cross-border SOC platform/solution for the enlargement of the cross-border SOC platform according to the key features is described in Section 4.2 of the CfEI.*

**- General concept and governance**

**- Interoperability**

**- Data management**

**- Contribution to EU situational awareness**

**- Highly secure infrastructure and state-of-the-art technologies and tools**

**- Provision of other services and activities to strengthen EU detection capabilities**

2.2 Goods and services to be jointly procured and Total cost of acquisition (TCA)

*Please provide a description of the proposed cross-border SOC platform/enlargement of the existing cross-border SOC platform according to this key feature, which is described in the award criteria of Section 6 of the CfEI.*

*The information should include detailed information about the types of goods and services to be procured through the joint procurement(s) for the purpose of setting up/enlarging the cross-border platforms and their projected costs.*

2.3 Completed model hosting and usage agreement

*Please provide a completed version of Appendix V of the model hosting and usage agreement found in Annex 3 of this CfEI. This will supplement the model hosting and usage agreement with those hosting and usage elements which are specific to this application.*

*In case of enlargement of an existing cross-border SOC platform, please provide a revised version of the hosting and usage elements specific to the application.*

2.4 Coordinator’s mandate from each participating Member State

*Please provide a completed copy of Annex 4 (‘Commitment and Mandate letter’) from each participating Member State empowering the consortium’s coordinator to act on their behalf. This should contain a commitment to transfer the necessary funds to the coordinator for the purpose of the joint procurement(s) with the ECCC.*

*In case of enlargement of an existing cross-border SOC platform, please provide a completed copy of Annex 4 (‘Commitment and Mandate letter’) from each* ***new*** *participating Member State empowering the consortium’s coordinator to act on their behalf. This should contain a commitment to transfer the necessary funds to the coordinator for the purpose of the joint procurement(s) with the ECCC.*

2.5 Complementarity with any potential separate application for a grant

*Please provide a short description of the complementarity with any potential separate application for a grant to be submitted under the separate call for grant proposals on SOCs[[1]](#footnote-1)*

By submitting an expression of interest, the participant accepts that, in case of award, certain data like the name, locality and amount (amongst others) will be published.

By submitting an expression of interest, the participants of the consortium accept the terms and conditions set out in the CfEI. In case of enlargement of existing cross-border SOC, the members of the current consortium agree to the extension of the Hosting Consortium and accept the terms and conditions for enlargement set out in the CfEI.

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| I declare that all information provided in this submission form and its annexes is correct.Date: Signature of the legal representative  of the coordinator organisation |

1. See section DIGITAL-ECCC-2022-CYBER-03-SOCPLAT - Capacity building of Security Operation Centres (SOCs) in the [call-fiche\_digital-eccc-2024-cyber-07\_en.pdf (europa.eu)](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/digital/wp-call/2024/call-fiche_digital-eccc-2024-deploy-cyber-07_en.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)