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 applicant: |
| Summary of the expression of interest: (*in EN, max 1000 words)* |

**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 National 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, as mandatory annexes to this Submission Form, official letters of designation of the National Cyber Hub/National SOC from the relevant bodies of the participating MS.*

2.1 Description of the project, relevance and impact.

*Please provide a description of the proposed solution for creating or strengthening the National Cyber Hub/National SOC according to the key features described in Section 4.2 of the CfEI.*

**- General concept and organisation**

**- 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 National Cyber Hub/National 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 or strengthening the National Cyber Hub/National SOC 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.*

2.4 Applicant’s commitment to ensure co-funding

*Please provide a completed copy of Annex 4 (‘Commitment letter’) from the participating Member State empowering the National Cyber Hub/National SOC to submit the application to this call for expression of interest. This should contain a commitment to transfer the necessary funds to ECCC 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 the 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 participant accepts the terms and conditions 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 National Cyber Hub/National SOC organisation |

1. See section DIGITAL-ECCC-2024-CYBER-07-SOC - National 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)