



SecurePART

Increasing the Engagement of Civil Society in Security Research

The **SecurePART** project aims at enhancing the influence of civil society on formulating, implementing and monitoring **EU security research**. Strengthening civil society participation is necessary in order to foster **inclusiveness and accountability** of the research process, ensure **legitimacy and relevance** of research outcomes, and mitigate negative impacts such as **violations of ethical principles, fundamental rights, or privacy of the citizens**. **SecurePART** directs its efforts toward **four strategic objectives**.

OBJECTIVES

1

Document the state-of-the-art of **CSO participation in the European security research**

2

Promote collaboration links among **CSOs and other stakeholders, i.e. public security providers, technology developers, policy makers, and researchers**

3

Explore institutional opportunities within the **EU security research regime** in order to contribute to more inclusive, responsible and legitimate **governance of R&D**

4

Propose an action plan and define strategies to increase **CSO engagement** in both co-shaping and implementing of **security research**

WORKPLAN

ACTIVITY 1 Analysis and Studies

WP1
Analysis of current CSO involvement in EU FP7 research

WP2
Review of acceptability issues in non-security R&D fields

WP3
Intra-, Inter-, and Trans-CSO analysis for Security Research

ACTIVITY 2 Increase the engagement of CSOs in security research

WP4
Empowerment of CSOs to connect and collaborate with other key stakeholders

STAKEHOLDERS BOARD

ACTIVITY 3 Future strategy & action plan

WP5
Communication & Action Plan for CSOs to strengthen their participation in EU Security Research governance

WP6
Dissemination and networking with policy makers, researchers, CSOs, technology developers, End-users

WP7
Project coordination



As part of the analysis about the CSO involvement in European Security Research, the SecurePART project members have decided to conduct a set of tailored interviews with civil society representatives and key security experts to gather data on the existing involvement. These interviews will allow to have a clear picture of the involvement of civil society actors in security issues, using a bottom-up evaluation methodology.

TO BETTER KNOW THIS INVOLVEMENT WE WILL LIKE TO KNOW:

1

To what extent CSO's activity have been relevant in security-related research issues?

2

To what extent CSO's have implemented effective security-related research activities?

3

To what extent CSO's activity allowed to change ideas, initiatives or programmes on security-related research and to establish a shared vision of potential impacts, risks and/or ethical issues associated with?

- The interview will take about **20-30 minutes** and could be done by **phone or face-to-face**.
- We would like to kindly ask you if the topics of our study are of the interest of your organisation and if you would accept being interviewed by one of our partners. **Timing can be arranged at your preference between September-October 2014**.
- ALL the data collected in the interviews will be used strictly within the aspects of the project and will be kept CONFIDENTIAL.**



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