

SOG-IS MRA

A European Certification System



As a candidate scheme to the European Certification Framework, SOG-IS MRA commits to continuously adapting to comply with European legislation as well as international agreements, where applicable, in order to avoid unnecessary barriers to trade, including WTO principles, or unnecessarily distorting the EU internal market.

SOG-IS has more than 20 years of experience. It therefore offers its expertise within the field of evaluation and certification of products for building further schemes under the European Certification Framework.

About SOG-IS MRA

The SOG-IS („Senior Officials Group Information Systems Security“) MRA („Mutual Recognition Agreement“) was produced in response to the EU Council Decision of March 31st 1992 (92/242/EEC) in the field of security of information systems, and the subsequent Council recommendation of April 7th (1995/144/EC) on common information technology security evaluation criteria.

The agreement was updated in January 2010 and the full text can be downloaded from the Web site <http://www.sogis.eu>. Participants in this Agreement are government organisations or government agencies from countries of the European Union or EFTA (European Free Trade Association), representing their country or countries. As of February 2018, there are 15 members and is open for all members of the European Union or EFTA.

The participants in this agreement share the following objectives:

- a) to ensure that evaluations of Information Technology (IT) products and protection profiles¹ are performed to high and consistent standards, and are seen to contribute significantly to confidence in the security of those products and profiles;
- b) to improve the availability of evaluated, security-enhanced IT products and protection profiles;
- c) to eliminate the burden of duplicating evaluations of IT products and protection profiles;
- d) to continuously improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the evaluation and certification processes for IT products and protection profiles.

SOG-IS MRA supports the certification of protection profiles whenever the European commission launches a directive that should be implemented in national laws as far as IT-security is involved.

¹ Protection Profile refers to technical specification of common requirements