



Partnerships for Secure & Innovative IT Infrastructures in Critical Financial Services

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The Project Idea: a Real-World Proving Ground

The continually increasing number of regulations is a mayor pain-point within the finance industry!

SIGNAL IDUNA Group

- is a German insurance and financial services group serving millions of customers, focused on health, life, property and general liability insurance
- Is a large enterprise with headquarters in Dortmund and Hamburg
- *Specifics:* wide product portfolio and strong regional presence
- has a long tradition: brand has existed since 1907, but the company's oldest roots go back to 1875
- Has grown, complex IT infrastructure & data landscape

Goal: To co-develop and validate next-generation solutions that secure critical financial IT infrastructure.

Our Challenge: as a complex, heterogeneous infrastructure, we must constantly innovate while ensuring strict compliance with regulations like DORA and KRITIS.

Our Proposal: We offer our complex, large-scale operational environment as a living lab. We want to partner with you to develop use cases, implement and test solutions that address real-world security and innovation challenges in the financial sector.

Focus Areas:

Advanced Threat Detection & Response

AI-driven Security Operations

Resilient Cloud Architectures

Topics of Interest:

EU Horizon Europe and *Digital Europe Programmes* topics that target business and challenges and risks of implementation of the new regulations

Horizon Europe

HE-Cluster 3 - Destinations - Resilient Infrastructure & Cybersecurity

HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-INFRA-02: Impact of malicious use of Open-Source Intelligence on critical infrastructure business continuity

HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-INFRA-01: Tools and processes to support stress tests of critical infrastructure

HORIZON-CL3-2026-01-INFRA-03: Targeted innovative capabilities for the resilience of critical entities to natural and human-induced disasters, including hybrid scenarios

HORIZON-CL3-2027-01-INFRA-01: Enhancing physical protection of critical infrastructures

Digital Europe Programme

DIGITAL-ECCC-2025-DEPLOY-CYBER-09-CYBERAI Cybersecure tools, technologies and services relying on AI

DIGITAL-ECCC-2025-DEPLOY-CYBER-09-UPTAKE: Uptake of innovative cybersecurity solutions for SMEs

Why Partner With Us?

Real-World Impact

move beyond the lab. Implement and validate your solution in a demanding, live environment of a major insurance group.

Deep Domain Insight

We provide direct access to technical experts and crucial regulatory requirements (DORA, KRITIS) specific to the finance and insurance industry.

Be a Key Player

Your solution can become a core component of a critical infrastructure's security and innovation strategy. We don't just test; we aim to adopt successful solutions.

Expertise Sought

Cybersecurity solutions tailored for the financial sector.

Innovative tools for managing complex, hybrid IT infrastructures.

Technologies that directly support DORA compliance mandates.

Partner Profile: Who We Are Looking For

- **Universities & research centres with Expertise in Cyber Security**
- **Technology providers : SMEs, start-ups & established companies with market-ready or near-market solutions**
- **Integration partners to support integration of innovative technologies into our infrastructure and support deployment**
- **Training providers to support capacity building and rollout and upscale of compliant technologies**

to build a consortium
of different stakeholder types
and an innovation eco-system

Your Role

Actively contribute to the solution's development and integration based on our requirements.

Work alongside our teams to deploy and validate the technology.

Jointly aim for a successful implementation and long-term partnership.

Our Technological & EU Project Leadership Expertise

Successfully coordinated the **SOC CER** - Security Operation Centres Capacity building for European Resilience EU project

Advanced Technology Implementation

SOC CER strengthened Europe's cyber defence capabilities by developing an innovative software and of the Threat Intelligence Sharing Platform (open source) <https://soccer.sztaki.hun-ren.hu/our-solutions/tis-platform/> & <https://eu-tis.trout.software/> & [TIS on GitHub](#)



Project development, Proposal Preparation and Project Coordination

- in-house expertise with 18 years of experience as an EU Grant Manager
- full lifecycle support of EU-funded projects: from idea generation and proposal writing to grant management, coordination, and successful reporting, reviews and closure.

We offer a unique opportunity to validate and scale your technology in a critical, real-world financial environment, led by an experienced and reliable partner.

Let's build the future of secure and resilient financial services together.



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