



Ex-Ante cybersecurity Federated Digital Twin-based Cyber Range and managed security services for offshore wind farms

Annex 9

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IPR AND BACKGROUND DECLARATION

OPEN CALL 1

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Instructions for Applicants

This declaration enables the AENAON consortium to assess, at proposal stage, the intellectual property, background and third-party rights on which the applicant intends to rely, and to verify compliance with the security and EU strategic-autonomy requirements applicable to the AENAON Open Call. It records the relevant rights and restrictions but does not transfer ownership, determine ownership of results or itself create any licence or access right. The binding provisions governing intellectual property, ownership, access rights, exploitation and use by selected recipients are set out in the Sub-Grant Agreement and in Section 11 of the Guidelines for Applicants. Where required under the Sub-Grant Agreement, selected recipients must grant AENAON the limited, non-exclusive, royalty-free operational rights necessary for integration, verification, training and demonstration during implementation. Any limitation or condition affecting the grant or exercise of such rights for a particular background item must be disclosed in Section B. If the proposal is selected, this declaration will be attached to the Sub-Grant Agreement and will apply as submitted, subject to any changes notified to and accepted by AENAON before signature.

For a consortium proposal, the lead applicant may submit one consolidated declaration covering all participating legal entities, provided that each background item, third-party component and restriction is clearly attributed to the relevant legal entity. Each participating legal entity remains responsible for the accuracy of the information concerning its own intellectual property, licences and access rights. AENAON may require separate confirmations or signatures from individual consortium members during contract preparation.

For consortium proposals, this declaration must be signed by the authorised representative of the lead applicant. Where requested by AENAON, each consortium member must provide a separate signed confirmation covering the items attributed to it.

Completion and submission requirements

- Complete all sections and mark non-applicable items clearly as “N/A”.
- Attribute each background item, third-party component and restriction to the relevant participating legal entity.
- Attach supporting explanations or evidence where the ownership, licence, restriction or intended use cannot be understood from the tables.
- Notify AENAON in writing without undue delay of any material change before signature of the Sub-Grant Agreement or during implementation.
- Submit the completed and signed declaration through the official AENAON Open Call portal.

The final Open Call Notice, the Guidelines for Applicants, the Sub-Grant Agreement and applicable EU and DIGITAL Europe Programme rules prevail in the event of inconsistency.

1. Applicant identification

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Applicant / lead applicant (legal name)	[Insert]
Legal entity ID (PIC) / country	[Insert]
Proposal title / acronym	[Insert]
Number of participating legal entities	[Insert / N/A]

2. Background intellectual property

List the pre-existing background - knowledge, data, software, tools, standards materials and third-party rights - that the applicant and each consortium member, where applicable, intends to use during the sub-project, in accordance with Section 11.1 of the Guidelines. Add rows as needed. Background not declared here, or subsequently notified, may not be integrated into the AENAON platform or used in AENAON training or dissemination activities until it has been declared and the applicable rights have been confirmed.

Background item (knowledge, data, software, tool or standard)	Owner / holder	Nature of rights (owned / licensed / other)	Intended use in the sub-project	Can operational rights be granted to AENAON? (Yes/No)
[Insert]	[Insert]	[Insert]	[Insert]	[Insert]
[Insert]	[Insert]	[Insert]	[Insert]	[Insert]
[Insert]	[Insert]	[Insert]	[Insert]	[Insert]

3. Third-party and open-source components

List any third-party software, data, content, standards, models or other materials - including open-source software components, commercially licensed tools and datasets - to be used in the sub-project, together with their licence terms, in accordance with Sections 11.1 and 11.4 of the Guidelines. Use of such materials must be consistent with the applicable licence terms, confidentiality obligations and the security requirements of the AENAON project.

Component / material	Provider / source	Licence type	Compatibility confirmed (Yes/No)
[Insert]	[Insert]	[Insert]	[Insert]
[Insert]	[Insert]	[Insert]	[Insert]
[Insert]	[Insert]	[Insert]	[Insert]

4. Strategic-autonomy and control restrictions

In accordance with Section 11.1 of the Guidelines, background that is subject to control or restrictions by a non-eligible country or entity must not be used in the sub-project. Please confirm:

☐ None of the background, third-party or open-source items listed above is subject to control or restriction by a non-eligible country or entity; OR

☐ The following item(s) may be subject to such control or restriction and are described below for assessment by AENAON. The item(s) will not be used unless AENAON confirms eligibility.

Item potentially subject to control/restriction	Nature of the restriction / controlling country or entity
[Insert / N/A]	[Insert / N/A]
[Insert / N/A]	[Insert / N/A]

5. Encumbrances affecting implementation or exploitation

Declare any existing licensing arrangements, third-party rights, confidentiality obligations, encumbrances or disputes that could affect the applicant's ability to implement the proposed action or to exploit its results within four years of the end of the sub-project, in accordance with Section 11.5 of the Guidelines. If none, state "None".

Explanation / supporting reference
[Insert / None]
[Insert / N/A]

6. Declaration and signature

By signing this declaration, the authorised legal representative of the applicant or, for a consortium proposal, the lead applicant confirms that:

- the information provided in Sections 1-5 is complete and accurate to the best of their knowledge

- the applicant holds, or will hold before the relevant activities, the intellectual property and access rights necessary to carry out the proposed action
- no background subject to control or restriction by a non-eligible country or entity will be used in the sub-project except where expressly confirmed as eligible by AENAON
- the use of all third-party and open-source components complies with their licence terms and with the confidentiality and security requirements of the AENAON project
- the applicant acknowledges that the binding intellectual property, ownership, access-rights, exploitation and publication-review provisions are set out in the Sub-Grant Agreement and in Section 11 of the Guidelines for Applicants
- any false or misleading statement may lead to inadmissibility, ineligibility or, if discovered after award, termination of the Sub-Grant Agreement and recovery of funds in accordance with Section 9.5 of the Guidelines.

Name of legal representative	[Insert]
Position / title	[Insert]
Organisation	[Insert]
Place and date	[Insert]
Signature	[Insert signature or approved electronic signature]

This declaration forms part of the mandatory proposal package. Failure to submit a completed and signed declaration where required may result in the proposal being declared inadmissible (Guidelines, Section 4.1.1).