

## The ASSERT Database of Experts in Societal Security

***Are you an expert in societal security?***

***Do you want to be an expert in societal security?***

***Are you familiar with the latest tools for assessing the social  
impacts of security technologies and practices?***

***Do you want to know more about how developments in societal  
security are shaping European security policy and research?***

***Are you interested in being an evaluator of DG Enterprise and  
Security research proposals for Horizon 2020?***

If your answer to any of the questions above is 'yes', then you should join the ASSERT Database of Experts in Societal Security.

### ***What is the ASSERT Database of Experts in Societal Security?***

ASSERT is a European Commission funded research project designed to consolidate and develop contemporary thinking about how to assess and accommodate the social impacts of security research, policy and practice. A key element of the ASSERT project is to create a 'body of experts' with expertise in societal security and to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and best practice. Through the ASSERT project this pool of expertise will also have the opportunity to shape the governance and design of European Commission funded research.

### ***The benefits of joining the ASSERT Database***

Membership of the ASSERT database will provide opportunities to:

- keep up to date with latest developments in societal security,
- interact and share knowledge with other experts in societal security,
- disseminate information about you own expertise, projects and products,
- identify new research and collaborative opportunities,

- participate in a fully funded certified Masterclass in Societal Security,
- have access to latest tools and techniques for assessing the social impacts and consequences of security systems and practices, and
- have access to research findings and recommendations emanating from the ASSERT project and other European Commission initiatives in this area.

### **More about ASSERT**

The ASSERT project started in May 2013 and its findings are to be incorporated into the delivery of Horizon 2020. Participants in the ASSERT Database will include academics, practitioners, policy-makers, end-users, European Commission research evaluators and others working in the field of societal security. More information about the ASSERT project can be found on the ASSERT website, URL: [www.assert-project.eu](http://www.assert-project.eu). In the meantime, if you would like any further information about the project you are very welcome to contact either myself or the ASSERT Project Manager, Florian Fritz ([florian.fritz@irks.at](mailto:florian.fritz@irks.at)).

### **What to do next**

To join the ASSERT database of Societal Security experts please complete the short survey available at the following link, this should only take about 5 minute of your time, URL: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/PP668J3>.

I look forward to hearing from you soon,

Yours sincerely,



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