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Enhancing research security in the context of the **European Economic Security Strategy**

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European Economic Security Strategy

- Joint Communication published on 20 July 2023
- Strategy based on three pillars: promoting, protecting and partnering. R&I relevant in all three pillars
- Risks related to technology security and technology leakage defined as one (out of four) main risks to economic security
- List of critical technology areas for further risk assessment with the Member States, published on 3 October 2023



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Implications for R&I

- Explore options to ensure adequate, strategically targeted support for dual-use technology development
- Enhancing research security:
 - (1) Horizon Europe safeguards
 - (2) Actions at national and sectoral level

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Research security: Horizon Europe safeguards

- Art. 22(5) makes it possible to limit participation to safeguard the EU's strategic assets, interests, autonomy or security
- Art. 22(6) allows insertion of additional eligibility criteria to take account of specific policy requirements or the nature and objectives of the action
- Art. 40(4) provides to the Commission or relevant funding bodies the right to object to transfer of ownership of results, if not in line with the Union interests

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Research security: actions at national and sectoral level

- In line with ERA policy agenda: Toolkit on Countering Foreign Interference published, Mutual Learning Exercise ongoing, development of one-stop-shop
- May 2023: COMPET policy debate on 'knowledge security and responsible internationalisation'
- Exploratory meetings with MS experts in March and June 2023.
Next meeting: 11 October

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Aim and principles

- Programmatic approach, based on coherent package of key actions
- Relying on self-governance by the sector, providing support and guidance at national and EU level
- Commitment of all MS needed, with active involvement of sector organisations
- Joint problem definition, shared sense of urgency

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