**Secure societies – Protecting freedom and security of Europe and its citizens**

This Challenge is about undertaking the research and innovation activities needed to protect our citizens, society and economy as well as our infrastructures and services, our prosperity, political stability and wellbeing.

The primary aims of the Secure Societies Challenge are:

* to enhance the resilience of our society against natural and man-made disasters, ranging from the development of new crisis management tools to communication interoperability, and to develop novel solutions for the protection of critical infrastructure;
* to fight crime and terrorism ranging from new forensic tools to protection against explosives;
* to improve border security, ranging from improved maritime border protection to supply chain security and to support the Union's external security policies including through conflict prevention and peace building;
* and to provide enhanced cyber-security, ranging from secure information sharing to new assurance models.

**2015 Calls**

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| **Nr.** | **Open call** | **Opening date** | **Deadline** | |
|  | **Call 1 - Disaster-resilience: safeguarding and securing society, including adapting to climate change** | | | |
| **1** | DRS-1-2015: Crisis management topic 1: Potential of current and new measures and technologies to respond to extreme weather and climate events | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **2** | DRS-3-2015: Crisis management topic 3: Demonstration activity on large scale disasters and crisis management and resilience of EU external assets against major identified threats or causes of crisis7 | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **3** | DRS-6-2015: Crisis management topic 6: Addressing standardisation opportunities in support of increasing disaster resilience in Europe | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **4** | DRS-9-2014/2015: Disaster Resilience & Climate Change topic 1: Science and innovation for adaptation to climate change: from assessing costs, risks and opportunities to demonstration of options and practices | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **5** | DRS-10-2015: Disaster Resilience & Climate Change topic 2: Natural Hazards: Towards risk reduction science and innovation plans at national and European level | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **6** | DRS-11-2015: Disaster Resilience & Climate Change topic 3: Mitigating the impacts of climate change and natural hazards on cultural heritage sites, structures and artefacts | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **7** | DRS-12-2015: Critical Infrastructure Protection topic 1: Critical Infrastructure “smart grid” protection and resilience under “smart meters” threats | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **8** | DRS-13-2015: Critical Infrastructure Protection topic 2: Demonstration activity on tools for adapting building and infrastructure standards and design methodologies in vulnerable locations in case of natural or man-originated catastrophes | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **9** | DRS-14-2015: Critical Infrastructure Protection topic 3: Critical Infrastructure resilience indicator - analysis and development of methods for assessing resilience | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **10** | DRS-15-2015: Critical Infrastructure Protection topic 4: Protecting potentially hazardous and sensitive sites/areas considering multi-sectorial dependencies | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **11** | DRS-17-2014/2015: Critical infrastructure protection topic 7: SME instrument topic: “Protection of urban soft targets and urban critical infrastructures” | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **12** | DRS-22-2015: Ethical/Societal Dimension topic 3: Impact of climate change in third countries on Europe's security | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
|  | **Call 2 – Fight against crime and Terrorism** | | | |
| **1** | FCT-1-2015: Forensics topic 1: Tools and infrastructure for the fusion, exchange and analysis of big data including cyber-offenses generated data for forensic investigation | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **2** | FCT-2-2015. Forensic topic 2: Advanced easy to use in-situ forensic tools at the scene of crime | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **3** | FCT-3-2015: Forensics topic 3: Mobile, remotely controlled technologies to examine a crime scene in case of an accident or a terrorist attack involving CBRNE materials | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **4** | FCT-4-2015: Forensics topic 4: Internet Forensics to combat organized crime | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **5** | FCT-6-2015: Law Enforcement capabilities 2: Detection and analysis of terrorist-related content on the Internet | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **6** | FCT-9-2015: Law Enforcement capabilities topic 5: Identity Management | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **7** | FCT-15-2015: Ethical/Societal Dimension Topic 3: Better understanding the role of new social media networks and their use for public security purposes | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **8** | FCT-16-2015: Ethical/Societal Dimension Topic 4 - Investigating the role of social, psychological and economic aspects of the processes that lead to organized crime (including cyber related offenses), and/or terrorist networks and their impact on social cohesion | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **9** | FCT-17-2015: Fast track to Innovation Topic | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
|  | **Call 3 – Border Security and External Security** | | | |
| **1** | BES-2-2015: Maritime Border Security topic 2: Low cost and “green” technologies for EU coastal border surveillance | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **2** | BES-4-2015: Maritime Border Security topic 4: Detection of low flying aircraft at near shore air space | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **3** | BES-5-2015: Border crossing points topic 1: Novel mobility concepts for land border security | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **4** | BES-6-2015: Border crossing points topic 2: Exploring new modalities in biometric-based border checks | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **5** | BES-7-2015: Border crossing points topic 3: Optimization of border control processes and planning | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **6** | BES-8-2015: Supply Chain Security topic 1: Development of an enhanced non-intrusive (stand-off) scanner | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **7** | BES-10-2015: Information management topic 1: Civilian humanitarian mission personnel tracking | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
| **8** | BES-13-2015: Conflict prevention and peace building topic 2: Training curricula for Conflict Prevention and Peace Building personnel | 25/03/2015 | 27/08/2015 | |
|  | **Call 4 – Digital Security: Cybersecurity, Privacy and Trust** | | | |
| **1** | DS-3-2015: The role of ICT in Critical Infrastructure Protection | 11/12/2013 | | 21/04/2015 |
| **2** | DS-4-2015: Secure Information Sharing | 11/12/2013 | | 21/04/2015 |
| **3** | DS-5-2015: Trust eServices | 11/12/2013 | | 21/04/2015 |