

Security Transparency Consortium FAQs about Working Groups

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1. First of all

This book is a collection of FAQs that members of the Security Transparency Consortium want to know and have questions about working group.

Please refer to this for information on selecting working group to join, activities after joining working group, withdrawing from working group, etc.

2. Questions that arise when joining

Q1) What working groups exist?

A1) As of August 2023, there is one working group. It will be as below. The number will increase in the future.

Visualization data utilization working group

- Provisions that need to be specially referenced

None

Q2) When join the consortium, which working group should be joined?

A2) Refer to the overview of working groups, it is better to join a working group in which you can make use of your corporation's technological strengths. If the activities of a working group do not match your corporation's technology, you can choose a working group in the field in which you are interested.

- Provisions that need to be specially referenced

None

Q3) Please tell us which corporations or organizations are already members of working groups.

A3) Please refer to the information posted on the Security Transparency Consortium's official website.

- Official website: <https://www.st-Consortium.org>

- Provisions that need to be specially referenced

None

Q4) Is there a limit to the number of working groups that I can join?

A4) No. However, after joining a working group, work will be assigned by that working group's chief examiner. It is necessary for each member to make adjustments so that they can complete the assigned work.

- Provisions that need to be specially referenced
Article 7 (Member's rights) and Article 9 (Member's obligations) of the Membership Regulations
Article 5 of the Working Group Operating Regulations (Duties of the Working Group Chief Examiner and Deputy Chief Examiner)

Q5) Can I withdraw from that working group at any time? Are there any restrictions on withdrawal?

A5) No. However, after joining a working group, work will be assigned by that working group's chief examiner. It is necessary for each member to make adjustments so that they can complete the assigned work.

- Provisions that need to be specially referenced
Article 7 (Member's rights) and Article 9 (Member's obligations) of the Membership Regulations
Article 5 of the Working Group Operating Regulations (Duties of the Working Group Chief Examiner and Vice-Chief Examiner))

Q6) Please tell me how to contact working group (contact point).

A6) After joining the Consortium, please contact the chief examiner of each working group. Before joining the Consortium, please inquire from the inquiry menu on the official website.

- Official website: <https://www.st-Consortium.org>
- Provisions that need to be specially referenced
Article 7 of the Membership Regulations (Member's rights)

Q7) How often will working group be held?

A7) Working group is held at the request of the chief examiner or affiliated members. The frequency is about 1-2 times a month.

- Provisions that need to be specially referenced
Article 8 of the Working Group Operating Regulations (Holding of working group)

Q8) What are the benefits for members to join working group?

A8) There are the following

- Tools handled by the working group can be used within working group.
- You can find out the information being investigated by working group.
- You can refer to the materials created by working group.
- Participate in working group activities and participate in deliberations and resolutions.
 - Provisions that need to be specially referenced
Article 6 of the Working Group Operating Regulations (Member's rights belonging to working group)

Q9) After joining that working group, can members participate in deliberations and resolutions?

A9) Yes. All members of working group may participate in the deliberations and resolutions of working group.

- Provisions that need to be specially referenced
Article 6 of the Working Group Operating Regulations (Member's rights belonging to working group)

Q10) What type of meeting format will working group take?

A10) Offline gathering format is the basic format. It is also possible to take the assigned work home with you.

- Provisions that need to be specially referenced
None

Q11) If working group makes a resolution, what format will it take?

A11) Offline gathering format is the basic format. It is also possible to take the assigned work home with you.

- Provisions that need to be specially referenced
None

Q12) What kind of work will members do after joining working group?

A12) The chief examiner will subdivide the work according to the Consortium activity objectives and working group activity policy. The working group chief examiner then assigns tasks to the members. The work includes creating standards for visualization data structure, creating procedure manuals, and creating inspection specifications.

- Provisions that need to be specially referenced
None

3. Questions that arise during working group activities

Q13) What are the obligations of members after joining working group?

A13) There are the following.

- Attendance at activities (continued absence may result in expulsion from Consortium membership).
- Carry out and complete the work assigned by working group chief examiner..
- Provisions that need to be specially referenced
 - Article 9 (Member's Obligations) and Article 11 (Expulsion) of the Membership Regulations
 - Article 7 of the Steering Committee Operating Regulations (Member admission examination and expulsion)
 - Article 7 of the Working Group Operating Regulations (Working group activities)

Q14) How is the working group's activity policy determined?

A14) After establishing working group, we will establish an activity policy at the initial stage of the activity and disseminate it to our members. It will also be published on the official website.

- Official website: <https://www.st-Consortium.org>
- Provisions that need to be specially referenced
 - Article 7 of the Working Group Operating Regulations (Working group activities)

Q15) Please tell me what kind of organizational structure each working group has.

A15) There is working group, and a team exists as a subordinate organization.

- Provisions that need to be specially referenced
 - Article 2 (Establishment and dissolution of working group) and Article 3 (Structure) of the Working Group Operating Regulations

Q16) Please tell us about the working group's current plan for activities (roadmap, etc.).

A16) TBD

- Provisions that need to be specially referenced
 - TBD

Q17) Is there any cooperation between each working group?

A17) If the chief examiners of each working group deem it necessary, they may collaborate on activities.

- Provisions that need to be specially referenced
 - None

Q18) Please tell me about the work of working group chairperson.

A18) There are 6 points below.

- Supervise the activities of working group and promote the activities based on various regulations and activity policies.
 - Create a list of members belonging to working group and report it to the steering committee.
 - Manage documents as the document management manager for that working group.
 - Report the status of that working group's activities to the steering committee.
 - Assign tasks to members in accordance with the activity policy of that working group.
 - Understand the activity status of members belonging to the relevant working group, and report to the steering committee for members who have no activity record.
- Provisions that need to be specially referenced
Article 5 of the Working Group Operating Regulations (Duties of the Working Group Chief Examiner and Deputy Chief Examiner)

Q19) Can I refer to past working group minutes and related materials?

A19) Yes. It can be downloaded from the document management system available to members and from the official website.

- Official website: <https://www.st-Consortium.org>
- Provisions that need to be specially referenced
None

4. Questions that arise after joining

Q20) Can I withdraw from that working group at any time? Are there any restrictions on withdrawal?

A20) There are no restrictions on withdrawal. In any working group, work is assigned by the chief examiner, so it is necessary to have a goal of completing the assigned work. In addition, if you withdraw from all working groups you have joined and have no intention of joining other working groups, you will be deemed to have violated Article 9 (Duties of Members), Paragraph 4 of the Membership Regulations, and Article 11 (Expulsion), Paragraph 1 (ii) of the Membership Regulations), a resolution for expulsion will be made at the steering committee.

- Provisions that need to be specially referenced
Article 7 (Member's rights), Article 9 (Member's obligations) and Article 11 (Expulsion) of the Membership Regulations
Article 6 of the Working Group Operating Regulations (Member's rights belonging to working group)

Q21) Please tell me how to contact working group (contact point).

A21) After joining the Consortium, please contact the chief examiner of each working group. Before joining the Consortium, please inquire from the inquiry menu on the official website.

- Official website: <https://www.st-Consortium.org>
- Provisions that need to be specially referenced
Article 7 of the Membership Regulations (Member's rights)

Q22) Please tell me how to join or withdraw from working group.

A22) Below we have described how to join and withdraw from working group.

- Joining working group
 - When joining the Consortium, you can select working group you wish to join (multiple selections are possible) along with the membership (withdrawal) application form.
 - If you wish to join another working group after joining the Consortium, submit a notification of membership to the chief examiner of that working group.
- Withdrawal from working group
 - Submit a notification of withdrawal to the chief examiner of the relevant working group.
 - Provisions that need to be specially referenced
Security Transparency Consortium Application Form for Membership(withdrawal)
Article 4 (Membership) and Article 7 (Member's rights) of the Membership Regulations)