



Statement on our Impartiality Policy

The main objective of the certification is that all interested parties are ensured of the trust in a system, a service, a product or a person that meets the requirements of a standard, whether this standard is normative, regulatory or accepted by a community of interests. The value of certification is related to the certifying body's competence and its assessor accordingly. And, as well, to its impartiality and independency towards third parties who are taking part, in one way or another, in its certification's system (such as clients, partners, employees, subcontractors, committee's members, etc).

In our profession and as a Certification Body, maintaining independency and ensuring the objectivity of our certification's decisions is a daily concern: each new situation – recruitment, partnership, new activity, etc – is subject to a risk analysis relating to potential conflicts of interest, of which result is saved and used for every certification request, in order to identify any conflict of interest and reducing them to the minimum by the choice of the assessors, subcontractors or our internal employee. If a situation put our company in conflict of interest and we are not able to take all the appropriate actions in order to eliminate it, the request for certification is declined.

In order to ensure our independency, we forbid ourselves to take part into a partnership with any company exercising security management systems consulting, which could be related to the activity of certification system management. Any third parties' statement regarding this independency would not have any value.

Our Certification Committee, which is composed of independent members and which represents all the different parties taking part in the certification, ensures the impartiality of our functioning rules and of our certification's decisions.

I am committed to respect this policy and to ensure that it is respected by any person taking part in the certification process.

Saint Malo, January 5th, 2022