



Cooperation Group for Information Security (SAMFI)

SAMFI is a cooperative network of authorities with specific societal information security responsibilities as identified by the government.

The MSB (Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency) earmarks resources for a SAMFI secretariat. Other SAMFI authorities contribute with those resources they can, as and when needed.

The purpose of SAMFI

SAMFI works to guarantee societal information assets as regards the ability to maintain the desired levels of confidentiality, accuracy and availability.

Through exchanges of information and cooperation the authorities in SAMFI support each other's work on societal information security.

Authorities in SAMFI

The following authorities cooperate in SAMFI:

- Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB)
- Swedish Post and Telecom Agency (PTS)
- Swedish National Defence Radio Establishment (FRA)
- Swedish Security Service (Säpo) and the Swedish Criminal Investigation Service (RKP)
- Swedish Defence Materiel Administration (FMV)/ Swedish Certification Body for IT Security (CSEC)
- Swedish Armed Forces (FM)/Military Intelligence and Security Service (MUST)

SAMFI's subject areas

SAMFI addresses issues mainly within the following subject areas:

- Strategy, action plan and legislation
- Technical issues and standardization
- National and international development in the field of information security
- Information
- Exercises and training
- Management and prevention of IT incidents

Examples of SAMFI activities:

National strategy for societal information security

The National Strategy for Societal Information Security which is produced by the MSB in conjunction with other authorities in SAMFI, is an important prerequisite for information security work in Sweden.

Action plan for societal information security

To realize the national strategy, the MSB, in conjunction with SAMFI, has produced an action plan for information security.

The first version of the action plan was published in 2008. In 2010 work began on a new version, which will apply from 2012 to 2014.

SVISA

The aim of SVISA (Support for information security work) is to increase information security in society by producing recommendations, guidelines and other material that can facilitate and support information security work in both the public and private sectors. Products are published regularly on: www.informationssakerhet.se

How SAMFI works

Representatives from the authorities in SAMFI meet approximately 6 times a year to discuss current work and issues within the field of societal information security.

After consensus in SAMFI, working groups can be appointed to work on current issues. A SAMFI authority is entitled but not obliged to participate in these working groups.

In the right-hand column are some examples of SAMFI working groups.

Background to SAMFI

A government strategy for societal information security was proposed in the government bill Societal Security and Preparedness (2001/02: 158). The strategy was supported by the four following authorities: the Swedish Emergency Management Agency (KBM), the Swedish Post and Telecom Agency (PTS), the Swedish Defence Materiel Administration (FMV), and the Swedish National Defence Radio Establishment (FRA).

To facilitate the cooperation between these authorities SAMFI was formed in 2003, and in connection with that the following were also invited to participate in SAMFI: the Swedish Armed Forces (FM)/Military Intelligence and Security Service (MUST), the Swedish Security Service (Säpo) and the Swedish Criminal Investigation Service (RKP). The MSB was created on 1 January 2009 and took over KBM's responsibility for SAMFI.

In its paper *Societal Emergency Preparedness – Strengthened Cooperation for Increased Security (2009/10:124)* the Swedish Government stressed the importance of the group's work:

- "SAMFI (...) has a particularly important role to play as its aim is to achieve cooperation between the government authorities that have specific tasks in the field of information security."

Examples of SAMFI working groups:

SAMFI WG Action plan

This WG supports the MSB in its work on developing an action plan for societal information security.

SAMFI WG Protection profiles

This WG works with the development of protection profiles in accordance with the Common Criteria Standard for priority product categories.

SAMFI WG Information Security Conference

This WG plans and holds the annual information security conference for the public sector.

SAMFI WG Terminology

This WG will process data for the forthcoming edition of SIS HB 550 Terminology for Information Security.

SAMFI WG CIAO course

This WG will support the Swedish National Defence College with the development and implementation of a Swedish version of the CIAO course (Chief Information Assurance Officer).

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