

IFIB:

**IFIB-ACT-SACT-18-75 Pilot Study:
Improving Strategic Foresight Analysis
(SFA) Using Data Science Tools and
Techniques, Automation and Software
Support to Analyst**

Reference:

Q & A # 9

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The following questions were raised with respect to subject IFIB. Responses are to provide clarification.

Questions	Responses
1. What privacy rules and regulations apply to the datasets and data catalogue, e.g., Canada's Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act and the EU's General Data Protection Regulation?	This study will only use publicly available data. Determinations of the applicability of national and EU data protection laws and regulations to individual contractor companies are beyond NATO's ability to control or influence. Compliance is a contractor responsibility, though NATO will take any necessary actions to facilitate vendor compliance. As an International Organization, NATO is not strictly bound by national and EU data protection regulations, but has a treaty obligation to respect national law. Whether a contractor company can derive immunity from the application of national and EU data protection laws is an open question that can only be resolved between the contractor company and data privacy and protection regulators.
2. Will HQ SACT share technical data delivered under this contract with any foreign nationals?	No, Determinations of the applicability of national and EU data protection laws and regulations to individual contractor companies are beyond NATO's ability to control or influence. Compliance is a contractor responsibility, though NATO will take any necessary actions to facilitate vendor compliance. As an International Organization, NATO is not strictly bound by national and EU data protection regulations, but has a treaty obligation to respect national law. Whether a contractor company can derive immunity from the application of national and EU data protection laws is an open question that can only be resolved between the contractor company and data privacy and protection regulators.
3. Will the datasets include social media?	No
4. Will the ACT furnished materials include classified information?	No