



## **CASD is the first data hosting service in Europe to obtain official GDPR certification (Art. 42) through Europrivacy™/®**

The **Secure Data Access Center (CASD)** has reached a major milestone by **becoming the first data hosting service in Europe to obtain official GDPR certification** issued under Article 42 GDPR. This official recognition, awarded on May 16, 2025 **in Venice during the Privacy Symposium**, enshrines **CASD's** rigor and commitment to the security and protection of personal data.



From left to right : **Dr. Zoltan Temesi** (Tam-Cert, lead auditor), **Rémy Marquier** (CASD, DPO), **Kamel Gadouche** (CASD, Directeur), **Tibor Kiss** (Tam-Cert, COO), **Dr. Sébastien Ziegler** (Europrivacy International Board of Experts, Président), 16 may 2025, Venice.

## Major European recognition

This certification confirms **CASD's pioneering role in the protection of personal data** and the **implementation of security technologies for the processing of sensitive data**. This certification is based on the reference framework developed and maintained by the European Centre for Certification and Privacy (ECCP, <https://eccpcenter.org>), and approved by the European Data Protection Board (EDPB, <https://www.edpb.europa.eu/>), an independent body bringing together the heads of national supervisory authorities. As a result, **Europrivacy** certification is officially recognized by the data protection authorities of 30 countries: all EU and EEA member states.

## Proven technological and regulatory expertise

By committing to this voluntary process provided for in Article 42 of the GDPR, **CASD** continues to demonstrate its acquired ability **to integrate high standards of data protection** into its hosting and data processing infrastructures. This illustrates the ongoing alignment between its technological choices and European regulatory expectations.

The certification was issued by TAM-CERT, an independent, accredited certification body specializing in data security and protection, which conducted **an exhaustive audit of CASD** according to the methodology prescribed by **Europrivacy** to assess, document, certify and enhance compliance with the European General Data Protection Regulation.

## CASD management hails the achievement

**Kamel Gadouche, Director of CASD**, commented on the awarding of the certification: *“We are very pleased to be the first in the data hosting field to have obtained formal GDPR certification. It rewards our historic commitment to data security and protection, which is essential for maintaining the trust of our partners, whether they be data producers such as INSEE, DGFIP, the Ministries of Health, Labor, Justice, the Banque de France... or the people affected by the data. Finally, I'd like to thank ECCP (scheme owner of **Europrivacy**), which, thanks to funding from a European research program, was able to set up the long-awaited GDPR certification standard, and I'd also like to thank **TAM-CERT**, which conducted an exhaustive audit in a highly professional and efficient manner”*.

**Rémy Marquier, CASD DPO**, who was also present, emphasized that *“this certification is recognition of all the work, and of all the legal and technical monitoring we've done to come up with a solution for the secure provision of personal data”*.

## A key player in sensitive data in France

**CASD** offers secure computing environments dedicated to high-volume data processing, mainly used by researchers and data scientists. It currently hosts nearly 700 projects using more than 550 data sources, covering a wide range of sectors such as health, taxation, the environment, justice, education, labor and social networks. To ensure end-to-end security, **CASD** has developed the SD-BOX, which provides access to the working and datascience environments of **CASD**'s central infrastructure located in France (2 sites in the Paris region). These working environments are particularly appreciated by researchers and data scientists, because they are easy and fluid to access thanks to the SD-BOX, and because they offer a wide range of advanced data science tools for processing large volumes of data.



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## A system of certifications dedicated to data security

In addition to this new GDPR compliance certification, **CASD** already holds numerous reference certifications: **ISO 27001, ISO 27701, Hébergeur de Données de Santé (HDS)**. It is also approved to the **National Health Data System (SNDS) security standard and compliant with the Health Data Warehouse (EDS) standard**. It had already been the first French organization in 2020 to be certified to **ISO 27701**, an international standard dedicated to the protection of personal data, already incorporating many of the requirements stemming from the GDPR.

## About Europrivacy™/®

**Europrivacy** is a comprehensive certification scheme approved by EDPB to serve as European Data Protection Seal under Art. 42 and 43 GDPR. It provides a comprehensive assessment of data processing compliance with the GDPR. It is applicable to all sorts of data processing activities, including with innovative technologies, such as AI. It is applicable to both data controllers and processors. **Europrivacy** can easily be extended to additional regulations to assess and certify regulatory compliance in order to reduce risks, simplify compliance management, and turn compliance into a source of value creation.



## About CASD

**CASD** is a public interest consortium, non-for-profit organisation, whose members are Insee, Genes (Crest, Ensaë, Ensaï), CNRS, HEC Paris, École Polytechnique and Banque de France. **CASD's** main purpose is **to organize and implement secure calculation services for confidential data for research, study, evaluation or innovation purposes**. Its mission is also to promote the SD-BOX technology developed to secure the processing of sensitive data in the private sector.

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