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IKEV1 MOBILE IPSEC VPN - PRE-SHARED KEY AUTHENTICATION

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Read carefully before proceeding

This document is intended for administrators who wish to quickly add mobile IKEv1 policies to their active IKEv1 configurations containing IKEv1 site-to-site IPsec tunnels.

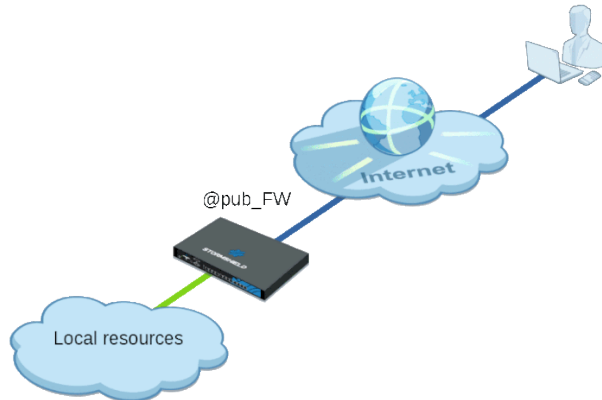
The solution based on IKEv1 and pre-shared key authentication can indeed meet urgent requirements, even though the ANSSI does not recommend this mode as it does not provide optimal security (a warning appears when the IPsec policy is created).

However:

- If an IKEv2 peer is used in your active IPsec policy,
- If one of peers used in the **DSCP** (option not available in SNS version 3.7.x-LTSB) field of your active IPsec policy has a value other than "*00 Best effort*",
- Or if you wish to use an ANSSI-recommended configuration we recommend that you refer to the tutorial [IKEv2 mobile IPsec VPN - Pre-shared key authentication](#).



IKEv1 mobile IPsec VPN - Pre-shared key authentication



This document describes the VPN configuration required to allow remote users – also known as mobile or nomad users – to securely access their internal corporate networks from a Microsoft workstation on which SN VPN Client Standard has been installed.

The authentication method presented in this tutorial relies on the use of each user's pre-shared key.

The IPsec tunnels described in this technical note use version 1 of the IKE protocol.

Two configuration modes are covered here:

- *Config* mode, in which clients automatically receive all the network parameters needed to set up the VPN tunnel. While this mode may seem simpler, it has a major limitation: only one network can be defined, and is protected by the firewall that mobile users can reach. Network groups or multiple networks therefore cannot be selected.
- Manual assignment of IP addresses to each user and manual configuration of the VPN client. Unlike *Config* mode, in this configuration, you can define several networks that are protected by the firewall and can be contacted by mobile users.

Requirements

- An LDAP directory must be configured on the firewall.
If this has not yet been done, refer to the section [Directories configuration](#) in the **SNS User guide**.
- Every user defined in the LDAP directory must have an individual e-mail address.
- Install on the Microsoft client workstation **SNS VPN Client**, available in **Downloads > Stormshield Network Security > VPN Client** in your [Mystormshield](#) area (a software license is required after a trial period of 30 days) or from the IPsec VPN client [TheGreenBow](#).
- The IPsec policy used must contain only IKEv1 IPsec peers (site-to-site and mobile tunnels).



Allowing mobile users to set up IPsec VPN tunnels

The suggested method consists of creating a group that contains all the mobile users allowed to set up IPsec VPN tunnels, then assigning the appropriate privilege to this group.

Creating a group that contains all the users allowed to set up IPsec VPN tunnels

For an internal LDAP directory, go to **Configuration > Users > Users** :

1. Click on **Add group**.
2. In the **Group name** field, enter a representative name (e.g.: *Mobile_Users*). You can add a description.
3. Click on **Add**.
A row will be added to the grid of group members.
4. Type the first few letters of the name of the user to be added to the group and select the desired user from the list that the firewall suggests.
5. Repeat steps 3 and 4 to add all the users that must belong to this group.
6. When all members have been added, click on **Apply**.
7. Confirm by clicking on **Save**.

For an external directory (Microsoft Active Directory, LDAP or Posix LDAP), such groups must be created directly on one of the workstations that hosts the directory.

Checking whether the authentication method for mobile users is LDAP-based

Go to **Configuration > Users > Authentication > Authentication policy** tab.

If no authentication rules are found in the grid

Check whether the **Method to use if no rules match** field has been set to "LDAP":

The screenshot shows the 'AUTHENTICATION POLICY' configuration page. The 'Default method' section is highlighted with a red box, showing the 'Method to use if no rules match' dropdown menu set to 'LDAP'.

If there are already authentication rules in the grid

Add an LDAP authentication rule for users from the IPsec VPN:



1. Click on **New rule** and select **Standard rule**.
2. In the **User or group** field, select the group created earlier (*Mobile_Users* in the example).
3. In the menu on the left side of this window, select **Source**.
4. Click on **Add an interface** and select **IPsec VPN**.
5. In the menu on the left side of this window, select **Authentication methods**.
6. Select the row in the grid that contains the **Default method** and click on **Remove**.
7. Click on **Authorize a method** and select **LDAP**.
8. Click **OK**.
9. Double-click on the cell corresponding to the **Status** column to enable this rule. Its status will switch to **Enabled**.
10. Click on **Apply** then on **Save**.

The authentication rule configured is therefore:

Status	Source	Methods (assess by order)
1 ● Enabled	Mobile Users@stormshield.eu ipsec	1 LDAP

Allowing mobile users to set up IPsec VPN tunnels

In **Configuration > Users > Access privileges > Detailed access** tab:

1. Click on **Add**.
A row will be added to the grid.
2. Click on the cell in this row in the **User - user group** column.
3. Type the first few letters of the name of the group and select it from the list that the firewall suggests.
4. Click on the cell in this row in the **IPsec** column and select **Allow**.
5. Double-click on the cell in this row in the **Status** column to show the status **Enabled**.
6. Click on **Apply**.

The users in this group are now allowed to set up IPsec tunnels:

Status	User - user group	SSL VPN Portal	IPSEC	SSL VPN	Sponsorship	Description
1 ● Enabled	Mobile Users@stormshield.eu	Block	Allow	Block	Block	

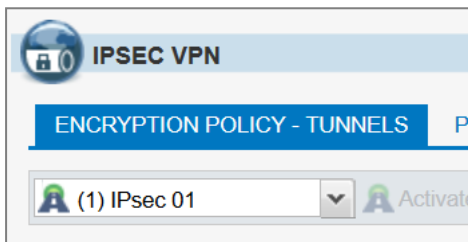


Optimizing tunnel traffic

You are advised to modify several parameters on the firewall in order to optimize traffic that goes through IPsec tunnels.

Requirements

For the purposes of illustration, the recommended optimizations and security measures assume that the IPsec policy used on the firewall for mobile users is *IPsec_01*, regardless of whether *Config mode* or *standard mode* is used (**Configuration > VPN > IPsec VPN**):



Optimizing tunnel traffic: restricting IP datagrams in ISAKMP negotiations

The maximum packet size allowed may vary widely depending on your ISP.

Stormshield recommends that you restrict IP datagrams in ISAKMP negotiations to 1280 bytes:

1. Log in to the web administration interface of the firewall.
2. Go to the **Configuration > System > CLI** module.
3. Enable IKE fragmentation by typing:

```
CONFIG IPSEC PEER UPDATE name=IPsec_Mobile_Profile_Name ike_frag=1
```

where *IPsec_Mobile_Profile_Name* represents the name given to the IPsec peer profile (*IKEv1_Mobile_Users* in the example).
4. Set the maximum size of ISAKMP datagrams to 1280 bytes using the command:

```
CONFIG IPSEC UPDATE slot=xy FragmentSize=1280
```

where *xy* represents the number of the mobile IPsec policy.
In the example, this would be *IPsec 01*: the value of *xy* is therefore *01*.
5. Apply these changes by typing:

```
CONFIG IPSEC ACTIVATE
```
6. Reload the IPsec policy to apply these changes:

```
CONFIG IPSEC RELOAD
```

Warning: this command will reset tunnels that have already been set up.

Optimizing tunnel traffic: restricting MSS

Since packets are encapsulated in the tunnel, ESP headers add several dozen bytes of data to the full size of each packet.

The size of segments (MSS: Maximum Segment Size) exchanged between the client and the firewall must therefore be automatically restricted.

With this option, packet fragmentation can be avoided or kept to a minimum. For packets exchanged between the client and the firewall, MSS imposes a packet size below the MTU (Maximum Transmission Unit) on the various network devices that intercept these packets.



Modifying a TCP-UDP inspection profile

In the **Application protection > Protocols > TCP-UDP** module:

1. Select the TCP-UDP inspection profile in which you wish to apply this change (*tcpudp_03* in the example).
This inspection profile will then be selected in a global profile, which in turn will be applied to the filter rule that grants access to VPN mobile clients.
2. Select the **Impose MSS limit** checkbox.
Enter the value **1300** (bytes) (recommended by Stormshield).
3. Confirm the change by clicking on **Apply**.
4. Confirm by clicking on **Save**.

Integrating this TCP-UDP inspection profile into a global inspection profile

In the **Application protection > Inspection profile** module:

1. Click on **Go to profiles**.
2. From the drop-down list, select the profile that you wish to associate with the TCP-UDP profile that was modified earlier with the MSS option. The profile *IPS_03* is selected in the example.
3. In the row TCP-UDP, click on the application profile suggested and select the modified profile (*tcpudp_03* in the example).
4. Confirm the change by clicking on **Apply**.
5. Confirm by clicking on **Save**.
This is the IPS profile that must be selected for incoming traffic in the filter rule that allows traffic from mobile IPsec tunnels.



Implementing a configuration for a mobile IPsec policy in *Config* mode

In this configuration, mobile users set up the tunnel with an IP address that their VPN client obtained automatically

To define a mobile IPsec policy in *Config* mode, configure the firewall as follows:

- Define a network object that groups the IP addresses assigned to mobile users during the setup of the IPsec VPN tunnel,
- Define a network object that represents the local network that connected mobile users can access via an IPsec VPN tunnel,
- Create the IKEv1 IPsec peer profile,
- Create the IKEv1 IPsec policy by using the peer profile defined earlier,
- Set up filter rules that allow traffic from mobile clients to the internal network.

Defining a network object that contains IP addresses assigned to mobile peers

The network assigned to clients must not already be known to the firewall: it must neither be a network that is directly connected nor a network known through routing.

In the module **Configuration > Objects > Network objects**:

1. Click on **Add**.
2. Select **Network**.
3. Assign an **Object name** to this object (*Mobile_Users_Network* in the example).
4. Enter the **Network IP address** field in the form of a network/mask.
This network must contain at least as many IP addresses as the number of users likely to connect via an IPsec VPN tunnel.

Examples:

192.168.9.0/24 or 192.168.9.0/255.255.255.0 : 254 addresses so 254 Phase 2.
192.168.9.0/23 or 192.168.9.0/255.255.254.0 : 510 addresses so 510 Phase 2.

5. Click on **Create**.

Defining the local network that mobile peers in *Config* mode can access with network objects

In the module **Configuration > Objects > Network objects**:

1. Click on **Add**.
2. Select **Network**.
3. Assign an **Object name** to this object (*Local_Network_Authorized_IPsec* in the example).
4. Enter the **Network IP address** field in the form of a network/mask.

Example:

192.168.1.0/24 or 192.168.1.0/255.255.255.0.

5. Click on **Create**.

Creating the profile of IPsec VPN peers

In the module **Configuration > VPN > IPsec VPN > Peers** tab.



1. Click on **Add**.
2. Select **New mobile IKEv1 peer** or **New anonymous IKEv1 peer (mobile)** (up to SNS v3.7.11-LTSB and SNS 3.10.1).
3. Name the mobile configuration (*IKEv1_Mobile_Users* in the example), then click on **Next**.
4. For **Peer authentication**, select **Pre-shared key (PSK)**, then click on **Next**.
5. In the **Identifying peers** table, click on **Add**.
6. In the **User ID** field, enter the e-mail address of the peer.
7. In the **Pre-shared key (ASCII)** and **Confirm** fields, enter the password used to set up the IPsec VPN tunnel for this peer.
For obvious security reasons, choose unique passwords that meet [ANSSI recommendations](#) (in French).
8. Click on **OK**.
9. Repeat steps 5 to 8 for each authorized mobile user.
10. Click on **Next**.
You will see a summary showing the name of the peer, the policy and type of authentication chosen.
11. Confirm by clicking on **Finish**.
12. Select the peer created earlier and fill in the **Local ID** field.
In general, the DNS name (FQDN) of the firewall is used. Example: *vpn-gw.stormshield.eu*.
13. Click on **Save** then on **Save** again.
14. Click on **Activate this policy**.

The profile configured for IPsec mobile peers is therefore:

The screenshot displays the configuration page for an IPSEC VPN peer. The interface includes a search bar for peers, a list of peers with 'IKEv1_Mobile_Users' selected, and a detailed configuration form. The form is organized into sections: general settings, identification, and advanced properties.

Section	Field	Value
General Settings	Peer	IKEv1_Mobile_Users
	Comment	
	Remote gateway	Any
	Backup configuration	None
	IKE profile	StrongEncryption
Identification	Authentication method	Pre-shared key (PSK)
	Certificate	No certificate
	Local ID (Optional)	vpn-gw.stormshield.eu
	Click here to edit the PSK list	
Advanced Properties	Negotiation mode	aggressive
	Backup mode	temporary
	Local address	Any
	Do not initiate the tunnel (Responder only)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	DPD	Passive



Adding pre-shared keys (PSK) to an existing policy

In the module **Configuration > VPN > IPsec VPN > Identification** tab:

1. Click on **Add** in the **Mobile tunnels: pre-shared keys** table.
2. In the **User ID** field, enter the e-mail address of the peer.
3. In the **Pre-shared key (ASCII)** and **Confirm** fields, enter the password used to set up the IPsec VPN tunnel for this peer.
For obvious security reasons, choose unique passwords that meet [ANSSI recommendations](#) (in French).
4. Click on **OK**.
5. Repeat steps 1 to 4 for each PSK to be added.

Example of a table of pre-shared keys:

Identity	Key
felix.thecat@stormshield.eu	0x40506f756e657474653039
john.doe2@stormshield.eu	0x40506f756e657474653037
john.doe@stormshield.eu	0x506f756e657474653034

Creating the IPsec policy - *Config* mode

In the module **Configuration > VPN > IPsec VPN > Encryption policy – Tunnels** tab:

1. Select the IPsec policy that you wish to modify from the drop-down list (*IPsec 01* in the example).
2. Click on the **Mobile users** (or **Anonymous - mobile users**) tab.
3. Click on **Add**.
4. Select **New Config mode policy**.
A configuration wizard will start.
5. In the **Mobile peer used** field, select the mobile profile created earlier (*IKEv1_Mobile_Users* in the example).
6. In the **Local network** field, select the network that mobile users can access through the IPsec VPN tunnel (object *Local_Network_Authorized_IPsec* created earlier in the example).
Reminder: only one network can be selected. Network groups cannot be selected.
7. In the **Mobile network** field, select the network object created in the step [Defining a network object that contains IP addresses assigned to mobile peers](#) (*Mobile_Users_Network* in the example).



8. Click on **Finish**.
In the **Checking the policy** area, the warning message *Pre-shared key authentication in aggressive mode severely deteriorates the level of security* appears.
9. Click on **Save** then confirm by clicking on **Save**.
10. Click on **Yes, activate the policy**.

The IPsec policy configured in *Config* mode is therefore:

The screenshot shows the configuration interface for a Mobile Users policy. At the top, there are tabs for 'SITE-TO-SITE (GATEWAY-GATEWAY)' and 'MOBILE USERS'. Below the tabs, there is a dropdown menu for 'Select the mobile peer:' with 'IKEv1_Mobile_Users' selected. Below this is a table with columns: Line, Sta..., Local network, Mobile network, Encryption profile, and Config mode. The table contains one row with the following data:

Line	Sta...	Local network	Mobile network	Encryption profile	Config mode
1	on	Local_Network_Authorized_IPSec	Mobile_Users_Network	StrongEncryption	on Edit

Allowing IPsec VPN access in filter policies

As an implicit filter rule manages the traffic needed to set up the IPsec VPN, the filter policy manages authenticated mobile users' access to internal resources via the VPN.

In the module **Configuration > Security policy > Filter - NAT > Filtering** tab:

1. In the filter policy, select the row below the one in which you wish to add the rule allowing mobile users to use the IPsec VPN.
2. Click on **New rule**.
3. Select **Simple rule**.
A new line will appear.
4. In the newly added row, double-click on the cell in the **Action** column.
The configuration window of the rule opens.
5. In the **Action** field, select **pass**.
6. Select the **Source** menu on the left side of the configuration window.
7. In the **User** field, select the group of users allowed to set up IPsec VPN tunnels (*Mobile Users@stormshield.eu* in the example).
8. Click on the **Advanced properties** tab in the **Source** menu.
9. For the **Via** field, select **IPsec VPN tunnel**.
10. For the **Authentication method** field, select **IPsec VPN**.
11. Select the **Destination** menu on the left side of the configuration window.
12. Click on **Add** in the **Destination hosts** grid.
13. Select the network that mobile users can access through the IPsec VPN tunnel (object *Local_Network_Authorized_IPSec* in the example).
14. Select the **Inspection** menu on the left side of the configuration window.
15. In the **Inspection profile** field, select the IPS profile that contains the TCP-UDP profile with the **MSS option** (*IPS_03* in the example).
16. Click **OK**.
17. Double-click on the cell corresponding to the **Status** column to enable this rule.
Its status will switch to **ON**.
18. Click on **Save and apply**, then on **Yes, activate the policy**.




The filter rule configured is therefore:

Status	Action	Source	Destination	Dest. port	Protocol	Security inspection
on	pass	Mobile Users Auth. by:IPSec VPN via IPSec VPN tunnel	Local_Network_Authorized_IPSec	Any		IPS (IPS_03)

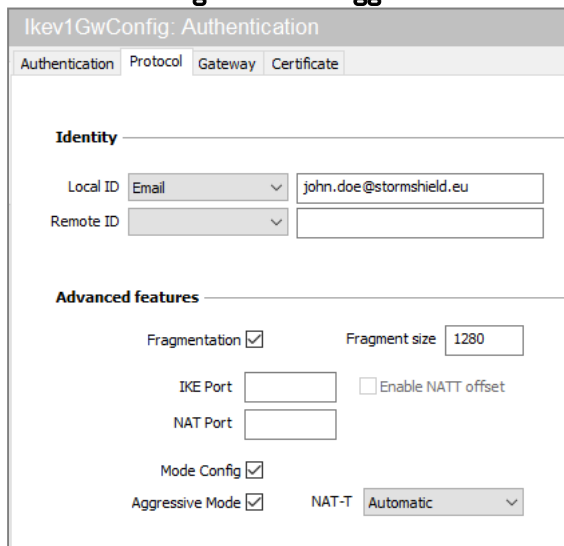
Configuring the VPN client

On the user's Microsoft Windows workstation, open the connection window of the VPN client:

1. Right-click on the icon found in the Windows system tray (hidden icons): 
2. Select **Connection panel**.

Configuring Phase 1

1. In the **VPN configuration tree**, right-click on **IKEv1**.
2. Select **New Phase 1**.
An entry named *Ikev1Gateway* by default is added to the **IKEv1** tree.
3. Right-click on *Ikev1Gateway* and select **Rename** to give this entry the name of your choice (*IKEv1GwConfig* in the example).
4. Click on this entry.
5. In the **Protocol** tab > **Identity** > **Local ID** field, select **E-mail** from the drop-down list and enter the e-mail address of the workstation user.
6. In the **Protocol** tab > **Advanced features** section, select the **Fragmentation** checkbox and indicate the **size of IKE fragments as defined on the firewall** (1280 bytes according to Stormshield's recommendations).
7. Select the **Config mode** and **Aggressive mode** checkboxes as well.



Ikev1GwConfig: Authentication

Authentication Protocol Gateway Certificate

Identity

Local ID Email john.doe@stormshield.eu

Remote ID

Advanced features

Fragmentation Fragment size 1280

IKE Port Enable NATT offset

NAT Port

Mode Config

Aggressive Mode NAT-T Automatic

8. In the **Authentication** tab > **Remote router address** > **Remote router address** field, enter the public IP address or FQDN of the firewall with which the VPN client must set up a tunnel. If you choose to use an FQDN, ensure that the DNS servers on the workstation have resolved it before you set up the tunnel.



9. In the **Authentication** tab > **Authentication** > **Preshared key** field, enter and confirm the **pre-shared key defined for this user on the firewall**.

Ikev1GwConfig: Authentication

Authentication Protocol Gateway Certificate

Remote Gateway

Interface Any

Remote Gateway 192.168.1.41

Authentication

Preshared Key

Confirm

Certificate

X-Auth

Enabled X-Auth Popup

Login

Password

Once Hybrid Mode

Cryptography

Encryption AES256

Authentication SHA-256

Key Group DH14 (2048)

10. Click on the upper menu **Configuration** > **Save** to save this configuration.

Configuring Phase 2

1. In the **VPN configuration** > **IKEv1** tree, right-click on the Phase 1 configuration created earlier (*IKEv1GwConfig* in the example)
2. Select **New Phase 2**.
An entry named *Ikev1Tunnel* by default is added to the selected Phase 1 configuration.
3. Right-click on *Ikev1Tunnel* and select **Rename** to give this entry the name of your choice.
4. In the **IPsec** tab > **Addresses** > **Address type** field, select **Network address**.
5. In the **Remote network address** field, enter the address of the first reachable network (192.168.1.0 in the example).



6. In the **Subnet mask** field, enter the mask associated with this network (255.255.255.0 in the example).


The screenshot shows the configuration page for an IKEv1 Tunnel. The title is "Ikev1 Tunnel: IPsec". There are tabs for "IPsec", "Advanced", "Automation", and "Remote Sharing", with "IPV4" selected. The configuration is divided into sections: "Addresses", "ESP", "PFS", and "Lifetime".

- Addresses:**
 - VPN Client address: 0 . 0 . 0 . 0
 - Address type: Subnet address
 - Remote LAN address: 192 . 168 . 1 . 0
 - Subnet mask: 255 . 255 . 255 . 0
- ESP:**
 - Encryption: AES256
 - Authentication: SHA-256
 - Mode: Tunnel
- PFS:**
 - PFS
 - Group: DH14 (2048)
- Lifetime:**
 - IPsec Lifetime: 1800 sec.

The VPN client is now configured to set up an IKEv1 tunnel in *Config* mode with the firewall.

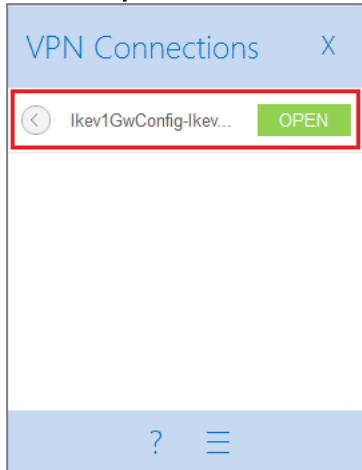
Setting up the IPsec VPN tunnel from the client workstation

On the user's Microsoft Windows workstation:

1. Right-click on the icon found in the Windows system tray (hidden icons): 
2. Select **Connection panel**.
3. Locate the connection created in the earlier steps (*Ikev1GwConfig-Ikev1Tunnel* in the example).

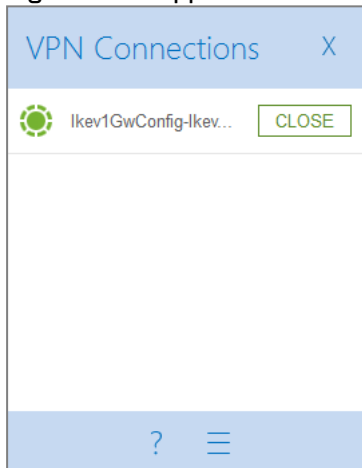


4. Click on **Open**.



The tunnel is set up.


A green icon appears in front of it, and the button next to it now indicates **Close**:



5. When you close the connection window by clicking on the cross, the tunnel will remain open.

Shutting down a tunnel from the client workstation

On the user's Microsoft Windows workstation:

1. Right-click on the icon found in the Windows system tray (hidden icons): 
2. Select **Connection panel**.
3. Locate the tunnel to shut down (*Ikev1GwConfig-Ikev1Tunnel* in the example).
4. Click on **Close**.



Implementing a configuration for a mobile IPsec policy in standard mode

In this configuration, mobile users set up the tunnel with an IP address entered in their VPN client.

To define a mobile IPsec policy in standard mode (not *Config* mode), configure the firewall as follows:

- Define a network object that groups the IP addresses assigned to mobile users during the setup of the IPsec VPN tunnel.
- Define one or several network objects corresponding to the network(s) that mobile users can access during the setup of the IPsec VPN tunnel.
- Create the IKEv1 IPsec peer profile,
- Create the IKEv1 IPsec policy by using the peer profile defined earlier,
- Set up filter rules that allow traffic from mobile clients to the internal network.

Defining a network object that contains IP addresses assigned to mobile peers

If VPN clients must reach n discontinuous networks, i.e., networks that cannot be grouped in an IP address range or in a single network:

- n Phase 2 configurations must be created on each VPN client,
- Each VPN client will then need n IP addresses.

This will directly affect the size of the network dedicated to VPN clients.

Defining the network object

In the module **Configuration > Objects > Network objects**:

1. Click on **Add**.
2. Select **Network**.
3. Assign a **Name** to this object (*Mobile_Users_Network* in the example).
4. Enter the **Network IP address** field in the form of a network/mask.
This network must contain at least as many IP addresses as the number of users likely to connect via an IPsec VPN tunnel.

Examples:

192.168.9.0/24 or 192.168.9.0/255.255.255.0 : 254 addresses so 254 Phase 2.
192.168.9.0/23 or 192.168.9.0/255.255.254.0 : 510 addresses so 510 Phase 2.

5. Click on **Create**.

Defining the network(s) that mobile peers can access with network objects

Mobile users may need to access one or several networks protected by the firewall.

For the purposes of the example presented in this tutorial, assume that mobile clients can access two separate, discontinuous networks via IPsec: Network 192.168.1.0/24 and Network 192.168.128.0/24. Two network objects therefore need to be created for this configuration.

You need to create as many network objects as the number of discontinuous networks that the VPN clients can reach.



Creating the first network object

Create the first network object in the module **Configuration > Objects > Network objects**:

1. Click on **Add**.
2. Select **Network**.
3. Assign an **Object name** to this object (*Local_Network_Authorized_IPsec* in the example).
4. Fill in the **Network IP address** (in the form of a network/mask) with the first protected network that mobile users can access:
192.168.1.0/24 or 192.168.1.0/255.255.255.0.
5. Click on **Create**.

Creating the second network object

By following the method described for the first network object, create the second network object named *Local_Network_Authorized_IPsec2* in the example, corresponding to the network 192.168.128.0/24 (or 192.168.128.0/255.255.255.0).

Do note that both of these network objects can be grouped as a group object. For the purposes of illustration, we will deliberately not group them to show that several destination networks can be selected when [creating the standard IPsec mobile policy](#).

Reminder

If VPN clients must reach n discontinuous networks, i.e., networks that cannot be grouped in an IP address range or in a single network:

- n Phase 2 configurations must be created on each VPN client,
- Each VPN client will then need n IP addresses.

This will directly affect the [size of the network dedicated to VPN clients](#).

Creating the profile of IPsec VPN peers

In the module **Configuration > VPN > IPsec VPN > Peers** tab.

1. Click on **Add**.
2. Select **New mobile IKEv1 peer** or **New anonymous IKEv1 peer (mobile)** (up to SNS v3.7.11-LTSB and SNS 3.10.1).
3. Name the mobile configuration (*IKEv1_Mobile_Users* in the example), then click on **Next**.
4. For **Peer authentication**, select **Pre-shared key (PSK)**, then click on **Next**.
5. In the **Identifying peers** table, click on **Add**.
6. In the **User ID** field, enter the e-mail address of the peer.
7. In the **Pre-shared key (ASCII)** and **Confirm** fields, enter the password used to set up the IPsec VPN tunnel for this peer.
For obvious security reasons, choose unique passwords that meet [ANSSI recommendations](#) (in French).
8. Click on **OK**.
9. Repeat steps 5 to 8 for each authorized mobile user.
10. Click on **Next**.
You will see a summary showing the name of the peer, the policy and type of authentication chosen.



11. Confirm by clicking on **Finish**.
12. Select the peer created earlier and fill in the **Local ID** field.
In general, the DNS name (FQDN) of the firewall is used. Example: *vpn-gw.stormshield.eu*.
13. Click on **Save** then on **Save** again.
14. Click on **Activate this policy**.

The profile configured for IPsec mobile peers is therefore:

The screenshot shows the Stormshield IPsec VPN configuration interface. The main window is titled "IPSEC VPN" and has tabs for "ENCRYPTION POLICY - TUNNELS", "PEERS", "IDENTIFICATION", and "ENCRYPTION PROFILES". The "PEERS" tab is active, showing a list of peers on the left and configuration details for the selected peer "Peer:IKEv1_Mobile_Users" on the right.

Peer List:

Name
IKEv1_Mobile_Users

Peer Configuration:

- Peer: IKEv1_Mobile_Users
- Comment: (empty)
- Remote gateway: Any
- Backup configuration: None
- IKE profile: StrongEncryption
- IKE version: IKEv1

Identification:

- Authentication method: Pre-shared key (PSK)
- Certificate: No certificate
- Local ID (Optional): vpn-gw.stormshield.eu
- [Click here to edit the PSK list](#)

Advanced properties:

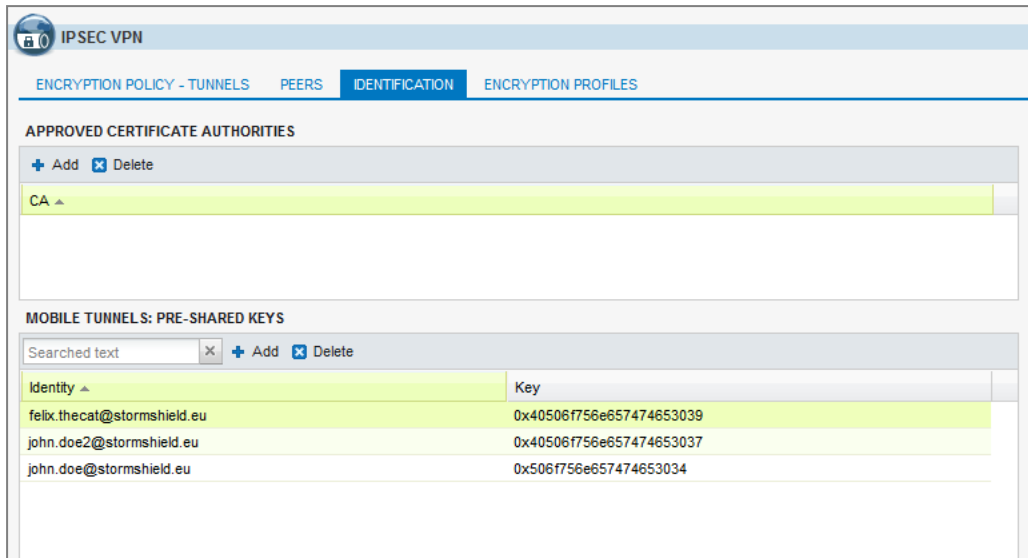
- Negotiation mode: aggressive
- Backup mode: temporary
- Local address: Any
- Do not initiate the tunnel (Responder only):
- DPD: Passive

Adding pre-shared keys (PSK) to an existing policy

In the module **Configuration > VPN > IPsec VPN > Identification** tab:

1. Click on **Add** in the **Mobile tunnels: pre-shared keys** table.
2. In the **User ID** field, enter the e-mail address of the peer.
3. In the **Pre-shared key (ASCII)** and **Confirm** fields, enter the password used to set up the IPsec VPN tunnel for this peer.
For obvious security reasons, choose unique passwords that meet [ANSSI recommendations](#) (in French).
4. Click on **OK**.
5. Repeat steps 1 to 4 for each PSK to be added.

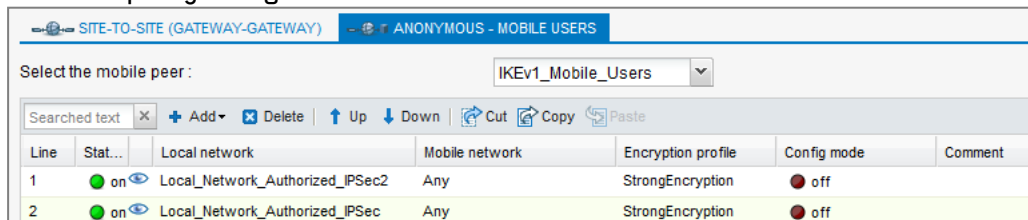
Example of a table of pre-shared keys:



Creating the IPsec policy

In the module **Configuration > VPN > IPsec VPN > Encryption policy – Tunnels** tab:

1. Select the IPsec policy that you wish to modify from the drop-down list (*IPsec 01* in the example).
2. Click on the **Mobile - Mobile users** (or **Anonymous - mobile users**) tab.
3. Click on **Add**.
4. Select **New policy**.
A configuration wizard will start.
5. In the **Mobile peer used** field, select the mobile profile created earlier (*IKEv1_Mobile_Users* in the example).
6. In the **Local resources** field, select the networks or network group(s) that mobile users can access through the IPsec VPN tunnel (objects *Local_Network_Authorized_IPsec* and *Local_Network_Authorized_IPsec2* in the example).
7. Click on **Finish**.
In the **Checking the policy** area, the warning message *Pre-shared key authentication in aggressive mode severely deteriorates the level of security* appears.
8. Click on **Save** then confirm by clicking on **Save**.
9. If you wish to enable this policy, click on **Yes, activate the policy**, otherwise select **Later**.
The IPsec policy configured is therefore:



Allowing IPsec VPN access in filter policies

In the module **Configuration > Security policy > Filter - NAT > Filtering** tab:




1. In the filter policy, select the row below the one in which you wish to add the rule allowing mobile users to use the IPsec VPN.
2. Click on **New rule**.
3. Select **Simple rule**.
A new line will appear.
4. In the newly added row, double-click on the cell in the **Action** column.
The configuration window of the rule opens.
The **Action** section on the left in this configuration window is automatically selected.
5. In the **Action** field, select **pass**.
6. Select the **Source** menu on the left side of the configuration window.
7. In the **User** field, select the group of users allowed to set up IPsec VPN tunnels.
8. Click on the **Advanced properties** tab in the **Source** menu.
9. For the **via** field, select **IPsec VPN tunnel**.
10. For the **Authentication method** field, select **IPsec VPN**.
11. Select the **Destination** menu on the left side of the configuration window.
12. Click on **Add** in the **Destination hosts** grid.
13. Select the networks that mobile users can access through the IPsec VPN tunnel (objects *Local_Network_Authorized_IPsec* and *Local_Network_Authorized_IPsec2* in the example).
14. Select the **Inspection** menu on the left side of the configuration window.
15. In the **Inspection profile** field, select the IPS profile that contains the TCP-UDP profile with the **MSS option** (*IPS_03* in the example).
16. Click **OK**.
17. Double-click on the cell corresponding to the **Status** column to enable this rule.
Its status will switch to **ON**.

The filter rule configured is therefore:

Status	Action	Source	Destination	Dest. port	Protocol	Security inspection
on	pass	Mobile Users Auth. by:IPSec VPN via IPsec VPN tunnel	Local_Network_Authorized_IPSec Local_Network_Authorized_IPSec2	Any		IPS (IPS_03)

Configuring the VPN client

On the user's Microsoft Windows workstation, open the connection window of the VPN client:

1. Right-click on the icon found in the Windows system tray (hidden icons): 
2. Select **Connection panel**.

For the purposes of the example presented in this tutorial, we assumed that mobile clients could access two separate, discontinuous networks via IPsec: Network 192.168.1.0/24 and Network 192.168.128.0/24.

Two separate Phase 2 configurations therefore need to be created for this configuration – one for each network. You need to create as many Phase 2 configurations as the number of discontinuous networks that the VPN clients can reach.

Do note that each of these Phase 2 configurations will use a separate VPN client IP address.



Configuring Phase 1

1. In the **VPN configuration** tree, right-click on **IKEv1**.
2. Select **New Phase 1**.
An entry named *Ikev1Gateway* by default is added to the **IKEv1** tree.
3. Right-click on *Ikev1Gateway* and select **Rename** to give this entry the name of your choice (*Ikev1GwStandard* in the example).
4. Click on this entry.
5. In the **Protocol** tab > **Identity** > **Local ID** field, select **E-mail** from the drop-down list and enter the e-mail address of the workstation user.
6. In the **Protocol** tab > **Advanced features** section, select the **Fragmentation** checkbox and indicate the **size of IKE fragments as defined on the firewall** (1280 bytes according to Stormshield's recommendations).
7. Select the **Aggressive mode** checkbox as well.

Ikev1GwStandard: Authentication

Authentication Protocol Gateway Certificate

Identity

Local ID Email john.doe@stormshield.eu

Remote ID

Advanced features

Fragmentation Fragment size 1280

IKE Port Enable NATT offset

NAT Port

Mode Config

Aggressive Mode NAT-T Automatic

8. In the **Authentication** tab > **Remote router address** > **Remote router address** field, enter the public IP address or FQDN of the firewall with which the VPN client must set up a tunnel. If you choose to use an FQDN, ensure that the DNS servers on the workstation have resolved it before you set up the tunnel.



9. In the **Authentication** tab > **Authentication** > **Preshared key** field, enter and confirm the **pre-shared key** defined for this user on the firewall.

Ikev1GwStandard: Authentication

Authentication Protocol Gateway Certificate

Remote Gateway

Interface Any

Remote Gateway 192.168.1.41

Authentication

Preshared Key

Confirm

Certificate

X-Auth

Enabled X-Auth Popup

Login

Password

Once Hybrid Mode

Cryptography

Encryption AES256

Authentication SHA-256

Key Group DH14 (2048)

10. Click on the upper menu **Configuration** > **Save** to save this configuration.

Configuring Phase 2 for the first network

1. In the **VPN configuration** > **IKEv1** tree, right-click on the Phase 1 configuration created earlier (*Ikev1GwStandard* in the example)
2. Select **New Phase 2**.
An entry named *Ikev1Tunnel* by default is added to the selected Phase 1 configuration.
3. Right-click on *Ikev1Tunnel* and select **Rename** to give this entry the name of your choice (*Ikev1Net1Tunnel* in the example).
4. In the **IPsec** tab > **Addresses** > **VPN Client address** field, enter the IP address of the client (192.168.9.1 in the example). This address must belong to the network defined in the section [Defining a network object that contains IP addresses assigned to mobile peers](#).
5. In the **IPsec** tab > **Addresses** > **Address type** field, select **Network address**.
6. In the **Remote network address** field, enter the address of the first reachable network (192.168.1.0 in the example).



7. In the **Subnet mask** field, enter the mask associated with this network (255.255.255.0 in the example).

Ikev1Net1 Tunnel: IPsec

IPsec | Advanced | Automation | Remote Sharing | **IPV4**

Addresses

VPN Client address: 192 . 168 . 9 . 1

Address type: Subnet address

Remote LAN address: 192 . 168 . 1 . 0

Subnet mask: 255 . 255 . 255 . 0

ESP

Encryption: AES256

Authentication: SHA-256

Mode: Tunnel

PFS

PFS Group: DH14 (2048)

Lifetime

IPsec Lifetime: 1800 sec.

8. In the **Advanced** tab > **Alternative servers**, if necessary, define a **DNS suffix** and **Alternative (DNS) Servers** to be used for this IPsec VPN tunnel.

The tunnel to reach the first network in the example is now configured.

Configuring Phase 2 for the second accessible network


Apply the method described in the section [Configuring Phase 2 for the first network](#) to define the tunnel that enables access to the second network.

In the example given, the parameters used for the second tunnel are:

- Phase 2 name: *Ikev1Net2Tunnel*
- VPN client IP address: 192.168.9.2
- Network IP address: 192.168.128.0
- Mask: 255.255.255.0

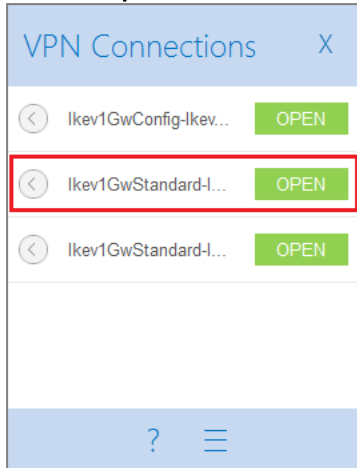
Setting up an IPsec VPN tunnel from the client workstation

On the user's Microsoft Windows workstation:

1. Right-click on the icon found in the Windows system tray (hidden icons): 
2. Select **Connection panel**.
3. Locate the first connection created in the earlier steps (*Ikev1GwStandard-Ikev1Net1Tunnel* in the example).

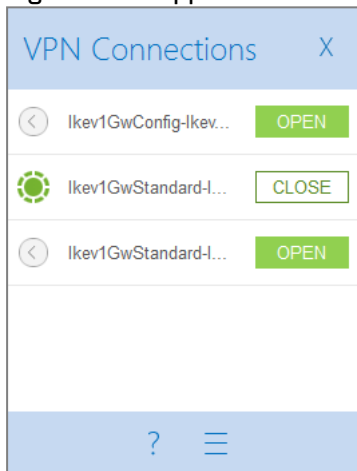


4. Click on **Open**.



The tunnel is set up.

A green icon appears in front of it, and the button next to it now indicates **Close**:




5. When you close the connection window by clicking on the cross, the tunnel will remain open.

Repeat steps 2 to 4 to open a second tunnel.

Shutting down a tunnel from the client workstation

On the user's Microsoft Windows workstation:

1. Right-click on the icon found in the Windows system tray (hidden icons): 
2. Select **Connection panel**.
3. Locate the tunnel to shut down (*Ikev1GwStandard-Ikev1Net1Tunnel* in the example).
4. Click on **Close**.



Showing details of a tunnel on the firewall

The **Monitoring > IPsec VPN tunnel monitoring** module shows the **tunnels that have been set up** and **information and statistics** about them:

- Local gateway name (firewall),
- Time lapsed since the tunnel was set up,
- Bytes sent by the firewall,
- Bytes received by the firewall,
- Status of the tunnel,
- Encryption algorithm used,
- Authentication algorithm used.

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Refresh

Policies

Filter:

Hide established tunnels to display only policies with issues.

State	Local network name	Local gateway name	Direction	Remote gateway name	Remote network name	From	ID
Policy: none	rfc5735_loopback		← in		any_v4		0
Policy: none	rfc4291_loopback		← in		any_v6		0
Policy: none	rfc5735_loopback		→ out		any_v4		0
Policy: none	rfc4291_loopback		→ out		any_v6		0
✓ 1 Tunnel(s)	Network_bridge_v4	Firewall_bridge	← in			1m	1
✓ 1 Tunnel(s)	Network_bridge_v4	Firewall_bridge	→ out			1m	1

Tunnels

Display only tunnels matching the selected policy

Local gateway name	Remote gateway name	From	Bytes out	Bytes in	State	Encryption	Authenticat...
Firewall_bridge		1m of 30m used	868 B	787 B	mature	aes-cbc	hmac-sha256



Further reading

Additional information and responses to questions you may have are available in the [Stormshield knowledge base](#) (authentication required).



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