

Pre conference - Oct 5th

19.00 Networking Reception at Bozar

Conference day 1 - Oct 6th



09.00 Opening address by ECIIA and IIA Belgium Presidents

Isabel Derison & John Bendermacher

Welcome and opening session. The theme of the conference is "Internal audit in a world of transition", What changes and challenges lie ahead of us? Crisis is becoming the "new normal", what is the impact on our profession? The world, the business is evolving and internal auditors need to be part of the revolution and demonstrate their added value more then ever.

The conference is a unique opportunity to exchange on best practices and define the "internal auditor of the future"

09.10 The future businesses: upcoming challenges

Stefaan Vandist

- How can we leverage foresight to predict the future of your business?
- What are the challenges of Sustainability?
- What is the impact of Artificial Intelligence?

10.10 The future of Europe: How will the economy evolve? How will Europe become Green & Digital? How will European companies look like in the future? What are the opportunities in Europe?

Thomas Tindemans & James Watson

Where do we stand in Europe? - the EU legislative agenda is very busy:

- The green transition (carbon neutrality by 2050 and ambitious CO2 reduction by 2035)
- The digital transition proposals on fair competition on platforms, cybersecurity, chips production and the data driven economy
- Geopolitical developments create a "ring of fire" and dominate the agenda of the EU leadership

What is the European economy landscape?

11.05 Coffee break

11.20 Impact of the new business models on the internal audit: how to remain a trusted advisor?

12.15 Lunch

Financial services

13.15 The impact of Digital Operational Resilience Act (DORA) on internal audit in the financial services

Andrea Bracht

- What is DORA (Digital Operational Resilience Act)?
- What is the impact on the organisations (IT and operations)? What is the role of internal auditors?
- We will share best practices from European Banks

Public sector

How to combat fraud in public sector - Panel

Miguel Janssoone, Darius Matusevicius, Sonny Luypaert & Hugues Tasiaux

Strong internal controls, including maintaining a robust internal control environment, are the best way public sector organizations can mitigate fraud. However, even a strong internal control environment cannot guarantee that no frauds will take place within organizations. Solid anti-corruption policies and integrity are one of the cornerstones of good public governance. During this session we will discuss with our experts on how to combat fraud in public sector. We will look into common fraud cases and which measures and good practices are effective to prevent and mitigate fraud within public sector entities.

Corporate

The ESG journey and the role of IA and other assurance providers in industrial companies

Massimiliano Turconi & Florence Bindelle

ESG is on the agenda of many "assurance providers" inside and outside the organisation. Management is put under pressure to integrate ESG in the operations, culture, risks.... The business wants to be compliant with ESG regulation but also receive advice for an effective "green business". We will debate about the role of internal audit with representatives from the business in the industrial sector.

14.15 Three lines model: the effective collaboration between the 2nd and 3rd Line in the Banking sector

Vicky Politou

- The three line model in practice: the strategic vision
- The collaboration between the 2nd and 3rd line: key challenges and opportunities
- The tools to strengthen the collaboration
- The evolution of the collaboration in a dynamic environment
- Exchanges and best practices

Internal and external audit in the Public Sector. Two roles, one destiny

Melvyn Neate, Silvija Kalnins & Soledad Llamas

We will share the first results of our joint survey and we want your opinion about:

- How to better engage in the public sector?
- How to be more effective and avoid compromises?
- How to deliver a stronger assurance and have more impact on the organisations?
- What are the best practices to apply?

Are you up for it?

Business disruption in the industry: How can internal audit add value?

15.15 Coffee break

15.30 How to build the function of the future? How to continue providing secure oversight while adapting to a dynamic risk landscape?

Dr Rainer Lenz, Olivier Boutellis-Taft, Steven Sanders & Anthony Pugliese

Positioning internal auditing as Gardener of Governance, is it a promising metaphor to strengthen internal audit value proposition?"

How to bring value to the organisations and be a "goal keeper", not a referee. Internal audit & External audit have the same purpose but have different approaches.

How should both professions evolve?

How will the IIA Global help the internal auditors in their transformation?

16.30 Sustainability: from license to operate to license to grow

Esther Wolfs

During this session you will be presented with the fundamentals, trends & developments of the concept sustainability. What do these trends and recommendations mean for your businesses and its future role in society. We will touch upon why it is important to define sustainability risks and opportunities in your organization. We will look into transition risks and physical risks and how they will impact your business performance. We will discuss how increasing (EU) legislation brings strategic and disclosure requirements that change the role of financials and impact the evolving landscape of frameworks and standards. And how these developments jointly push sustainability to business continuity, core strategy and the C-level agenda.

17.30 End & evening details

19.00 Gala dinner at Autoworld

09.00 The new IT world

Ramsés Gallego

- It's all about the change
- The Importance of Time in Designing, Planning and Executing a Business Strategy
- Issues of Adaptability, Trustability and Reliability

10.00 The future of the three lines model: How to keep the model relevant and fit for purpose? How to coordinate the lines in today's organisations? How to assist the Board/ Governing Body in their new oversight duties?

Manfred Kraff, Jamie Graham, Adriana Cavaliere & Anne Hélène Monsellato

- There are more and more important risks (cyber, sustainability, digital businesses...)
- The Governing Body is more and more receiving oversight duties on more and more topics
- How can internal audit give a reasonable assurance in this context? How should the 2nd lines and 1st lines cooperate with the 3rd line?
- What is the best model to operate internally and give the best assurance to the Governing Body?

11.00 Coffee break

Sustainability

11.20 The new European Sustainability Reporting Standards (ESRS) from EFRAG

Innovation/IT

How is the European Whistleblowing Regulation impacting the profession?

Dr Abazi Vigilenza

Whistleblowing has become the predominant manner of instigating accountability for some of the most pressing problems in our society.
What are the new EU regulations and Standards? Are they a game changer in protecting the whistleblowers?
What is the impact on the organisations?
What is the role of the different lines?

Soft skills

The auditor of the future

Chiara Velenich

The auditor of the future:

- Human capital as a growing risk for internal auditors (RIF 2022 and human capital publications on ECIIA Website).
- The need to integrate IT, business knowledge but also curiosity
- The importance of soft skills: how to assess them when recruiting?
- The new equation for auditing: remote vs presence
Learn some tips on these topics.

12.15 Lunch

13.20 Risk management in ESG area

Olga Petelczyc

The role of IT in fostering innovation in internal auditing

Georges Ataya, Marc Vael, Egide Nzabonimana

IT monitoring & management are key to safeguarding assets, maintaining data integrity, and the operational effectiveness of an organisation. IT is one of the drivers of innovation within an organisation. This contains risks as well as opportunities. Internal audit needs to stay abreast about this fast moving IT environment since it highly impacts compliance as well as operational effectiveness. All these aspects and challenges will be tackled by our experienced panellists.

Radical Reporting: getting words to work

Sara I. James

Most people dread writing reports; they also dread reading them. In this session, Sara will explain some techniques that make writing more readable and more powerful. She will also touch on the importance of culture in communication, and the link between logic and language.

14.15 Geopolitical risks: how can internal audit assist the organisation?

Paolo Nasi

The geopolitical risks are increasing and the Ukrainian war is a good example.
New regulations are impacting the business regularly.
What is the role of internal audit to make sure that the organisation is "agile" and "compliant"?
Hear about some tips and best practices for internal auditors

Cyber Crime 'What the hack'

Soft skills: the collaboration with the other assurance providers: how to gain trust

Dick de Waarde, Els van den Bossche & Tatjana Bachem

The collaboration is more needed than ever but how to gain trust from the other assurance providers? Are soft skills important to facilitate the cooperation? How can Human Resources assess these skills? How should Human Resources and auditors collaborate?

15.15 How to be resilient? How to adapt faster? How to be ready for the new world?

Richard Van Hooijdonk

In order to survive and grow, sectors and companies need to rethink their business models. Many companies from the 'old economy' will disappear, while others will grow faster than ever before. Inspiring insights into the steps that organisations and sectors can take to successfully emerge from this crisis – or even more successful than before.

16.15 Call for 2023 conference

16.23 Thank you & wrap up

16.30 End