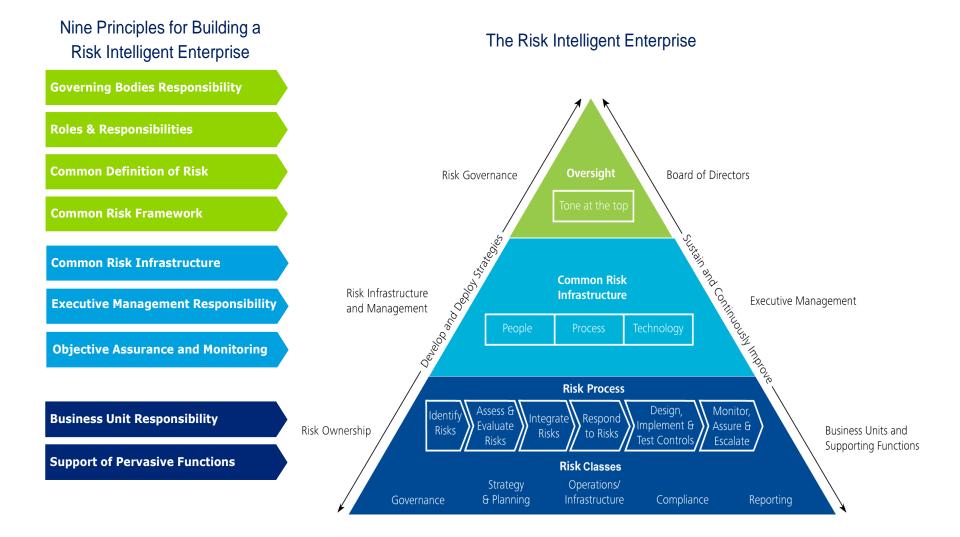
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Practical challenges in managing risk Becoming Risk Intelligent

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Setting the context

Components of risk



Risk Maturity

How capable is the organization today to manage its risk profile?
 How capable does it need to be?
 How can it get to its desired state? By when?
 How can we leverage existing risk management practices?
 Unaware Fragmented Top Down

Stages of Risk Management Capability Maturity

Typical Symptoms				
Unaware	Fragmented	Top Down	Systematic	Risk Intelligent
 Ad hoc/chaotic Depends primarily on individual heroics, capabilities, and verbal wisdom 	 Independent risk management activities Limited focus on the linkage between risks Limited alignment of risk to strategies Disparate monitoring & reporting functions 	 Common framework, program statement, policy Routine risk assessments Communication of top strategic risks to the Board Executive/Steering Committee Knowledge sharing across risk functions Awareness activities Formal risk consulting Dedicated team 	 Coordinated risk management activities across silos Risk appetite is fully defined Enterprise-wide risk monitoring, measuring, and reporting Technology implementation Contingency plans and escalation procedures Risk management training 	 Risk discussion is embedded in strategic planning, capital allocation, product development, etc. Early warning risk indicators used Linkage to performance measures and incentives Risk modeling/scenarios Industry benchmarking used regularly

Challenges

Integrated thinking

Governance

- How integrated is your function with other risk and control functions?
- What is your definition of integration (beyond coordination and meetings)?
- What are the hand offs and touch points?
- How is reporting integrated or at least aligned to other functions?
- What are the touch points with management?

Legal & regulatory compliance IT applications & data management

Assurance

Risk aligned, integrated, efficient, effective, sustainable

Definition of risk

• Do you have a complete picture of your organisation's risk universe of map that everyone understands and the principle risks?

Inherent universe versus current residual universe

 Is the definition of risk accepted and adopted across the organisation?

- How comprehensive is your risk taxonomy?
- Are you focussing on downside risk?
- Risks of and to the strategy
- Do you understand the interconnectedness of your risk profile and impact of one risk on others?

Beyond the policy and framework

- Standards help to contextualise the methods, but are less effective at defining the operating model
- Alignment to other frameworks
- Focus on risk identification and reporting, but the crux of risk management is the middle of the value chain create
- Process and design thinking embed into business process
- Integration with the broader organisational operating model

* OCEG Red book tailored for iGRC

Service delivery model

- Does the business understand how you deliver service to them?
- Have you carefully designed your operating and service delivery model as a risk functions, taking consideration of the organisations operating model?
- How would you currently define your model and how effective is it at delivering on your mandate?
- To what extent do you play a value adding business partner role with management, particularly at a BU or operational level
 - Organised at corporate level++

Link to strategy and performance

- Are you integrally involved in strategic conversations?
- How clearly can you articulate the link from strategy to performance?
- What impact do the results of the risk management activities have on the strategy or performance measurement?
- Does management feel the impact of risk management activities on their strategy and performance?
- Do you understand the drivers of value across the business

Ownership

- Are accountabilities clear to everyone across the business?
- Does business talk risk language and think risk in every context (e.g. SHE)?
- Is risk a once a year activity or is it embedded in day to day operations?
- How do you help embed risk as an integrated activity into the business beyond providing the framework?

line of defence

Culture

Organisational culture

Do people understand why risk is important beyond the regulatory need to comply?

 Leveraging risk management to drive provide the insights to inform decisions about the allocation of resources

Reporting and measurement

Alignment of performance standards

Communication methods

A better chance for business success

Norms

Accepted patterns of behaviour visible across an organisation fluencers act with employees

- What employees expect to be said or done
- How people work: one-on-one, in teams, or in larger forums
- How employees interact with peers, managers and internal customers

Motivation

The reasons why people manage risk the way that they do Relationships How people in the organisation interact with others

Decision making

- Is risk even considered when making critical business decisions?
- What role do you play in the decisions that business makes?
- What information and insights do you provide to assist business in making the right decisions?
- Do you measure the cost and benefits of managing and mitigating risks key to the business (total cost of risk)?
- Can you measure the total cost of risk / cost of control on the business?
- Can you measure the value contribution of risk?

Environmental scanning and analytics

- How close are you to external risk factors impacting your organisation?
- Do you understand the potential scenario's that could impact strategy and business performance?
- Have you analysed the impact of external risks and potential scenarios?
- What kind of analytics capability do you have in your team?

What level of risk monitoring and analytics is performed on a continuous basis?

Indicators and Monitoring

- Management and monitoring is perhaps more critical than identification
- Monitoring is not only the ambit of Internal Audit
- How regularly are you monitoring the levels of critical risks and the actions taken to mitigate?
- Have you identified a key set of indicators that will support management to respond appropriately – part of the larger set of performance indicators
- How do indicators link to the level of appetite the organisation has to tolerate risk?
- How are causal factors leveraged on a strategic basis to inform responses by the business?

Skills and business acumen

- Position of risk managers within the organisation
- Keeping abreast of latest risk advances
- EQ more than IQ
- Knowledge and understanding of the business
- Ability to develop insights based on a complex set of data
- Business experience and acumen
- More senior and experienced teams (cost benefit equation)

Systems and data

- Do you have a risk system to help enable the management of risk?
- How effective do you think it is helping to develop the right insights and provide an enabling tool to the business in managing risk?
- How integrated is it to other business systems and knowledge bases?
- What is the quality of data like?
- Can you develop insights and views for management based on the data collected?
- Quality of information and reporting



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