

Company-wide risk management in German companies: an ERM maturity assessment

How developed is your risk management? Do a self-assessment!



About the project

Legislators require companies to have an adequate and effective risk management system, which many companies see as an ‘additional administrative burden’ with no real benefit. There is a benefit, however, when companies not only generate risk information but also incorporate it into their planning, decision-making and management systems. In doing so, it is important to anchor the ‘master mind’ for generating and incorporating risk information in a risk-based corporate governance strategy. The ERM maturity assessment developed in this project is based on the best practice observation, which is derived from the ISO risk management standard and the COSO ERM Framework and was developed at the Institute of Management Science (TU Wien) together with the Risk Management Association e. V. The ERM maturity assessment was brought to life in a free online tool using modern web technology (<https://ermma.imw.tuwien.ac.at>). The tool makes it possible to determine the maturity of the risk management system established in a company, as well as to identify the strengths and weaknesses, and delivers specific recommendations for further developing the system.

Practical reference

Using the new online tool, you can anonymously examine your company’s risk management. The result and analysis report also explains the concepts used to measure the degree of maturity so that you can use the report in at least three ways: first, top management gets a compact overview of the maturity of the implemented risk management system. Second, the internal revision team receives a rating of the quality of the risk management, which can be compared against the results of other companies. Third, the responsible risk managers are shown specific areas of potential improvement.

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About the Funk Foundation

The Funk Foundation was founded by Funk shareholder Dr Leberecht Funk and his wife Maritta as a private non-profit organisation. The foundation supports practical projects from the field of risk management, with a particular focus on vocational training in the insurance sector. The foundation also awards prizes and holds specialist events in this context. In addition, the foundation also supports cultural projects. Here, special emphasis is placed on works of classical music that are of artistic worth yet currently receive too little attention. The concept explicitly extends beyond national boundaries.