The Institute of Internal Auditors
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Assurance mapping – a practitioner's workshop

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Course Objectives

An assurance map (AMAP) is a tool to ensure key risks are assured across your organisation – driving out gaps and overlaps in the assurance jigsaw. The idea seems straightforward but there are many stories of lengthy, complex and incomplete assurance mapping efforts. This workshop will give you a good grounding in the principles and practical application of AMAPs so that you can start using this approach with greater confidence in a range of ways – from audit planning to assignment management; from overall audit opinions to the delivery of efficiency opportunities between audit and compliance functions.

What will I learn?

Upon completion you will be able to:
• deliver AMAPs in a timely and cost effective way, with clear benefits for key stakeholders
• save time and effort in terms of delivering AMAPs with internal resources, or managing the efforts of others
• recognise the key components of an effective assurance map
• assess your current efforts and plans to deliver an assurance map so that you can avoid the common pitfalls and difficulties, including important lessons concerning the scope of an assurance
• map and key stakeholders to engage
• build a realistic business case for an assurance map, including likely 'quick wins'
• prioritise your current efforts and understand future opportunities, including assurance scorecards and synergy opportunities

Who should attend?

Head of internal audit and internal audit managers.

Course programme

• IIA and other definitions of an assurance map
• the different assurance maps and their benefits
• a framework for progressing with assurance maps
• the common pitfalls
• case studies – financial controls, compliance, projects, streamlined board reporting
• frameworks for improving the co-ordination between audit and assurance providers
• how assurance mapping can support synergy reviews
• implications of an assurance approach for audit planning and assignments
• review of progress / plans in your organisation and insights on key areas to prioritise

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Price

€ 350
€ 250 (members IIA Greece)

Venue

virtual seminar via tele-conference

CPE's: 7

Curriculum vitae

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James is the former CAE of AstraZeneca. He delivers training for over 14 of the IIA Institutes in Europe. He also helps clients prepare for external quality assessments. He has presented at 3 international IIA conferences. He is the author of the book "Lean Auditing", published in 2015 which looks at lean and agile ways of working, whilst still complying with IIA standards.