

# Governance, Security, Risk Management and Audit/Assurance

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## Objectives and organization

The Information Systems Audit and Control Association (ISACA) is a worldwide affiliation of information system specialists in the domains of security, control, audit and governance/management. Created in 1969, the association today counts more than 200 active, local affiliates in over 180 countries. The ISACA Switzerland Chapter was founded in 1988 – and we maintain close links with our partners in France, England, Germany, Italy and Austria.



The first version of COBIT® was launched in 1996 by ISACA and has been further expanded in many releases by the IT Governance Institute. COBIT® has become a universally recognized worldwide reference. It brings together standards and best practices (e.g. ISO 20000, ISO 27000, ISO 38500, COSO, ITIL V3, PMBOK, TOGAF, NIST800...) as well as providing instruments for security, governance, risk management and audit of information systems. The COBIT 5 framework and the corresponding professional guides “COBIT for Security”, “COBIT for Assurance” and “COBIT for Risk” are available from the ISACA bookstore.

Through the continuing adaptation and improvement of these standards and instruments, as well as through its role as a leader across the world, ISACA contributes to the recognition of its members.

## A knowledge network

ISACA unites, in a worldwide network, professionals who, on a daily basis, deal with the problems of security, audit and management of information systems. The number of members is continually growing to more than 110'000, of which about 1'300 live in Switzerland. Anyone interested in the security, risk management, audit or IS governance/management is invited to become a member. Thereby, you will profit from the following benefits:

- Standards as well as (other) worldwide recognized governance and management instruments
  - The results of recent research and benchmark publications
  - Magazines, books and professional presentations
  - A specialized bookstore containing up-to-date works on IS audit, security, risk management, governance and management
  - International professional improvement conferences offer reductions to ISACA members
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**As an ISACA member you will be able to take advantage of the following benefits:**



- Full access to the knowledge base K-NET and associated free downloads (The K-Net Knowledge base contains links and access to sites worldwide)
- Free download of journals, standards and presentations
- Special reductions for training courses and conferences
- Reductions when ordering specialized books from the ISACA bookstore
- Regular updates from the IS Control Journal and Global Communication magazines

**Additional Swiss member advantages**

- The monthly ISACA After Hours Seminars in Zurich, Bern and Geneva (some of them in English) –free of charge
- Excellent training courses and preparation material for the CISA (Certified Information Systems Auditor), the CISM (Certified Information Security Manager), the CGEIT (Certified in the Governance of Enterprise IT) and the CRISC (Certified in Risk and Internal Control) examinations
- Discounts for courses of the official training partner ITACS Training AG
- The monthly appearing Swiss IT Magazin (free of charge); including special ISACA articles four times a year
- The “monthly” electronic newsletter (10 times per year)
- Close collaboration with ISACA partners: Swiss Chamber of Chartered Accountants, Swiss Association of Internal Audit, Information Security Society Switzerland and others

If you wish to become a member, complete the ‘Application Form’ and send it to the address indicated. You will find the form at the following address:

[www.isaca.org/join.htm](http://www.isaca.org/join.htm)

ISACA Switzerland Chapter will respond to your questions sent via:

[sekretariat@isaca.ch](mailto:sekretariat@isaca.ch)

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## Education & Training



The ISACA Switzerland Chapter organizes twice a year an advanced training in the audit and security of information systems (i.e. IT). This course is targeted at persons who work in the field of audit/assurance, risk and security – it uses a curriculum based on the current CISA Candidates Guide. The course runs for about 5 months with 15 days of class-based training and about 10–20 days of structured reading and other homework. The course also prepares for the international CISA exam – with very high pass rates of 90–100%.



For persons interested in security and risk management, the ISACA Switzerland Chapter offers a course that builds on a curriculum based on the CISM Candidates Guide. The typical participant works as an IT/information security officer or security consultant. The course runs for about 5 months with 14 days of class-based training and an additional 10–20 days of structured reading, case studies and other homework. The course also prepares for the international CISM exam – again with very high pass rates.



The ISACA Switzerland chapter course on IT governance – i.e. topics such as strategic alignment, value optimization, risk optimization and resource optimization – uses a curriculum based on the CGEIT Candidates Guide. Typical participants come from governance and/or management functions, often from outside of IT. The course runs for about 5 months with 14 days of class-based training and an additional 12–20 days of homework. The course also prepares for the international CGEIT exam.



CRISC is the newest certificate offered by ISACA. The official course of the Switzerland Chapter covers risk identification and evaluation, risk management/mitigation and risk monitoring, as well as internal controls within information technology. The course builds on and expands the CRISC Candidates Guide, runs for about 5 month (13 days of class-based training, 10–20 days homework) and also prepares of the international CRISC exam.

### Other Trainings

In collaboration with ITACS Training AG the ISACA Switzerland Chapters offers around 40–50 courses a year, all in the field of internal control and risk management, information and IT security, audit/assurance and (IT) governance; see: <http://www.itacs.ch>