

Why automate your ERM process?

Risk Managers – Solving the information problem that you face

Irrespective of the industry in which they work, Risk Managers are facing a common problem when it comes to managing their risk information.

This problem involves:

- an increasing amount of risk information that managers are required to collect, analyze and report on
- a more frequent obligation to report on the above analysis and findings.

Risk Managers must pursue solutions that automate the process of collecting, organising, analysing and communicating their risks in an efficient, cost-effective manner.

A Risk Manager's Current Situation

Many risk managers are experiencing information challenges that stem from a variety of manual processes, such as collecting information from field units with pen and paper, hand keying risk information into a complex spreadsheet, validating the information visually, and manually creating reports. Some of the more common challenges are expanded on below:

- **Collecting & updating risk information is very time consuming and inefficient.** Many risk managers physically collect risk information from a series of personal interviews in the field with pen and paper or from risk review meetings. This manually intensive process consumes a tremendous amount of time for the risk manager.
- **Risk Information is not comprehensive.** Risk Managers cannot be everywhere all the time. Attempting to collect every single operational, strategic and financial risk across the entire enterprise becomes challenging and leads to capturing only the risks that are perceived to be the most important by senior executives.
- **ERM is deployed but not put into practice.** An ERM process has been developed but is unused as there is no effective and efficient way to deploy and enable it.



What does this information problem lead to?

A manually intensive or un-automated risk process leads to 3 major issues:

- **Risk information is out of date by the time it is reported.** Due to the amount of time and energy spent collecting and organising the information, regardless of whether reporting occurs annually or quarterly, the information is often already out of date and does not reflect the current risk situation facing an organisation.
- **Enterprise Risk Management becomes Reactive vs. Proactive.** With the risk information out of date, new risks are not identified or managed and mitigation strategies are not executed in a proactive fashion leading to negative impacts to the organisation.
- **The ERM Process never grows.** A process that cannot be effectively and efficiently deployed does not add value currently. It has no path to enable growth and maturity of your ERM process into the future.

But why Automate?

Turn over to learn how automation helps you solve the above issues!



