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Your News around Europe

Dear colleagues,

Welcome to our latest update.

In this edition, we are pleased to share a selection of news, initiatives, events and insights from across the ECIIA network and the wider internal audit profession.

Our aim is to keep you informed of relevant developments, highlight opportunities for engagement, and support continued exchange across our European community. We would also be very grateful for your support in sharing the **ECIIA Banking Forum 2026** with relevant members and networks, using the ready-to-use communication materials included in this edition.

ECIIA Banking Forum 2026

ready-to-use materials for your members

The full programme for the **ECIIA Banking Forum 2026: AI in Banking: From Hype to Value – An Internal Audit perspective** is now confirmed.

The Forum will take place online on **Tuesday, 20 October 2026, from 09:30 to 12:30 CEST**, bringing together perspectives from research, Audit Committees, ECB Banking Supervision and Internal Audit practitioners.

We would be very grateful if you could share the Forum with your members and networks.

To make this as easy as possible, all materials are ready to use:

Ready-to-use copy for LinkedIn, websites, newsletters and emails:

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/3/folders/1EWlwGMXfhKRLifEz-RjGUE6I7D1B7Tih

Event page:

https://www.eciia.eu/2026/08/eciia-banking-forum-2026-ai-in-banking-from-hype-to-value-an-internal-audit-perspective/

Direct registration:

https://buy.stripe.com/7sY14o9Ue8qEfgOd2O1ZS01

Full programme PDF:

https://www.eciia.eu/wp-content/uploads/2026/08/Program-2.pdf

Visuals:

https://drive.google.com/drive/u/3/folders/1nvHyhms25U-xuip5ZTd_7A0FtZ4g7_93

Please feel free to use the suggested wording as it is, or adapt and translate it for your own channels.

Thank you for helping us bring the Forum to your members.

IIA Malta joins ECIIA as its 36th member

ECIIA is delighted to welcome **IIA Malta** as the 36th national institute to join our European network.

Each member institute brings its own perspective and experience to our community. Welcoming Malta further strengthens the diversity of voices represented within ECIIA and our collective ability to support the internal audit profession across Europe.

ECIIA President **Andrea Bracht** and the entire ECIIA community warmly welcome **IIA Malta** and its President, **Giancarlo Millo**. We look forward to working closely together and to Malta's contribution to our network.

ECIIA completes its 2026 Board elections

Following the close of the voting process on 24 August, **Kemal Tapkan of IIA Türkiye** has been elected to the ECIIA Board, completing the 2026 Board election process.

He joins newly elected Board members **Diana D'Alterio of AIIA – Italy** and **Biljana Sekulovska of IIA North Macedonia**, under the leadership of ECIIA President **Andrea Bracht**.

With the new Board now in place, ECIIA enters a busy final part of 2026, including the **ECIIA Conference on 15–16 October** and the **Banking Forum on 20 October**. We warmly congratulate all three newly elected members and look forward to their contribution to ECIIA's work.

Risk in Focus 2026/27 now available

The latest **Risk in Focus 2026/27** report is now available, based on **797 responses from Chief Audit Executives across Europe**.

The research highlights cybersecurity, digital disruption and AI, and macroeconomic and geopolitical uncertainty among the leading risks, while also examining how internal audit is adapting to a faster-moving and increasingly interconnected risk landscape.

A dedicated **Board Briefing** is also available for boards and senior executives.

Read the full report

Read the Board Briefing

Less than a month to go until the ECIIA Conference 2026

The **ECIIA Conference 2026** is now **less than a month away**. On **15–16 October in Brussels**, our European internal audit community will come together for a special edition marking **ECIIA's 25th anniversary**.

Under the theme **"Internal Audit at Europe's Crossroads – Navigating Change Towards Tomorrow,"** the conference will explore the regulatory, technological and geopolitical developments reshaping the profession, with discussions covering **AI and emerging technologies, cybersecurity, geopolitical uncertainty and regulatory change**.

With **14 CPE points** and both **in-person and virtual participation options**, the conference will also be a valuable opportunity to reconnect with peers from across the ECIIA network.

View the programme and register

ECIIA represented at the European Commission IAS Conference

Two ECIIA Committee Chairs took part in the **European Commission Internal Audit Service Annual Conference** on **11 September in Brussels**, dedicated this year to **"Internal Audit in motion: Keeping pace with a changing Europe."**

Virpi Vuorinen, Chair of the ECIIA Banking Committee, and **Soledad Llamas Tutor**, Chair of the ECIIA Public Sector Committee, both contributed to the panel **"Organisational culture and adding value via internal audit."** Their participation highlighted the expertise within ECIIA's committees and its contribution to discussions shaping the profession at European level.

ECIIA across Europe this autumn

The coming weeks will see several major gatherings across the European internal audit community, with conferences organised in **Austria, Türkiye, Serbia and Malta**.

The **45th Annual Conference of IIA Austria** will take place in Linz on **24–25 September** in a hybrid format, focusing on how Internal Audit can remain effective amid geopolitical tensions, AI-driven transformation, increasing regulatory requirements and cyber risks. Just a few days later, the **30th International Türkiye Internal Audit Conference** will take place in Istanbul on **29–30 September**, exploring how collective intelligence can help rebuild trust in a profession facing technological transformation, sustainability challenges and an evolving risk landscape.

In October, **IIA Serbia's 14th Conference** will be held on **8–9 October** in Divčibare, bringing together speakers from Serbia and abroad around current internal audit issues, with **12 CPE points** available. Finally, on **20 October**, **IIA Malta** will hold its Annual Conference, *"Challenge Accepted: Rethinking Governance, Audit & Accountability,"* focusing on constructive challenge, professional scepticism and independent oversight.

Together, these events provide valuable opportunities for our community to exchange perspectives, strengthen connections across national institutes and engage with the issues shaping the profession across Europe.

Celebrating 25 Years with ECIIA Past Presidents

As part of ECIIA's **25th anniversary celebrations**, former ECIIA Presidents will come together on **14 October** for a special gathering reflecting on the organisation's journey over the past 25 years.

The event, held **by invitation only**, will offer an opportunity to reconnect with those who have helped shape ECIIA over the years and to mark this milestone together ahead of the ECIIA Conference.

September ECIIA Committee Meetings

September continues to be a busy month for ECIIA's sector committees, with three meetings taking place across the network.

The **Banking Sector Committee** met online on **8 September**. The **Insurance Sector Committee** met in **Zurich on 18 September**, followed by the **Public Sector Committee**, which will meet online on **22 September**.

These meetings provide an opportunity for committee members to continue their work and exchanges on the priorities and developments affecting their respective sectors.

Thank you for your continued engagement and support.

We look forward to continuing our collaboration, sharing insights and strengthening the voice of the European internal audit profession together.

For any questions or suggestions please reach out to us at info@eciia.eu

Kind regards,

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