



European Confederation of
**Institutes of
Internal Auditing**



Dear Members,

Welcome to our February update.

In this edition, we share an invitation to an upcoming webinar exploring today's evolving risk landscape, shaped by AI, governance challenges and increasing complexity.

We also look back at our January General Assembly in Brussels, as well as ECIIA's participation in a high-level discussion at the European Parliament hosted by ACCA, which focused on how the accounting and assurance professions can support SMEs in navigating AI, digital transformation and sustainability reporting, while addressing the growing impact of AI on skills and talent.

In addition, we invite you to support a research survey on AI and internal audit competencies, share a save-the-date for the ECIIA Conference 2026, and remind you that we are always happy to help promote your Institutes' upcoming events across our European network!

We hope you find this update useful and informative.

Webinar

Navigating the new risk landscape: AI, governance, and the path to maturity

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70% of risk leaders say the landscape is more complex than it was two years ago. With the rapid adoption of AI, multiplying regulations, and intensifying cyber threats, risk teams are busier than ever. Investment and intent are at an all-time high, yet true resilience remains elusive for many. This phenomenon is known as the “Middle Maturity Trap”: a state where organizations achieve high levels of activity — logging

risks, adopting controls, and mapping frameworks — but lack the consistency and governance to turn that activity into foresight.

Join us as we unpack the findings from the inaugural 2025 Risk Intelligence Report. Based on proprietary telemetry from the AuditBoard platform and surveys of over 400 risk leaders, this session will reveal why “surface compliance” is failing and how top-tier organizations are distinguishing themselves. We will explore the five critical dimensions of risk intelligence—from AI automation to cross-functional collaboration—and provide a strategic roadmap to help you move from reactive oversight to competitive advantage.

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ECIIA January General Assembly



The ECIIA hosted its January General Assembly in the Brussels EU quarter. Offering a deep dive into Europe, the attendees first visited the Parliamentarium, the European Parliament visitor's centre.



We then learnt about the work of the EU's anti fraud office, OLAF, with a very interesting speaker who also underlined the importance of stakeholder engagement with the main European Institutions.



Finally, the General Assembly heard about the importance of legal compliance with EU Competition rules. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead!



Research Survey – AI and Internal Audit Competencies

We would like to invite our National Institutes to share a research survey on AI and internal auditor competencies with their members.

This international study, conducted by an academic research team including the University of Queensland, explores how artificial intelligence is reshaping the skills and competencies required of internal auditors – a topic closely aligned with IIA Global’s Vision 2035 and ongoing discussions across the profession.

The survey is open to internal auditors and risk managers and has received full ethical clearance. As a benefit, participants will receive feedback on their organisation’s dynamic capabilities for AI-driven value creation.

We encourage Institutes to relay this survey to their members and help support evidence-based insights into the future of the profession.

[**Access the survey**](#)

ECIIA at the European Parliament – ACCA High-Level Policy Discussion



ECIIA attended a high-level discussion hosted by ACCA at the European Parliament, focused on how the accounting and assurance professions can support SMEs in navigating AI, digital transformation and sustainability reporting.

The exchange also highlighted the impact of AI on skills and talent, underlining the need for accessible EU funding to support professional upskilling and future readiness.

Save the Date !

ECIIA Conference 2026



The ECIIA Conference 2026 will take place in Brussels on **15 and 16 October 2026**. This year's theme is: **Internal Audit at Europe's Crossroads**.

This edition will be particularly special, as it will **mark 25 years since its creation in 2001**. More details and dedicated highlights will be shared as we get closer to the event.

Building on the key risks identified in the [Risk in Focus 2026 report](#) report, the conference will bring together the European internal audit community for two days of strategic discussions, practical insights and peer exchange at the heart of Europe.

Registration and further information coming soon!

Promote Your Institute's Events Through ECIIA!

As part of our commitment to strengthening collaboration across Europe, we are always happy to support our member institutes by promoting their upcoming events, conferences, or key initiatives across our canals!

If your institute is organising a conference, webinar, or any activity that could benefit the wider internal audit community, feel free to share the details with us.

Simply send the information to info@eciia.eu

Together, we can amplify visibility and foster stronger connections across our European network!

Thank you for being part of our community!

We look forward to another year of collaboration, insight-sharing and strong engagement across the European internal audit profession.

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

Kind regards,

The ECIIA Team

