IT governance deserves a complete reset: From fragmented compliance to a holistic report thanks to the new IDRS standards

In a hyper-digital world, everything revolves around reliable and stable IT systems. Without public trust in these systems, society can no longer function. Organisations can actively strengthen this trust by providing the right kind of insight into their digital systems. To do this effectively, a completely new concept for reporting is needed: the IDRS standards.

The ever-expanding system of regulations (and the associated accountability for directors and supervisors) presents a number of challenges. The EU has more than 100 laws in development that affect the digital domain, but there is no single coherent standard for the management of organisations to monitor this within their organisation.

Launch of the IDRS standards

During the ONE conference, the leading international cybersecurity conference, the International Digital Reporting Standards (IDRS) were launched on the 30th of September 2025 in The Hague. Organisations can apply the IDRS to prepare an annual report on their IT governance.

The annual report ensures that organisations can demonstrate much more efficiently that they comply with laws and regulations for IT control and that organisations and society can continue to count on reliable systems. This makes life a lot easier for market parties, customers, suppliers and financers of digital services, but also for the government and regulators.

What does the IDRS offer?

The IDRS provides one single, comprehensive IT report for the management of organisations to account for their actions and inform stakeholders about IT governance, risk and compliance, and essential IT topics such as digital innovation and transformation, data governance and ethics, outsourcing, cybersecurity, sustainability, IT continuity management and privacy.

"Thanks to this report based on the IDRS, I now have a complete overview of the IT governance of an organisation where I am a supervisory board member, all in one report," Pieter Jongstra, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, CZ health insurance.

Increasing digital resilience and economic strength

Documenting IT governance creates a culture of digital responsibility. Applying the IDRS reveals vulnerabilities and encourages improvement measures, thereby increasing digital resilience.

This increases economic clout, as improvements in IT governance are implemented and compliance with relevant legislation actually contributes to an organisation's clout, autonomy and values. The use of the IDRS also reduces compliance costs and risks associated with non-compliance with these laws.

Interested in applying the IDRS standards in your organisation?

The IDRS is now available to apply within your organisation, nationally and internationally. Get to know the new IDRS standards for your IT governance free of charge. You can request the IDRS here.

Interested in more information? Visit this page and consult our overview of frequently asked questions. Would you like to receive advice on applying the IDRS in your organisation? Please contact Lisanne van Helten, she will be happy to connect you with an expert.

Objectives of the IDRS platform

The IDRS platform organises cooperation between stakeholders in the field of digital legislation and focuses on three main activities: sharing knowledge and best practices between providers, recipients and IT auditors; forming opinions and evaluating upcoming and existing legislation; and further developing and managing the IDRS.

The initiators of the IDRS platform are Arcadis, CZ Group, the Dutch Central Bank, ECP | Platform for the Information Society, Institute of Internal Auditors Netherlands, the Ministry of Economic Affairs, the Ministry of Finance/Central Government Audit Service, NOREA, Dutch Authority for Digital Infrastructure, TIAS and the VU Amsterdam. The IDRS platform is hosted by ECP.