

AUDITING AND GOVERNANCE RISK AND COMPLIANCE | COURSE BROCHURE

Audit Leadership and Managing the Audit Function

5 days | Classroom training | English

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Why attend

Leading an internal audit function requires management, influence and strategic skills beyond technical auditing. This course covers audit leadership: building and developing the team, managing the audit plan and resources, quality and methodology, stakeholder relationships, technology, budgets and positioning the function for value.

The leadership of the audit function determines its credibility and impact. You will learn practices of successful chief audit executives.

Professional Problems This Course Is Designed to Solve

• Difficulty translating subject knowledge into practical workplace decisions.
• Inconsistent approaches to the activities covered in the course outline.
• Lack of a structured plan for applying and reviewing new skills.

Course methodology

Leadership case studies, team and resource planning exercises, stakeholder role plays and peer discussions.

Course objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:
• Lead and develop an internal audit team
• Manage plans, resources and budgets
• Maintain quality and methodology
• Build relationships with executives and committees
• Use technology to improve audit
• Position the function for strategic value

Target audience

This course is suitable for:
• Heads of internal audit
• Audit directors and managers
• Aspiring chief audit executives
• Audit committee members
• Senior auditors



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Target competencies

Participants will develop competencies in:

- Team leadership
- Resource management
- Quality management
- Stakeholder influence
- Strategic positioning

Course outline

Day 1: Audit Leadership

09:00–10:08	Role of the chief audit executive
10:08–11:00	Leadership challenges
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Leadership challenges (continued)
11:45–12:53	Self-assessment
12:53–14:00	Exercise

Day 2: The Team

09:00–10:08	Skills and structure
10:08–11:00	Recruitment and development
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Recruitment and development (continued)
11:45–12:53	Performance
12:53–14:00	Workshop

Day 3: Managing Delivery

09:00–10:08	Plan management
10:08–11:00	Resources and budgets
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**



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11:30–11:45	Resources and budgets (continued)
11:45–12:53	Quality
12:53–14:00	Exercise

Day 4: Stakeholders

09:00–10:08	Executives and committees
10:08–11:00	Influence
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Influence (continued)
11:45–12:53	Difficult situations
12:53–14:00	Role play

Day 5: Strategic Value

09:00–10:08	Technology and innovation
10:08–11:00	Value metrics
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Value metrics (continued)
11:45–12:53	Strategy
12:53–14:00	Action plan

The timings provided are estimates and may vary depending on the number of participants and the discussions taking place during the sessions. They are indicative only and do not constitute a binding commitment.



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Dates, venues and fees

Current published course plans. Fees are per participant in EUR, excluding unconfirmed taxes.

Venue	Start date	End date	Fee (EUR)
Cape Town Confirmed dates	16 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	**€1,890.–**
Online Confirmed dates	16 Nov 2026	20 Nov 2026	**€1,250.–**
Dubai Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**€3,150.–**
Online Confirmed dates	7 Dec 2026	11 Dec 2026	**€1,250.–**
London Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**€2,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Jan 2027	15 Jan 2027	**€1,250.–**
Rome Confirmed dates	1 Feb 2027	5 Feb 2027	**€2,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	1 Feb 2027	5 Feb 2027	**€1,250.–**
Barcelona Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**€2,840.–**



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Online Confirmed dates	22 Feb 2027	26 Feb 2027	**€1,250.–**
Rome Confirmed dates	8 Mar 2027	12 Mar 2027	**€2,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Mar 2027	12 Mar 2027	**€1,250.–**
Paris Confirmed dates	29 Mar 2027	2 Apr 2027	**€2,860.–**
Online Confirmed dates	29 Mar 2027	2 Apr 2027	**€1,250.–**
Vienna Confirmed dates	19 Apr 2027	23 Apr 2027	**€2,940.–**
Online Confirmed dates	19 Apr 2027	23 Apr 2027	**€1,250.–**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	10 May 2027	14 May 2027	**€2,650.–**
Online Confirmed dates	10 May 2027	14 May 2027	**€1,250.–**



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Barcelona Confirmed dates	31 May 2027	4 Jun 2027	**€2,840.–**
Online Confirmed dates	31 May 2027	4 Jun 2027	**€1,250.–**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	14 Jun 2027	18 Jun 2027	**€1,890.–**
Online Confirmed dates	14 Jun 2027	18 Jun 2027	**€1,250.–**
Dubai Confirmed dates	5 Jul 2027	9 Jul 2027	**€3,150.–**
Online Confirmed dates	5 Jul 2027	9 Jul 2027	**€1,250.–**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**€1,450.–**
Online Confirmed dates	26 Jul 2027	30 Jul 2027	**€1,250.–**
Vienna Confirmed dates	16 Aug 2027	20 Aug 2027	**€2,940.–**



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Online Confirmed dates	16 Aug 2027	20 Aug 2027	**€1,250.-**
Dubai Confirmed dates	6 Sept 2027	10 Sept 2027	**€3,150.-**
Online Confirmed dates	6 Sept 2027	10 Sept 2027	**€1,250.-**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	20 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027	**€1,890.-**
Online Confirmed dates	20 Sept 2027	24 Sept 2027	**€1,250.-**
Rome Confirmed dates	11 Oct 2027	15 Oct 2027	**€2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	11 Oct 2027	15 Oct 2027	**€1,250.-**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	1 Nov 2027	5 Nov 2027	**€2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	1 Nov 2027	5 Nov 2027	**€1,250.-**



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Istanbul Confirmed dates	22 Nov 2027	26 Nov 2027	**€2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	22 Nov 2027	26 Nov 2027	**€1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	13 Dec 2027	17 Dec 2027	**€2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	13 Dec 2027	17 Dec 2027	**€1,250.-**

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