

Converging Risks: A 360° View of Risk Management Today

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Time	Agenda	Speaker(s)
08:30–09:00	Registration Coffee	
09:00–09:15	Opening Remarks	
09:15–09:55	Panel Discussion Political Risk Navigating the New Normal: Global Risks Reshaping Financial Markets Global political risks are increasingly interconnected, creating volatility across markets, supply chains, and operations. From conflicts and sanctions to climate disruption, organisations must anticipate disruption and build resilience. This session brings together experts to explore emerging risks, mitigation strategies, and ways leaders can navigate uncertainty while spotting opportunities.	Panellists James Ker-Lindsay Academic and Policy Analyst United Kingdom and Cyprus Fiona Mullen Director Sapienta Economics Cyprus Christian Hunt Founder Human Risk Limited United Kingdom Moderator Adonis Pegasiou
09:55–10:25	Keynote Address Strategic Risk Beyond Black Swans: Mastering the Art of Strategic Foresight In an era where macro volatility is crushing traditional five-year plans, the biggest risk may be the one you're not even considering. This provocative keynote explores the spectrum of strategic threats, from ignored 'Grey Rhinos' to unimaginable 'Unknown Unknowns', and why conventional planning is failing. Learn how leading organisations are replacing static forecasts with real-time scenario modelling, implementing horizon scanning, and fostering organisational curiosity to anticipate failure before it strikes.	Speaker Jennifer Geary Non-Executive Director RiskSmart Risky Woman Ambassador United Kingdom
10:25–11:05	Panel Discussion Cyber Risk Aligning Regulators, Business Leaders, and Global Markets Cyber risk is no longer confined to IT departments; it now sits at the heart of regulatory agendas, boardroom strategies, and financial market stability. Escalating threats like ransomware, supply chain attacks, and state-sponsored intrusions create unprecedented risks for businesses and markets. This panel brings together perspectives from regulation, private-sector innovation, and international finance to explore systemic risks in a digital-first economy and how organisations can align strategies to address evolving threats.	Panellists George Michaelides Commissioner of Communications Republic of Cyprus Cyprus Pantelis Angelides Founder Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Quadprime Cyprus Solon Houtris Chief Information Security Officer XM Cyprus Moderator Constantinos Koumides

11:05–11:25	Coffee Break Networking	
11:25–11:55	Keynote Address Human Risk Why People are the Biggest Threat and Asset Every major financial crisis traces back to human decision-making, yet most risk frameworks treat people as an afterthought. In this compelling keynote, Christian Hunt explores the paradox of human risk and how the same employees who can devastate an organisation are also its greatest defence. From insider threats and toxic cultures to the power of psychological safety and effective whistleblowing, Hunt reveals why "tone from the top" isn't enough and shares evidence-based training methods that actually change behaviour and reduce risk.	Speaker Christian Hunt Founder Human Risk Limited United Kingdom
11:55–12:35	Panel Discussion Financial & Operational Risk Systems Under Stress: How to Build Financial and Operational Resilience In times of volatility and disruption, the true test of leadership is not whether organisations can avoid risk, but whether they can endure it. This panel explores the twin pressures of financial and operational risk – from liquidity crunches and credit exposures to system outages, supply chain failures, and internal breakdowns. Panellists will share strategies for managing market turbulence, fortifying controls, and designing robust continuity plans that enable businesses not only to withstand shocks, but to emerge stronger from them.	Panellists Louis Protopapas Manager, Non-Financial Risk Management Eurobank Cyprus Jennifer Geary Non-Executive Director RiskSmart Risky Woman Ambassador United Kingdom Christos Pieridis Director PwC Cyprus Moderator Sergei Grechkin
12:35–13:15	Panel Discussion Compliance & Regulatory Risk Turning Compliance into Risk Intelligence Compliance is no longer just a box to tick, it can be a strategic lens for identifying emerging risks and operational blind spots. This panel explores how forward-looking organisations are transforming compliance data, monitoring tools, and regulatory insights into predictive risk intelligence. Expert panellists share frameworks for embedding compliance thinking across all business functions, leveraging early warning signals, and turning regulatory obligations into actionable strategies that strengthen resilience and support better decision-making.	Panellists Faisal Islam Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Complytek Cyprus Antigoni Hadjixenophontos Senior Analyst, Financial Intelligence Unit (MOKAS) Cyprus Idan Levy Co-founder & CEO Advanscreen Israel Moderator Despina Christofi
13:15–14:15	Lunch Break Networking	
14:15–14:35	Workshop Risk Assessment The Anatomy of a Risk Assessment: From Analysis to Action Turn risk assessment from a checkbox exercise into a strategic decision-making tool. This hands-on workshop breaks down the essential components of professional risk assessment, from structuring scenarios and developing scoring methodologies to crafting recommendations that actually influence business decisions. Participants will work through a real-world case study, learning proven frameworks and practical techniques to create risk assessments that drive meaningful organisational action.	Speakers Panayiotis Antoniou Chief Executive Officer (CEO) MAP Risk Management Services (MAP RMS) Cyprus Panagiotis Vassiliades Deputy Chief Executive Officer (CEO) MAP Risk Management Services (MAP RMS) Cyprus

14:35–15:05	Keynote Address Crypto Risk Crypto: Beyond the Hype to Practical Risk Management Cryptocurrency has evolved from speculative novelty to legitimate business imperative, but the risk landscape remains treacherous. This keynote cuts through the hype to deliver practical insights on managing digital asset risks in traditional financial institutions. Explore the emerging risk categories, from technical vulnerabilities and compliance gaps to reputational dangers, and learn frameworks for balancing crypto's transformative potential against its significant perils in enterprise settings.	Speaker Tara Annison Head of Product Twinstake United Kingdom
15:05–15:45	Panel Discussion Technology Risk The Quantum Leap: Anticipating Risks in the Age of Intelligent Machines AI and quantum computing are transforming the risk landscape, offering efficiency and insights but also introducing threats like AI-driven attacks, algorithmic bias, and quantum-level vulnerabilities. This panel explores how organisations can harness these technologies responsibly, anticipate disruption, and know when human judgment must override automation.	Panellists Georgina Tryfou Senior Manager Technology Consulting EY Cyprus Tara Annison Head of Product Twinstake United Kingdom Ernesto Evgeniy Sanches Shayda Founder Infiano.AI Cyprus Moderator Mateo Jarrin Cuvi
15:45–16:05	Fireside Chat Managing Technology Risk at Scale: AI, Compliance, and Resilience in Practice As AI and complex systems scale, managing technology risk is a critical priority. From compliance and cyber threats to operational vulnerabilities, leaders must balance innovation with strong risk practices. This fireside chat explores managing technology risk at scale.	Speakers Angelos Gregoriou Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Co-Founder Dynamic Works CY Mateo Jarrin Cuvi Global Manager for Partners & Media The Association of Governance, Risk & Compliance (AGRC) UK
16:05-16:20	Coffee Break Networking	
16:20–16:40	Expert Talks Reputational Risk Managing Reputational Risk in the Age of Instant Outrage In today's hyperconnected world, a single 'tweet' can trigger millions in market-cap losses within hours. This keynote address examines how organisations can navigate the volatile landscape of social media-driven reputational crises, from managing public backlash to containing brand damage.	Speaker Penny Kozakos Head of Issues & Crises U.S.A Zeno Group United States
16:40–17:00	Expert Talks ESG Risk Managing ESG Risk: Sustainable Leadership and Corporate Responsibility ESG isn't just about compliance, it's becoming a core risk management discipline that can make or break financial performance. This presentation explores how to build robust ESG-risk frameworks that address regulatory requirements while avoiding costly greenwashing pitfalls.	Speaker Georgina Kyprianou Sustainability Strategy and Compliance Advisor Founder Maverix Advisors Cyprus
17:00–17:05	Closing Remarks	

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