

Module

GOVERNANCE, RISK MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE

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Module overview

The main goal is to introduce students to the field of “Governance, Risk Management and Compliance” (GRC) as an emerging approach in current business practices. The main idea is to first study each field in its specific trajectory, then to look at the arguments why modern business organization (e.g. Volkswagen) is combining the three in a common GRC approach. Finally, it will be argued that ESG reporting and corporate sustainability due diligence are imposing new requirements which underscore the importance of introducing compliance management systems.

The Module will demonstrate to students that changes in business organization are not simply the result of legislative innovation in a simple sense. Indeed, the current transformations are a complex result of the interaction of some countries’ legislative approaches with extraterritorial effect, evolving best practices, a heightened awareness of stakeholder concerns and an increasing recognition by courts that directors’ fiduciary duties become more demanding in light of these changes in the business environment. On top of these momentous developments comes a discussion at the EU level on how to enforce due diligence in supply chain management.

Topic 1. Introduction and a “Business and human rights” case study

Topic 2. The „G“ in „GRC“: The drive towards good governance

Topic 3. The „R“ in GRC: The Drive Towards Risk Management

Topic 4. The „C“ in „GRC“: Compliance

Topic 5. Current developments in light of the proposals for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on corporate sustainability due diligence as well as on corporate sustainability reporting.

Literature

Todd Haugh. 2019. “Harmonizing Governance, Risk Management, and Compliance through the Paradigm of Behavioral Ethics Risk”. *University of Pennsylvania Journal of Business Law* 21(4): 873-906.