

Enabling the transition to SAP S/4HANA with confidence

Internal Audit - navigating the biggest risks to organizational success



SAP S/4HANA Transformation Opportunities and Risks for Internal Audit Functions

As companies are centralizing, standardizing, and modernizing their business processes using new SAP S/4HANA products, organizations need to have confidence that S/4HANA governance is appropriately designed and the risks of implementation are identified and adequately managed. Internal Audit has a critical role to play to provide independent assurance, challenge and support so that SAP S/4HANA implementations deliver and critically do not negatively impact operations, finance, technology, regulatory requirements and the ability to deliver on strategic objectives.

Why should internal audit play a key role?

Support success by moving from a **reactive** to a **proactive** approach


A proactive internal audit approach to managing SAP S/4HANA implementation risks focuses on the management of project risks, considers areas for automation to drive efficiencies in business processes, identifies gaps in design and build, and addresses internal control gaps requiring remediation prior to go-live. Internal Audit implementation assessments increase the likelihood of project success via improved governance, greater business satisfaction, and a solid internal controls structure.

Key SAP S/4HANA Implementation Risks Internal Audit Should Consider

Scoping & definition	Inadequate scoping and definition requirements may lead to pressure on delivery timescales, resources required, and failing to meet operational business needs. Lack of clearly defined scope also limits successful stakeholder engagement and support.	Testing & validation	Incomplete and insufficient testing may lead to disruption or inefficiencies in transaction processing. Lack of optimal use of SAP S/4HANA automated capabilities may lead to increased manual efforts.
Data quality & migration	Insufficient data validation prior to migration and inaccurate data conversion may lead to an increased risk of inaccurate financial reporting and need for manual intervention later on.	Cultural & behaviors	Lack of a clear plan to understand, set up and deploy cultural and behavioral change , may lead to a significant risk people will continue to "work the old way" and not realise the benefits of efficiency and automation.
IT security	Flawed security design , inaccurate user set up , or inappropriate security configurations may lead to increased post-implementation support requirements, disruption in transaction processing, data security risks, backdoors for fraud, or unacceptable cyber risks.	Reporting	Failure to consider reporting at the outset or incorporate it as a core element of all work stream activities. Resulting in inadequate management and operational reporting and lack of sufficient consideration of controls and data quality in reporting.
Governance & Set-up	Insufficient project governance controls, assurance and oversight may lead to challenges keeping the programme on track and ineffective internal controls could impact regulatory requirements. Cloud governance oversight may not be sufficient.	Benefits realisation	Insufficient definition and tracking of benefits during the project may lead to poor decision making regarding project continuation and scope changes, leading to systems not fit for purpose.

How can Internal Audit help?

Working alongside the implementation project team, Internal Audit should perform risk based assessments at the key strategic phases and milestones providing real-time feedback to help avoid surprises upon go-live. Specific testing areas may include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

-  Project risk management and oversight
-  Regulatory requirements compliance
-  User acceptance testing (UAT) and System integration testing (SIT)
-  Data conversions/integrity
-  Go / no-go decision criteria
-  Fiori / user security and Segregation of duties (SOD)
-  General IT controls
-  Risk and control matrices review and controls rationalization
-  Cyber security risks
-  Cloud security and third-party risks
-  Interfaces and reports
-  Database and IT infrastructure design and security
-  Automated controls and configurations
-  Sufficiency of user training and system onboarding
-  Cutover and hyper care management
-  Custom program security
-  Data privacy and security
-  Change management and behaviors

Deliverable Real-time input and recommendations to avoid surprises

Why Deloitte



Award-winning SAP practice
Has implemented more than 3,000 SAP systems worldwide

Highest level of SAP accreditation: Global Partner — Services
Tier 1 global alliance with SAP since 1989



Deep technical knowledge of SAP combined with Internal Audit methodology and experience in risk, compliance, internal controls, and SOX



Bringing standard risk and control matrices for the SAP S/4HANA application, database, infrastructure, and process controls



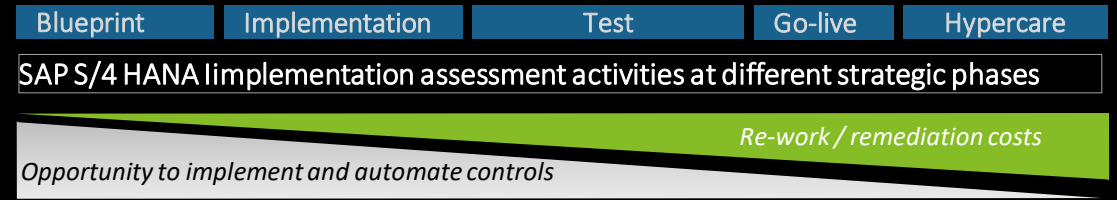
Able to perform an objective assessment of SAP S/4HANA governance, risk and controls, and readiness prior to go-live



Access to subject matter specialists when specialized technical skills in accounting, treasury, privacy, or cyber is needed

Timeline

The timing of the assessment determines the balance between the opportunity to implement and/or automate the right set of controls for effective and efficient operation and reduces the need for re-work and remediation costs.



Tools and accelerators

To increase the efficiency of service delivery and minimize the impact on project team members, Deloitte leverages proprietary tools/accelerators including, but not limited to, the following.

- Automated Controls Testing Tool (ACTT)** – automated testing of configurations, sensitive application security access, and SOD risks
- Process X-Ray** – leverages your own Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) data to obtain complete transparency into major end-to-end processes
- Enterprise Value Delivery Methodology (EVD)** – pre-configured process deliverables and accelerators
- Governance Risk Compliance Accelerator** – SOD standard matrices

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