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Aim and content

The internal control frameworks of operating processes are increasingly complex owing to their greater reliance on information systems and the increasingly sophisticated security measures of those systems. This level of sophistication is largely in response to cyber threats, which are increasingly more specific and more targeted, but it is also due to the new operating environments, such as cloud services. All this highlights the need for internal auditors to share experiences and knowledge, so that they can address with more assurance the challenge that assessing the security of information systems entails today. The aim of this technical meeting of auditors is to examine these challenges, so that the participants may share the approaches and practices followed in the identification of risks, control objectives and control practices, and in the performance of substantive checks and tests that will permit reasonable assurance of the sufficiency and effectiveness of the controls and measures implemented.

In this first such meeting, the focus will be on aspects relating to information system and cybersecurity audits. In addition, the different sessions will address new trends and technologies that are having – or may in the near future have – an impact on audit activity: blockchain, digital currencies, document protection through digital rights management (DRM), operationalisation of security information and event management (SIEM) from security operations centres (SOCs), Agile methodologies applied to internal audit, etc.

Professional profile of attendees

This first meeting is aimed at central bank senior auditors with ample experience in, and knowledge of, information systems and cybersecurity audit.

Organisation and format

The meeting is organised by the Banco de España and will be held in Madrid in Spanish, with simultaneous translation into English. It will run over two and a half days, in morning and afternoon sessions. There will be speakers from several European and Latin American central banks.

If it is not possible to hold the meeting physically, it will be cancelled and postponed to 2022.