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Introduction



After my early retirement as Business Controller in the Nordics for ExxonMobil in 2005, I started Copenhagen Compliance® to address Governance, Risk Management, Compliance (GRC) and IT Security issues and deliver global solutions. To address the Data Privacy, Data Protection, Cyber Security, and Information Technology issues, I later started The EUGDPR Institute and The Information-Security Institute based on the need, knowledge, experience, and background in structuring and developing global solutions. The goals are to address the many regulatory GRC and IT Security issues including identification, development, testing of business and IT risk and compliance certification. Other assignments are interim management, recruiting and Board evaluations.



Curriculum

My corporate tenure started in 1972 as Night Manager (during studies) at Sheraton Hotel Copenhagen. After graduation in Accounting and Finance from Copenhagen Business School in 1976, I began my career as Credit Manager, later as Chief Accountant, Business Controller, Finance Director and Managing Director, starting with Westin Hotels (1976-1984) and then for SAS Radisson Hotels (1984-1988). During my tenure at Westin Hotels, I was a member of the Group Financial Services Committee. In 1988 I was the President and CEO for a stock-listed real estate company and from 1996 as Nordic/European Financial Operations as Business Controller for ExxonMobil. From 2005-2018, I was the director of RGP; a US stock listed consultant company. I have further completed Westin Hotels Executive Management Certification Program in 1980 and The SAS Executive Development Certification Program in 1984.

The experience from the varied assignments & responsibilities has given me the ability to see the bigger picture of events and the primary rationale to provide approvals and follow-up of GRC, GDPR, IT Security, Audit, Bribery, Fraud and Corruption and Corporate Social Responsibility control weaknesses. IT and automation have always been one of my pet peeves since I assembled a Sinclair ZX80 in the 1970s. I have practical experience in multiple ERM systems, including Oracle Financials, JDEdwards and SAP (superuser) and development of 6 specialised IT product.



Academic

I was an associate professor, examiner, and tutor at the Copenhagen Business School (CBS) from 1984-1993. Together with my team, we continue to research on several GRC, GDPR and IT Security areas. Occasionally I lecture at The Govt. Law College (Thrissur, India) Georgetown University (Washington) Cass Business School, (London) Fordham University (New York) and Renmin Law School (Beijing). I have started several global GRC and GDPR Networks to thrive and issue the latest updates on these subjects.



Passion

I have probably conducted 400+ workshops, seminars and conferences and developed multiple GRC applications on GRC, Privacy and IT Security solutions- & frameworks into operational environments, as a consultant, instructor, researcher, commentator and practitioner on four continents.



Culture

I travel extensively and personally visited 80+ countries. I am well versed in the diverse global cultures and idiosyncrasies that help create favourable interactions in the personal- and organisational environment to develop solutions that are both sustainable and suitable for assignments or situations.



Extracurricular

From my 19-year accounting, finance, and management career in the hospitality industry, I have had the pleasure of being appointed Commandeur at Commanderie de Bordeaux, Maître Hôtelier and Maître Restaurateur for the Chaine des Rottisseurs, Member of the Chevalier du Tastevin, Cousin at Cousinerie de Bourgogne. I play golf, ski every year, and have run six marathons.



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