

# Governance, risk and compliance (GRC) survey analyses for 7th Risk Summit



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# GRC survey participation offered to all invitees of Cambridge Risk Summit

## Approach

- Survey structured around **comprehensive GRC framework** with 5 dimensions
- Benchmarking against best practices and providing first **insights for improvement potential**, not approaching statistical evidence
- Aligned with industry standards** and calibrated to enable comprehensive peer benchmarking

## Set-up

- Online-survey** with **additional interviews** with key stakeholders
- Ring-fenced **diagnostic team** conducting benchmarking analysis

## Participants

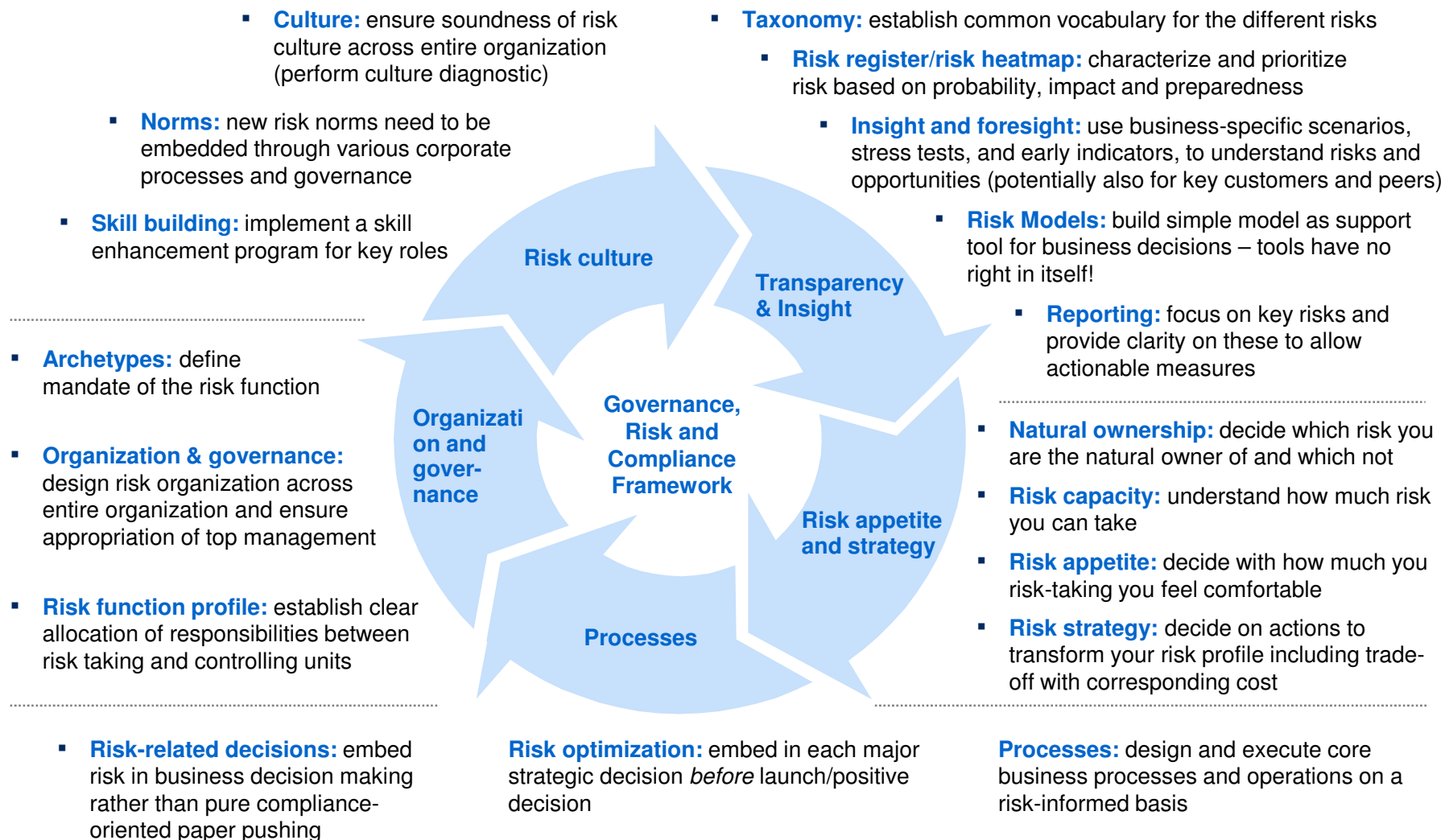
- 50+ participants** thereof **~20 corporates**, **~20 financial institutions**, **~10 academic institutions** and **~5 others**

The screenshot displays the 'Governance, Risk and Compliance Survey' interface. It features a header with the McKinsey & Company logo and 'Risk Diagnostics'. The main content area is titled 'A. TRANSPARENCY AND INSIGHT' and contains a survey question: 'How well do you agree that the following statements describe your organization?'. Below the question is a table with columns for 'Strongly disagree', 'Disagree', 'Somewhat disagree', 'Somewhat agree', 'Agree', 'Strongly agree', and 'NA', along with a 'Comments' column. The table contains several rows of data, with some cells containing '0' and others containing '1'. A legend at the bottom indicates that '0' represents 'Disagree' and '1' represents 'Strongly agree'.

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Somewhat disagree	Somewhat agree	Agree	Strongly agree	NA	Comments
An appropriate level of internal risk (e.g. operational, financial, compliance risk) and other risks is reported to the board and senior management and the board is well informed and able to assess the organization's risk profile and to take appropriate action	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Appropriate risk management processes are in place to monitor and assess a wide range of risks and to ensure that the organization's risk profile is appropriate to its business strategy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Appropriate risk management processes are in place to ensure the board is better informed and more actively involved	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Appropriate risk management processes (e.g. GRC) that support the organization and its business strategy are in place	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
The organization effectively assesses, analyzes and monitors compliance and related legal and regulatory changes	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

The 'B. ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNANCE - RISK MANAGEMENT' section is also visible, containing a similar survey question and table structure.

# McKinsey GRC survey addresses all dimensions of an effective risk management framework



# Results: Overall risk culture strong compared to other elements of the GRC framework

Average of scores

Relative weakness  Relative strength



# Results: Strengths and weaknesses across the five elements of the GRC framework

■ Strengths  
■ Weaknesses

Key observations	GRC framework	Key observations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Most participants are able to identify, analyze and incorporate planned and proposed legal and regulatory changes</li> <li>Regular and formal risk assessment process is in place to prioritize risks based on likelihood &amp; impact</li> </ul>	<b>Transparency &amp; insight</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Participants partly lack comprehensive and integrated IT solution (e.g. GRC Tool), aggregated view of all material risks</li> <li>Ability to report across functions &amp; BUs can be enhanced</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policies and limits are up to date and an explicit risk strategy is in place to ensure sound risk and control understanding</li> </ul>	<b>Risk appetite &amp; strategy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The risk appetite statement needs to be effectively linked to strategic decisions and ensure proper cascading throughout the organization</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risks are appropriately incorporated in budgeting/ planning process and strategic decisions</li> <li>Well-defined control standards for anti-trust, bribery &amp; corruption, financial reporting, M&amp;A and investments activities in place</li> </ul>	<b>Processes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Role of risk needs to be enhanced for capital planning processes</li> <li>Control function needs to have an effective role in managing risk esp. fraud &amp; theft, tax, data privacy</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Internal control function has a clearly defined interfaces to other control functions as well as to the business</li> <li>Mandate of the internal control function is clearly defined and delineated in a policy framework</li> </ul>	<b>Organization and governance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GRC function needs to have a more clearly defined interface to other control function &amp; businesses</li> <li>There is scope to enhance the mandate &amp; policy framework of this function</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Employees in the organization have a clear understanding of current and emerging risks and how to aggregate them</li> <li>People feel a personal accountability for risk, irrespective of their role</li> </ul>	<b>Risk culture</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The feedback culture including initiating discussion about difficult topics and challenging current practices is not very advanced and needs more attention</li> </ul>

# Results: A comparison of the different subgroups of participants shows financial institutions as most mature in terms of GRC capabilities

Average of scores

Relative weakness across dimension  Relative strength across dimension

 Further detailed on next slide

	Corporates	Financial Institutions	Academics	Others
Transparency & Insight	Yellow	Green	Red	Orange
Risk Appetite and Strategy	Red	Green	Orange	Green
Processes	Orange	Green	Red	Green
Organization and Governance	Yellow	Green	Red	Green
Risk culture	Red	Green	Yellow	Green

- The banking industry is performing relatively better to others because of -
  - Continued expansion of the breadth and depth of regulation (e.g. OCC heightened expectations, Basel III/IV, stress testing)
  - Most banks have started to digitalize their core processes
  - Incorporate advanced analytics, big data, machine learning in day to day decision making
- However, corporates and academics on the other hand need to really invest on digitalization, advanced analytics, improve stress testing, develop a stronger risk culture etc.

# Results: Detailed insights into cultural dimension of GRC framework

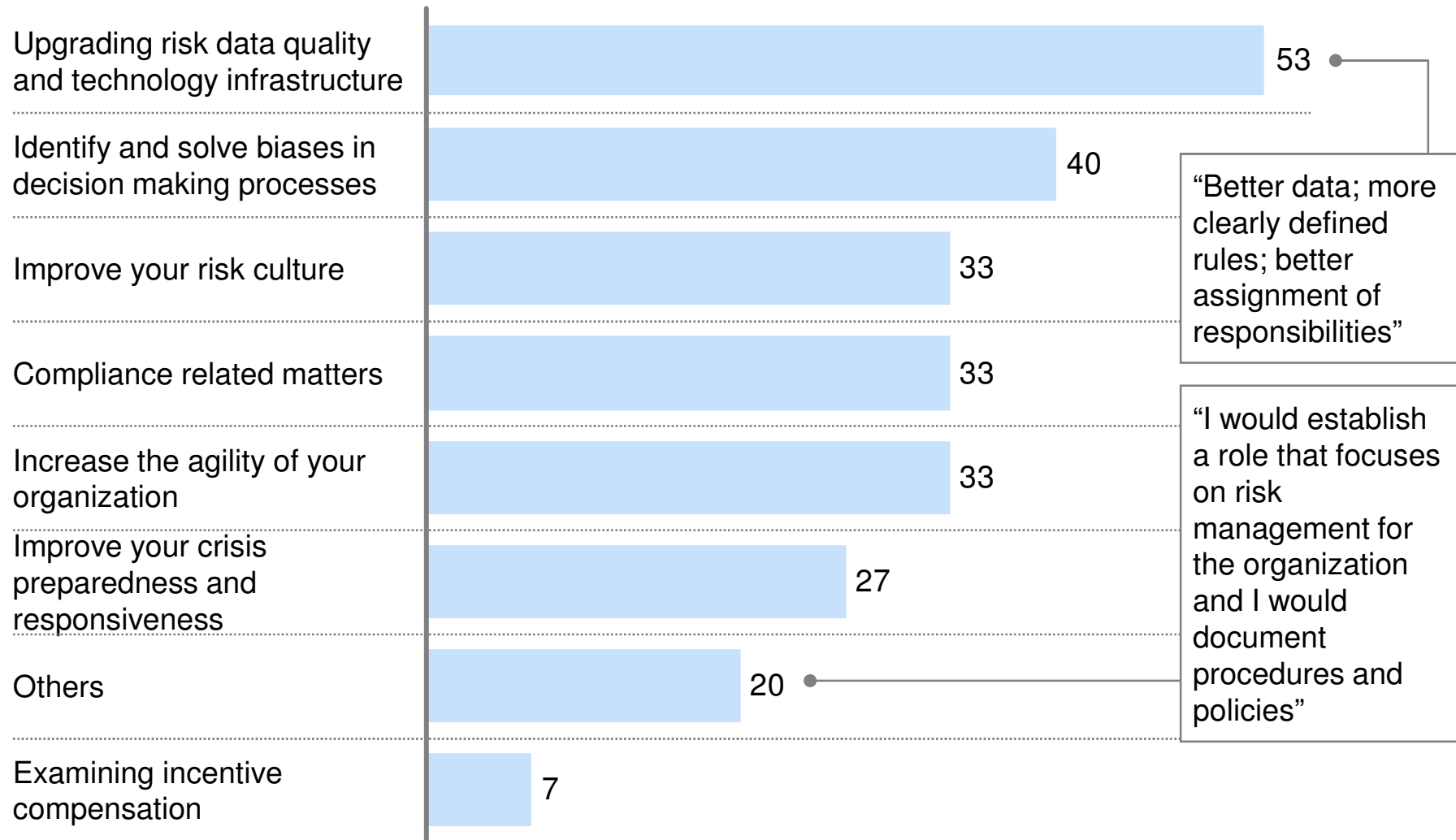
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Average of scores

Risk culture dimensions		Corporates	Financial Institutions	Academics	Others
Transparency	Level of insight	Relative weakness	Relative strength	Relative weakness	Relative strength
	Tolerance	Relative weakness	Relative strength	Relative weakness	Relative strength
	Communication	Relative weakness	Relative strength	Relative weakness	Relative weakness
Acknowledgement	Confidence	Relative strength	Relative strength	Relative weakness	Relative weakness
	Openness	Relative weakness	Relative strength	Relative weakness	Relative weakness
	Challenge	Relative weakness	Relative strength	Relative strength	Relative weakness
Responsiveness	Speed of response	Relative strength	Relative strength	Relative weakness	Relative weakness
	Level of care	Relative weakness	Relative strength	Relative weakness	Relative weakness
Respect	Cooperation	Relative weakness	Relative weakness	Relative strength	Relative strength
	Adherence to rule	Relative weakness	Relative strength	Relative weakness	Relative strength

# Results: Data quality and biases in decision making as top priorities for risk function in next 3 years

Percentage of respondents





## Results: Examples how to address observed spots of weakness

EXAMPLES

### Example levers

#### A Transparency and insight

- Enhance **risk reporting**, e.g., define **top-down set of reporting metrics** and **group-wide MIS**; de-duplicate reports; introduce risk dashboard

#### B Risk appetite and strategy

- Agree consistent **risk appetite metrics** and cascade **risk appetite framework** and methodology throughout organization

#### C Processes

- Harmonize **policies and guidelines** for risk approval; establish policy advisory panel

#### D Organization and governance

- Review and define **interfaces** between GRC and other control functions and businesses

#### E Culture

- Develop a targeted **risk curriculum** to **enhance risk awareness and knowledge** (e.g., including staff rotations and on-the-ground experience for risk function)

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