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Dear All,

on **23 and 24 January 2026**, the Executive Board met for a strategy meeting in Frankfurt am Main. During two intensive days, key topics, strategic decisions and the next steps for the association's future work were discussed and advanced.

In addition to the executive board, our office manager Anett Bolanz and [Corinna Kulp](#) and [Sarah Richter](#), who currently provide operational support to the Communications & Marketing and Specialist Groups departments, were also in attendance. Unfortunately, our board member for Communications & Marketing, Julia Hermann, was unable to attend the meeting due to scheduling conflicts.

Another meeting will be held in Frankfurt am Main on **11 May 2026** to further explore the topics discussed and jointly advance the next steps.

We will present the results of the strategy meetings at the next general meeting, which will take place on 29 June 2026 as part of the [IT-GRC Congress in Berlin](#).

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New podcast episode: Practical IT training with Markus Gaulke



In the latest episode of the *Security Insider podcasts*, **Markus Gaulke**, our interim president and **vice president for education**, talks about practical ways to gain continuous qualifications in the IT industry.

Markus explains why lifelong learning is more important than ever today, how practical training programmes can be designed, and how established frameworks such as COBIT and ISO 27000 contribute to this — particularly in terms of structuring complex specifications and implementing regulatory requirements. He also highlights the structure of our training pyramid and the cooperation between professional practice and the academic environment.

It's worth listening to for anyone who wants to think strategically about their continuing education!

Please note: This is a German-language podcast.

[Listen to the podcast now >](#)

EVENTS

Innovation & Tech Talk Online Event

The [Innovation & Tech Talk expert group](#) invites all ISACA members and other interested parties to an English-language Tech Talk on **26 February 2026 from 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m.** on the following topic: **Leading with AI – How Leadership Shapes Trust, Explainability, and Governance.**

In this presentation, **Marc Bongartz** will explain why trust in AI is less of a purely technical issue and more a matter of leadership and governance.

You will receive **1 CPE** for participating. Further information and the **Webex link for registration** can be found [here](#).



Joint Meetup ISACA and ISC2: The bright and dark side of AI!

If you are already enthusiastic about IT security or would like to learn more about it, join us on **5 March 2026 from 6 p.m. in Cologne** (Microsoft Office, Holzmarkt 2a, 50676 Cologne, 5th floor) and look forward to getting to know each other in the event area with a view of the Rhine and the cathedral.

This will be followed by an inspiring presentation by [Alexandros Manakos | LinkedIn](#), board member of the ISC2 Germany Chapter, and [Martin Berdel | LinkedIn](#), Interim Chief Security Officer at AXA – both will shed light on the bright and dark sides of AI in an exciting presentation. Afterwards, we will round off the evening in a relaxed atmosphere with pizza.



You will receive **1 CPE** for participating. You can **register for this free event** here: [Joint Meetup ISACA & ISC2 | Eventbrite](#)

The leadership teams of She@ISACA and ISC2 look forward to welcoming you to Cologne!

Community Meetup

She@ISACA, together with [Women4Cyber Germany](#) and [Women in Tech](#), is hosting a community meetup on **24 March 2026 from 2:30 p.m. in Frankfurt am Main**, focusing on cybersecurity, AI, big data and financial self-determination. In practical presentations, experts will provide insights into offensive security, data-driven security strategies, the future of AI and the importance of financial education. The focus will be on exchange, networking and knowledge that empowers. The event is supported by [Orange Cyberdefense](#).



The following four experts will provide a variety of perspectives with their insights:

- [Vanessa Barnekow](#) will give insights into the world of offensive security and show why penetration testing is much more than automated vulnerability scans.
- [Jana Werker](#) will highlight the role of big data in IT security and explain why clean data is the basis for effective security strategies and successful AI applications.
- [Dr Marie Ossenkopf](#) will open up the black box of modern AI systems and show which technical decisions today are shaping the AI of tomorrow.
- [Sonja Uhlmann](#) will talk about financial education and self-determination and show why financial literacy is an important factor for independence.

In addition to the presentations, the focus will be on exchange – with space for networking, conversations and discussions in a relaxed atmosphere.

You will receive **2.5 CPEs** for participating.

Further information, such as the agenda and the **Eventbrite registration link**, can be found on the [event website](#).

IT-Governance, IT-Compliance & IT-Regulatory Assurance Manager Alumni meeting on 21 April 2026

As announced in the January newsletter, ISACA Germany and the Frankfurt School of Finance & Management cordially invite all **ITCM, ITGM and ITRAM certificate holders** to the first alumni meeting for IT Governance, IT Compliance & IT Regulatory Assurance Managers.

The agenda has now been finalised: in addition to numerous networking opportunities, you can look forward to exciting specialist presentations on topics such as Bosch's digitalisation strategy, insights from DORA audits, cloud sovereignty and AI governance.

The event will take place on **21 April 2026 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** at Bosch in **Stuttgart**.

If you hold one of the above certificates but have not yet received an invitation, please contact [Dr Anna Mense](#) with your current email address to receive further information about this exclusive event.

PARTNER EVENTS

Women4Cyber AT - CyberSip February

Women4Cyber AT – CyberSip will enter its next round on **Thursday, 19 February 2026, from 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.** – this time with a keynote talk on **AI agents and security**.

Benjamin Floriani and **Patrick Pongratz** (CEOs & Co-Founders of SecCore GmbH) will provide practical insights into the current risks associated with AI agents. With their many years of experience in offensive security and red team engagements, they will demonstrate how vulnerabilities in such systems can be exploited.

Further information and the MS Teams participation link can be found on the [event website](#).



Women Club Evening in Vienna

Women4Cyber AT and ADV Austrian Digital Value invite you to an exclusive club evening at **Cisco Austria** (Tegetthoffstraße 1, 1010 Vienna, Austria) on **5 March 2026**, entitled **'Let's shape the future together'**, where perspectives on cybersecurity and finance will be discussed.

The event is aimed at women in IT and offers an inspiring setting for content-driven ideas, professional dialogue and personal networking with experts and shapers of the digital future.

Further information about the event, such as the agenda, can be found on the [event website](#).



DACHsec Cyber Summit 2026

We are delighted to once again be supporting the DACHsec Cyber Summit as a partner this year, which will take place for the ninth time in **Frankfurt am Main** on **15–16 April 2026**. Over **100 cybersecurity experts** from **Germany, Austria and Switzerland** are expected to attend to exchange ideas, network and jointly develop effective strategies against cyber attacks.

This year's agenda is packed with inspiring sessions led by A-list speakers, addressing the most critical IT security challenges facing the region, such as:

- Safeguarding the Next Frontier of Cybersecurity
- Balancing Security and Compliance
- Building Robust Disaster Recovery Plans
- Meeting New ICT Risk and Oversight Standards
- Nation-State Threats and the New Frontlines of Cyber Conflicts



Exclusive benefit for ISACA members:

As an event partner, DACHsec is offering **free tickets to ISACA Germany members** (senior end users). Participants from consulting or provider companies receive a 30% discount.

Early Bird: Additional discounts apply until **16 February 2026**.

Further information and registration details can be found on the [DACHsec event website](#). The discount code for the free ticket can be found in the [members' area](#) of our website.

CAST events

Upcoming events organised by our cooperation partner CAST e. V.:

- [ID:SMART 2026 Workshop](#) on 18-19 February 2026
- [Law and IT Security](#) on 5 March 2026
- [AI and IT Security](#) on 28 May 2026
- [Post-Quantum Cryptography](#) on 27 August 2026
- [25th International Conference of the Biometrics Special Interest Group \(BIOSIG 2026\)](#) on 25-26 November 2026

ISACA members receive a **25% discount** on participation fees.



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

We are pleased to provide you with an overview of our upcoming seminar dates. Further dates and our complete training programme, including detailed information, can be found on our website under 'Ausbildung & Events'.

Next dates:

- [CISA Exam Preparation](#): 9-12 March 2026 (online)
- [Zusätzliche Prüfverfahrenskompetenz für § 8a BSIG](#): 16-18 March 2026 (online)
- [Cyber Security Practitioner](#): 19 March 2026 (online)
- [AAIA Exam Preparation](#): 23-24 March 2026 (online) **NEW!!**
- [CISM Exam Preparation in German](#): 23-26 March 2026 (online)
- [Cyber Security Grundlagen](#): 30-31 March 2026 (online)
- [CISA Exam Preparation in German](#): 9-10 and 16-17 April 2026 (online)
- [KI-Governance Practitioner](#): 17 April 2026 (online)
- [IT Governance & IT Compliance Practitioner](#): 14-15 April 2026 (online)
- [COBIT Practice Course: Information Security Practitioner](#): 20-21 April 2026 (online)



Cyber Security Expert: 20-24 April 2026 (online)
Cyber Security Practitioner OT: 22 April 2026 (online)
Cyber Security Practitioner: 27 April 2026 (online)
COBIT Practice Course: IT Risk Practitioner: 27-28 April 2026 (online)
AAISM Exam Preparation: 28-29 April 2026 (online) **NEW!!**

You can **register** via the respective seminar website. **Please note that member discounts can only be calculated when you are logged in.**

We also offer almost all of our seminars as in-house courses. If you are interested, please contact our [office](#).

You will receive continuing professional education (**CPE**) credits for participating in our courses.

We look forward to receiving your seminar registration!

Kind regards,
The Office of the ISACA Germany Chapter e. V.

You can find more information about our association on our website at www.isaca.de.
You can read the monthly newsletters from ISACA Global [here](#).



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