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Panel on Raising Awareness, Worldwide: Germany

RAISING AWARENESS ABOUT ISO 31000 IN GERMANY

The German Position at the Time of Creation of ISO 31000

The majority of the members of Committee NA 095-04-02 AA at DIN (Deutsches Institut für Normung e.V.) are members of associations and government entities mostly working in the fields of safety and/or security. They were predominantly skeptical about ISO 31000 which they deemed to be too weak on safety, environmental conservation and health protection and not in alignment with German law. They pointed out that in other ISO norms, in national and international legislation and in the fields of human safety, health protection and environmental conservation, risk is always defined as a negative effect – never positive. The committee stated that it should not be permissible to balance the costs of risk management against those of safety, health, environment or legal obligations.

E DIN ISO 31000:2011-01

E DIN ISO 31000:2011-01 was published on January 10th, 2011 as a verbatim translation of ISO 3000 together with a National Preamble and 11 National Notes (see [AMS Memo for G31000](#)) essentially addressing the items mentioned above. Also it was stressed that since ISO 31000 is predominantly addressing a management system it is prone to certification regardless of the opposite statement in its first chapter (scope). E DIN ISO 31000:2011-01 had the status of a draft published for review and comments and to be applied only after express agreement to do so. On September 1st, 2011 it was resolved to withdraw the draft after its two year tenure and withdrawal proceedings now have been started.

Latest Developments

With the upgrading of ISO Project Committee 262 to become technical committee ISO/TC 262 the Mirror Committee NA 095-04-02 AA at DIN decided to upgrade its status from observer to active member. New contributors are welcome (see website of [DIN](#)) to contact DIN and possibly become members of the committee. Votes were taken on the reviews of ISO 31000 and ISO Guide 73:2009 which will be presented to ISO. Accordingly there was no vote for convening a meeting before the next conference of ISO/TC 262.

A closed invitation discussion group was opened on XING with the endorsement of G31000 as the small sister of the LinkedIn group. It is meant to be a group for members in the German speaking nations. AMS is a guest member in Mirror Committee NA 095-04-02 AA at DIN and applied for full membership. AMS is also preparing training workshops to be held for executives in Germany.

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