Michael Driess

Senior Project Manager | ISMS Advisor | Cybersecurity-, ITSM-/ISMS & IAM Expert



Over 35 years of IT experience, including 30 years in consulting and 25 years in project management and leadership. Specialised in complex IT infrastructure projects, carve-outs, regulatory cybersecurity (BAIT/VAIT/MaRisk/NIS), Identity & Access Management and global IT Service Management (ITIL).

Core Competence

- Information Security & ISMS
- ISO 27001, BSI IT-Grundschutz
- BAIT / VAIT / MaRisk / KRITIS
- Identity & Access Mgmt. (IAM/PIM/PAM)
- IT Service Management (ITIL)
- Carve-outs & Transitions
- M365 & Cloud Transformation
- Project & Programme Management
- Stakeholder & Escalation Mgmt.
- AI Governance (ISO 42001, EU AI Act)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ISMS frameworks, risk management and ISO 27001 (re-)certifications, including as interim CISO
- Global IAM, MFA and PAM architectures for up to 88,000 employees (Azure, CyberArk)
- Carve-outs, transitions and knowledge transfer up to Day-1 readiness
- ITSM process design, rulebooks and ServiceNow implementations (IM, PM, CHM, RM, SPM)
- M365, cloud and infrastructure migrations as well as AI/SaaS platforms up to live deployment
- High-security client/server infrastructure for military communications (NuKom)

More references upon request

- **Banking & Financial Services:** European major bank, German cooperative bank, truck financing provider
- **Insurance:** Global insurance group
- **Energy & Critical Infrastructure:** Global energy technology group, utilities, grid and power plant operators
- **Healthcare:** Global medical technology group, international healthcare company
- **Telecommunications & Internet:** European internet group, cable operator, postal operator, IT service provider
- **Software & SaaS:** Banking software vendor, FinTech fiscalisation platform, AI/SaaS platform
- **Public Sector & Defence:** High-security communications in the defence ministry environment
- **Automotive, Travel & IT Services:** Global car manufacturer, travel group, global IT service provider

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Rebuilt IAM operations for 88,000 employees and achieved governance/compliance
- Introduced MFA for 900 banking applications and reduced complexity
- CyberArk PAM with 140 servers and 30,000 NPAs
- Led ISO 27001 certification programmes, harmonised more than 50 security policies
- Delivered M365 migration for approx. 10,000 users
- Achieved Day-1 sign-off in a carve-out
- Significantly reduced remanence costs of the NuKom high-security infrastructure
- Board-level presentations

QUALIFICATIONS

- **CISA** – Information System Auditor (01/27)
- **PMI** – Project Manager
- **ITIL** Service Manager V2.0
- **ISO 20000** Consultant
- **Service Manager** for Change & Release Management
- Personal / Business Mentor

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