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# VALUE CREATION THROUGH OPTIMISING RISK

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# BACKGROUND

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Sydney Chapter  
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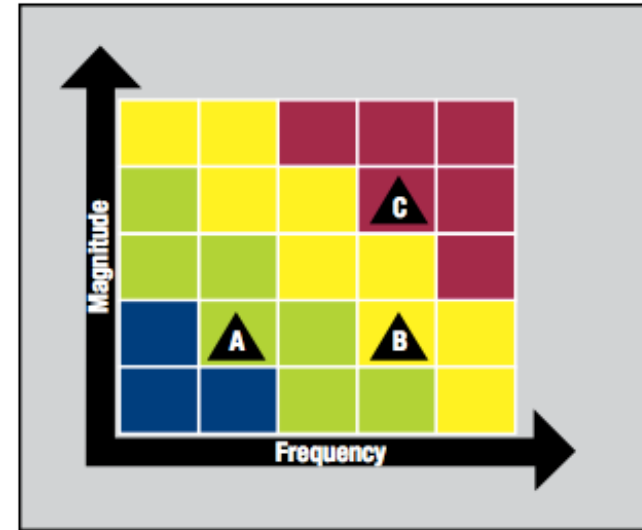
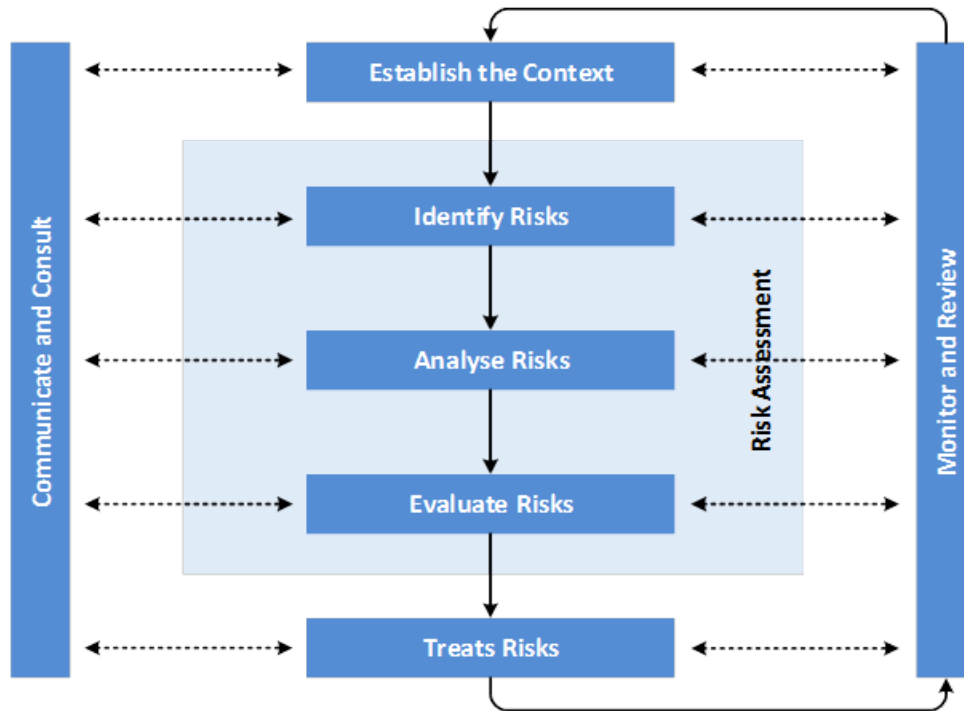


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# COMMON APPROACHES

Risk: the likelihood that a loss will occur.

Risk = Threats x assets x vulnerabilities



# RISK MANAGEMENT AT LOW PERFORMING ORGANISATIONS

✗ Is used primarily for compliance:

- ✗ Supporting compliance reporting
- ✗ Identifying and assessing controls to minimise breaches

✗ Is constrained by internal organisational boundaries

✗ Is reactive:

- ✗ An additional and separate step in decision making
- ✗ Identified risks viewed as poor performance

✗ Static view of risk:

- ✗ Ignoring changing business requirements
- ✗ Once a year risk assessment

✗ Ineffective risk monitoring:

- ✗ Inaccurate measurement of actual risk levels
- ✗ No enterprise-wide view provided by risk aggregation

✗ Wrong accountability model:

- ✗ Risk Managers (or Owners) vs Risk Facilitators (or Function)

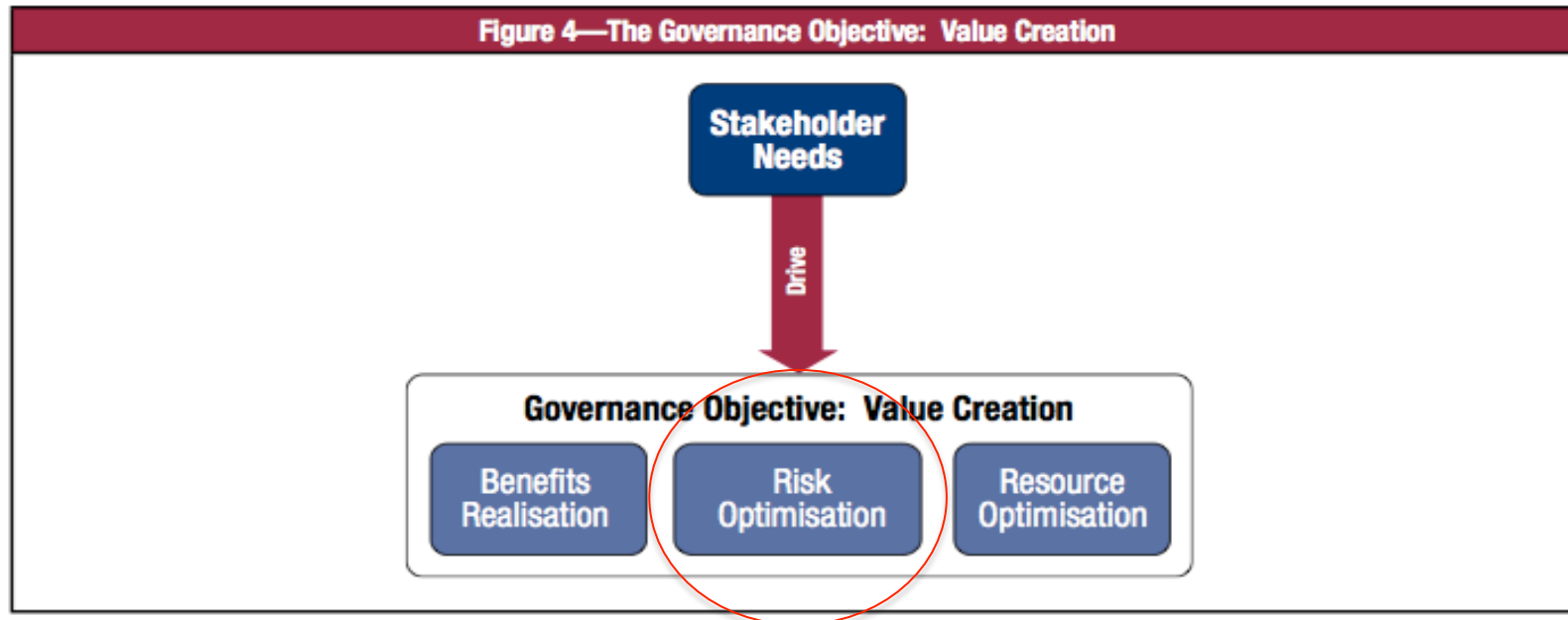
# RISK MANAGEMENT AT TOP PERFORMING ORGANISATIONS

- ✓ Is closely linked with strategy:
  - ✓ Risk with new products and services, Mergers and Acquisitions, etc.
- ✓ Is a proactive and consistent:
  - ✓ Risk information is available to support strategic, change and operational decisions
- ✓ Integrates Enterprise and IT risk:
  - ✓ Common language
  - ✓ Aggregation of risks
- ✓ Links with business outcomes:
  - ✓ Creates awareness and understanding of risk policy
  - ✓ Risk Appetite Statement provides a reference point leading to better business decisions

# COBIT 5 – “RISK OPTIMISATION”

## The Governance Objective:

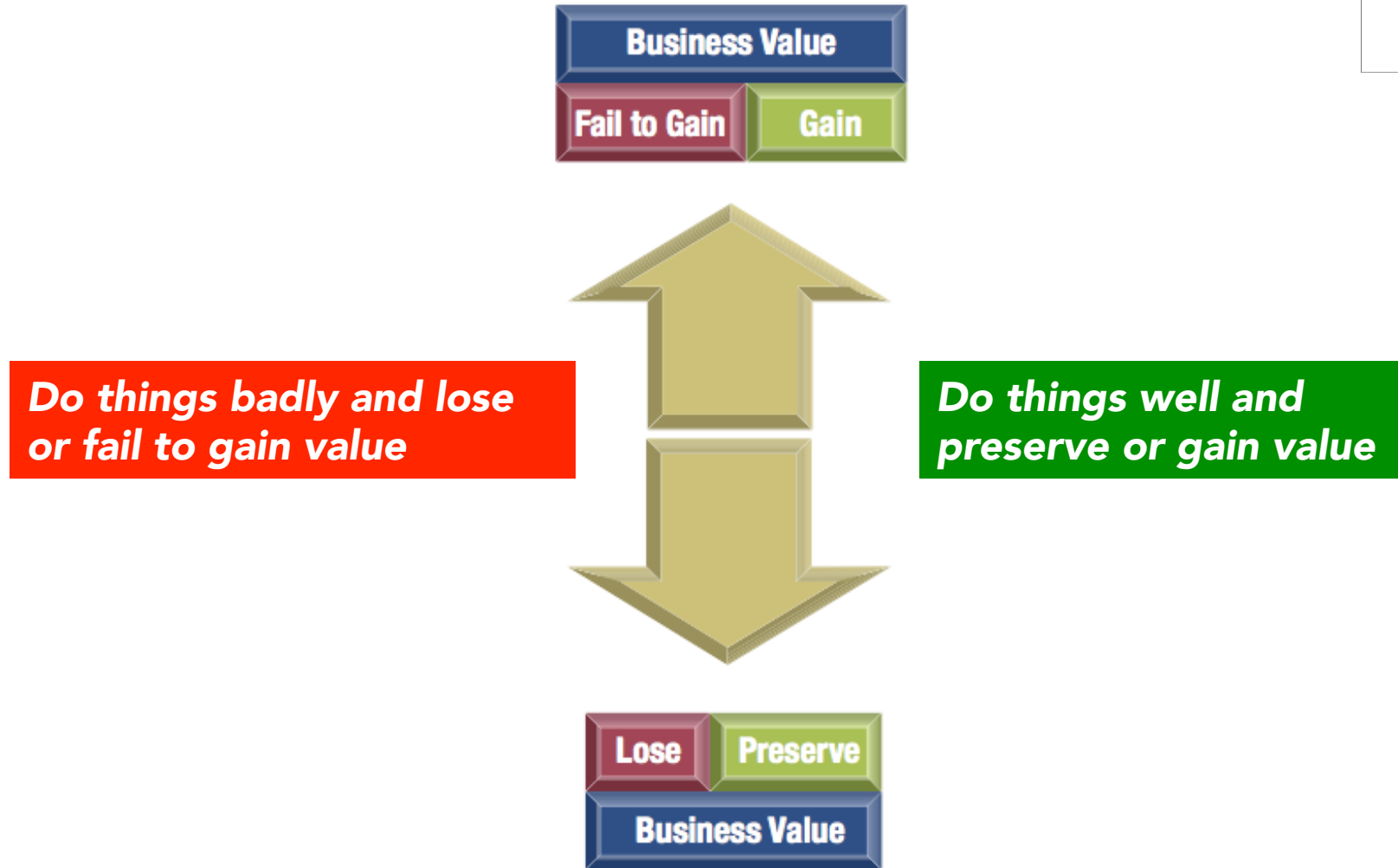
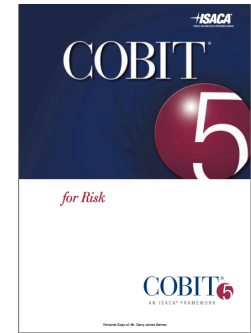
“Value creation means realising benefits at an optimal resource cost while optimising risk”



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- **Risk and opportunity**
- Risk capability
- Risk scenarios
- Risk appetite

# COBIT 5 FOR RISK – “DUALITY OF RISK”

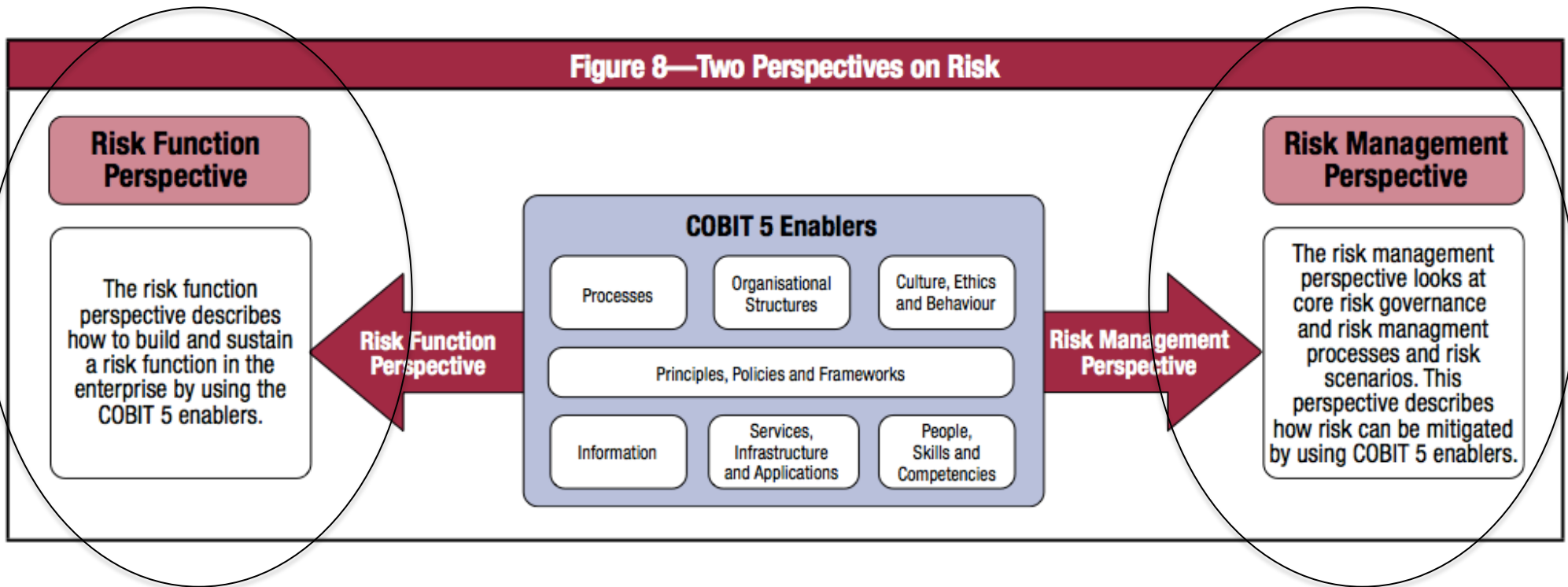
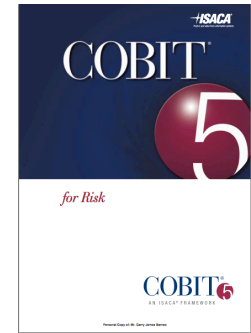




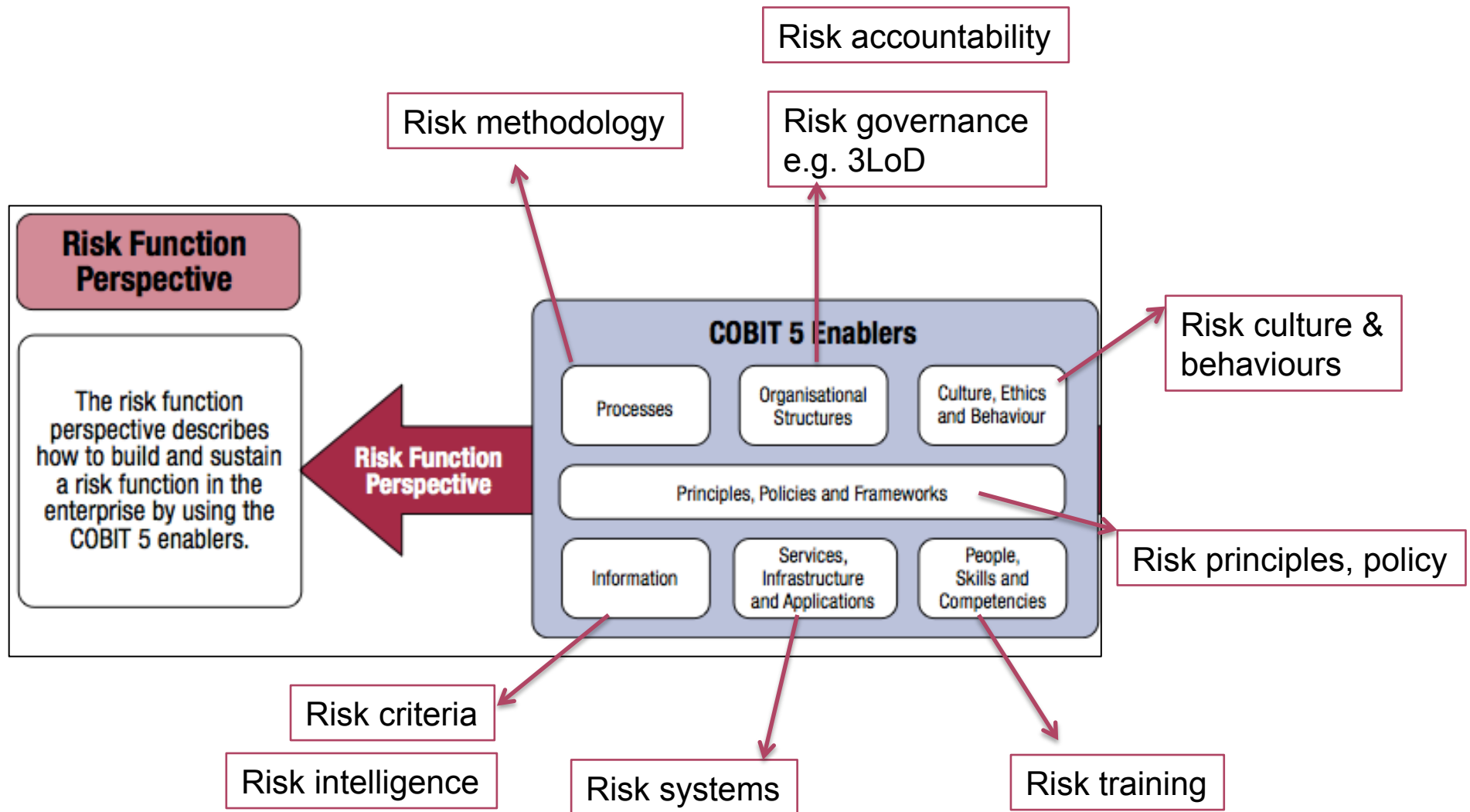
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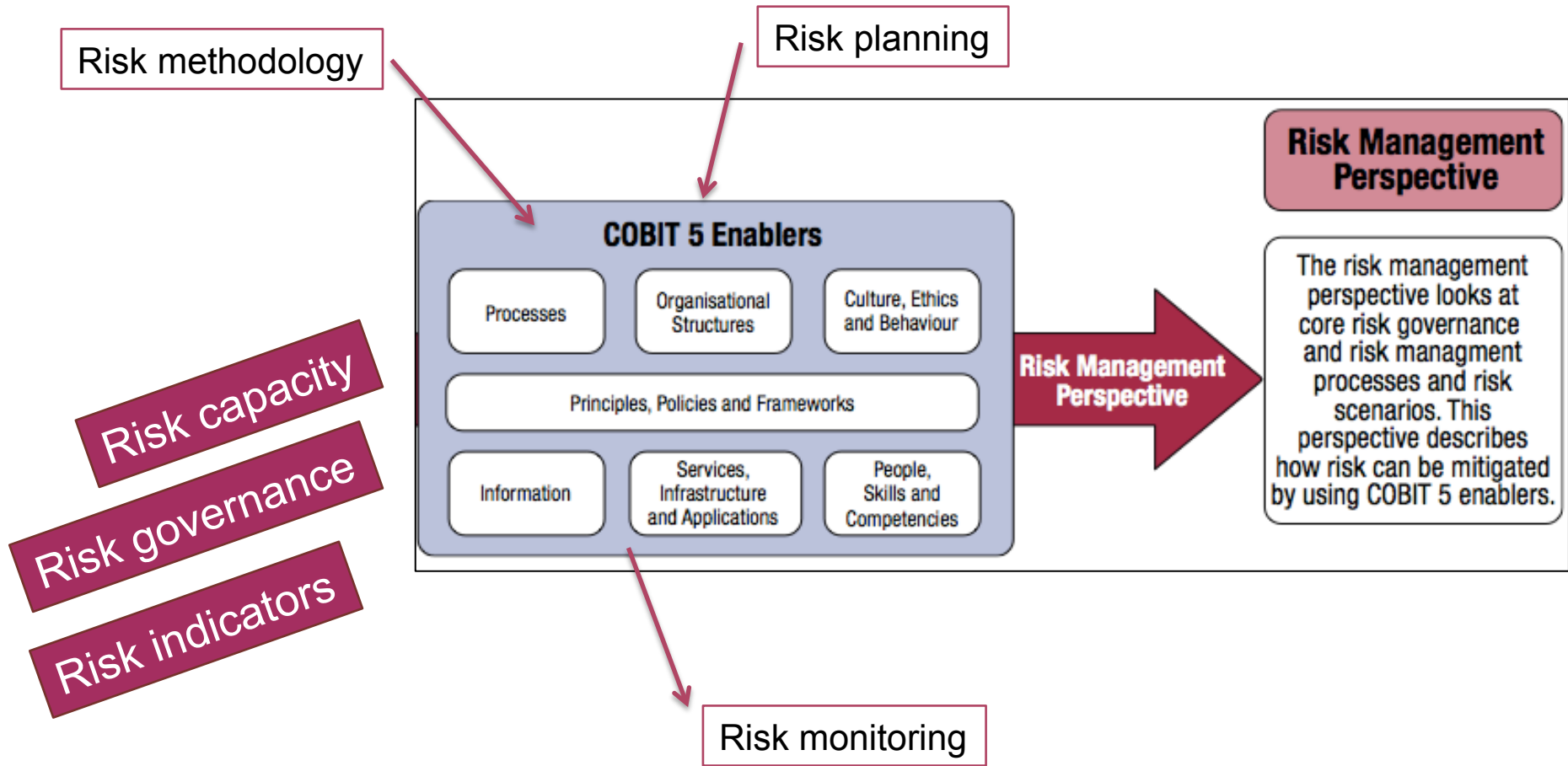
# ADDRESSING TWO PERSPECTIVES ON RISK



# RISK FUNCTION CAPABILITIES



# RISK MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES



# CORE AND SUPPORTING RISK PROCESSES

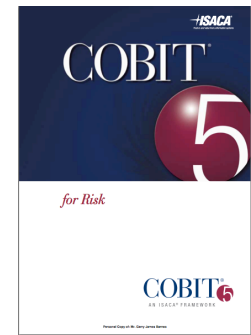
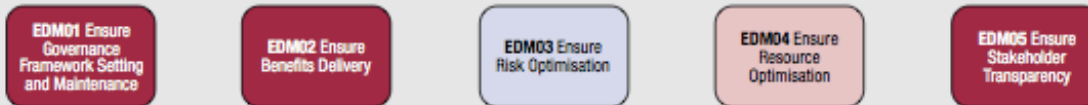


Figure 18—Supporting Processes for the Risk Function

## Processes for Governance of Enterprise IT

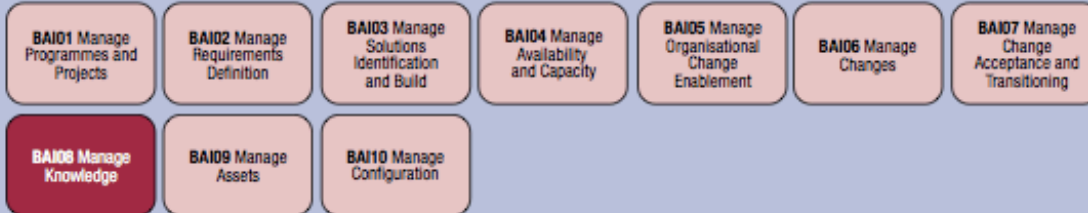
### Evaluate, Direct and Monitor



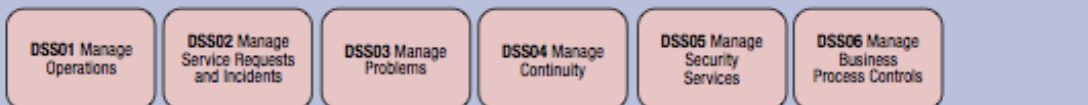
### Align, Plan and Organise



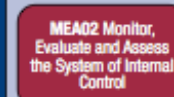
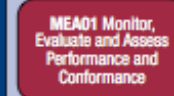
### Build, Acquire and Implement



### Deliver, Service and Support



### Monitor, Evaluate and Assess



## Processes for Management of Enterprise IT

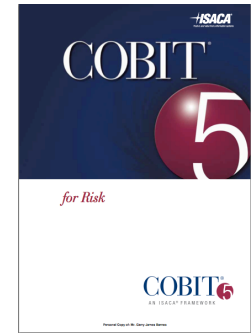
Core risk processes

Key supporting processes

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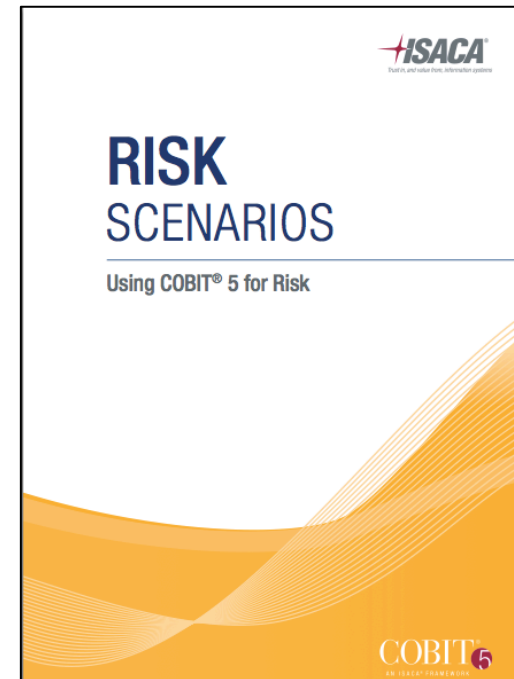
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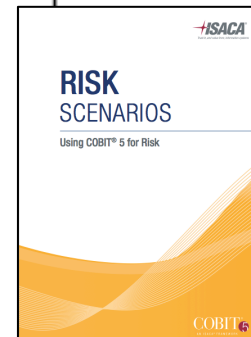
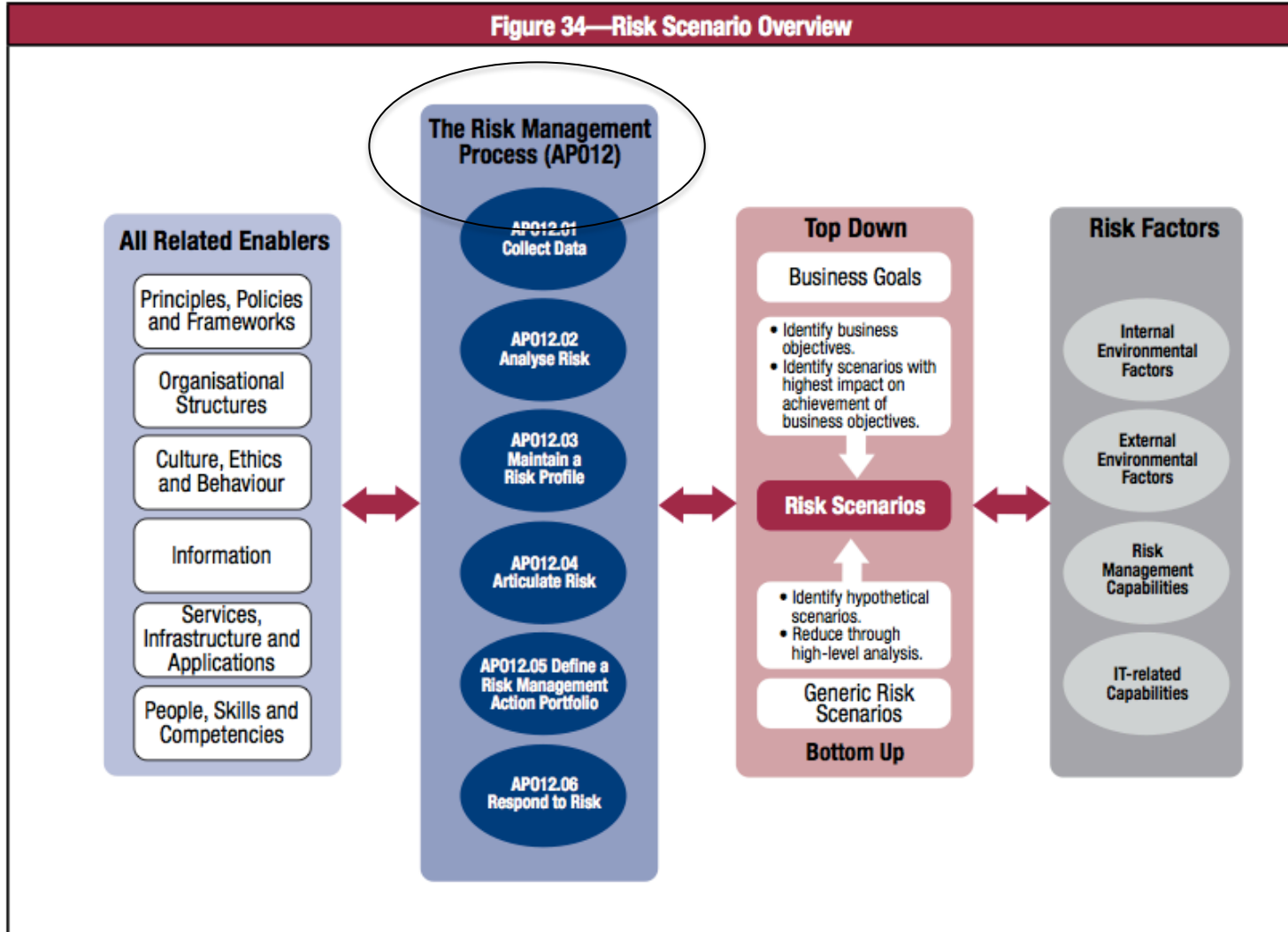
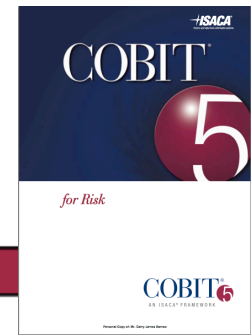


## Common risk identification challenges:

- **Volume of identifiable risks**
- **Generic risk descriptions – misalignment with business**
- **Process and control failure risks – incidents!**
- **Over specification of risk detail**
- **Repetition of risk across BU's**



# RISK SCENARIOS





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# WHAT IS RISK APPETITE?

## ISO 31000:

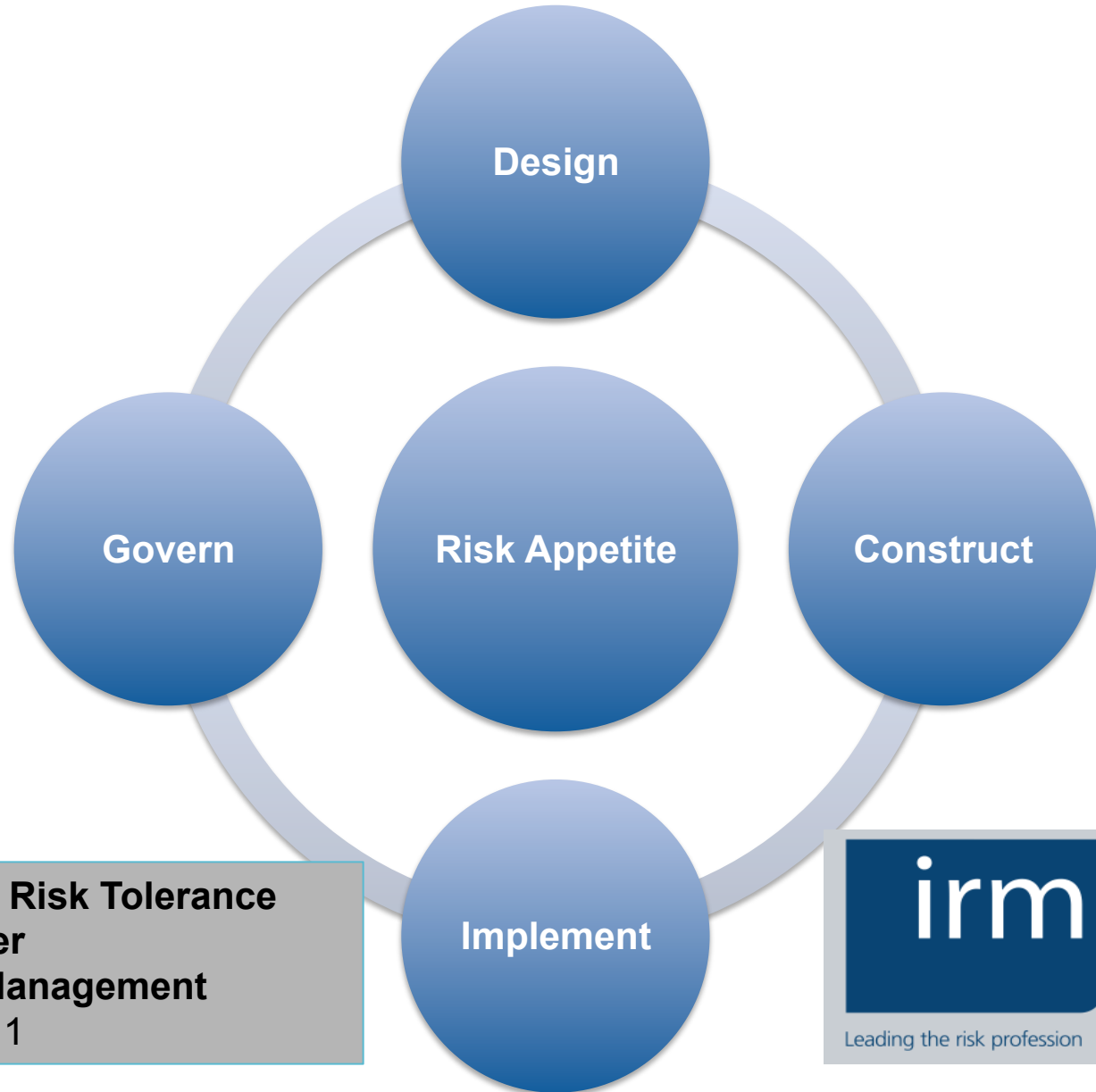
**Amount and type of risk that an organisation is willing to pursue or retain**

## COBIT 5 for Risk

**The broad-based amount of risk ... that an enterprise is willing to accept in pursuit of its mission (or vision).**

**“Acceptable Level of Risk”**

# DESIGNING RISK APPETITE

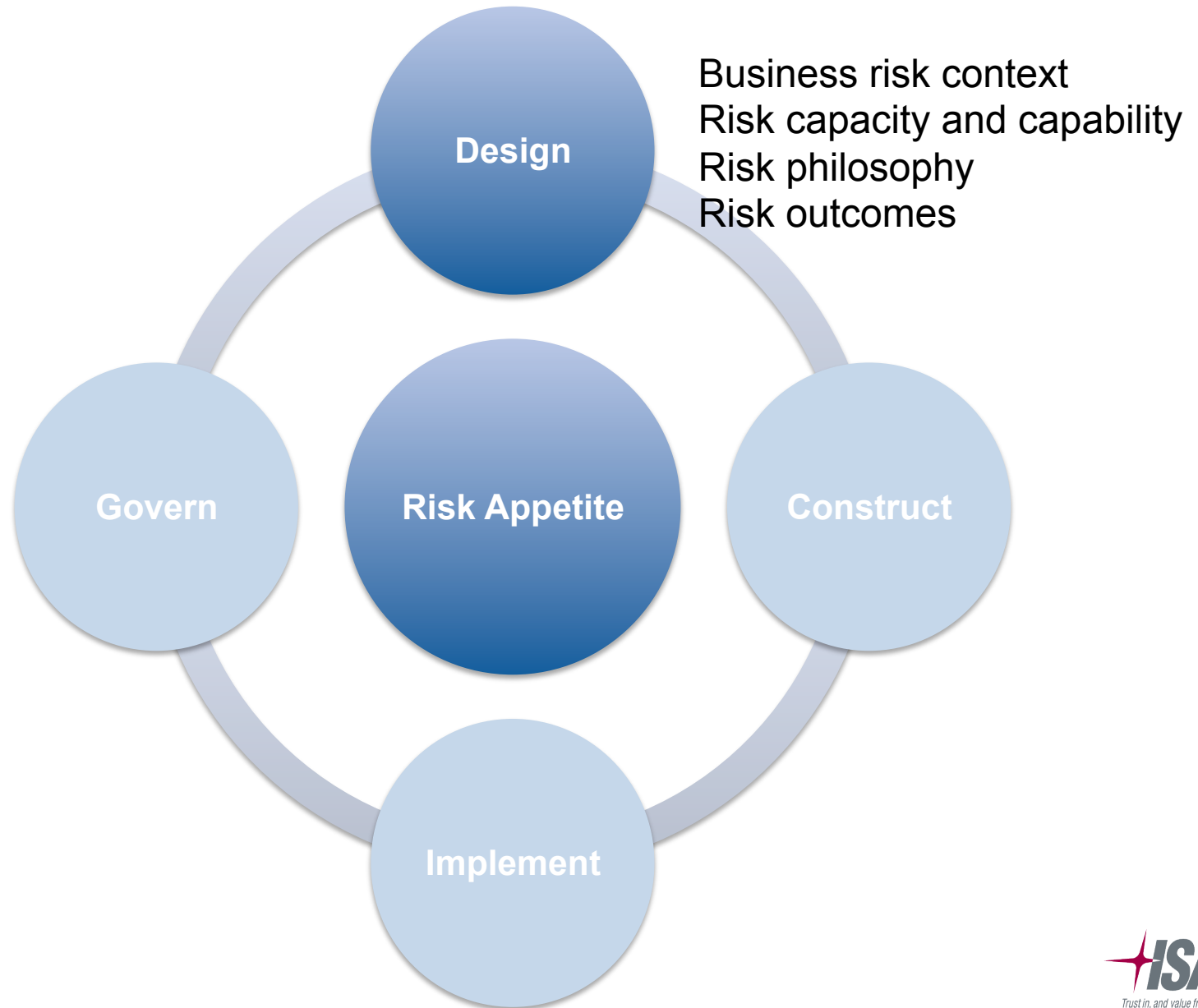


**Risk Appetite and Risk Tolerance  
Consultation paper  
Institute of Risk Management  
May 2011 – Figure 1**

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# POOR POLICIES INHIBIT OPTIMISING RISK

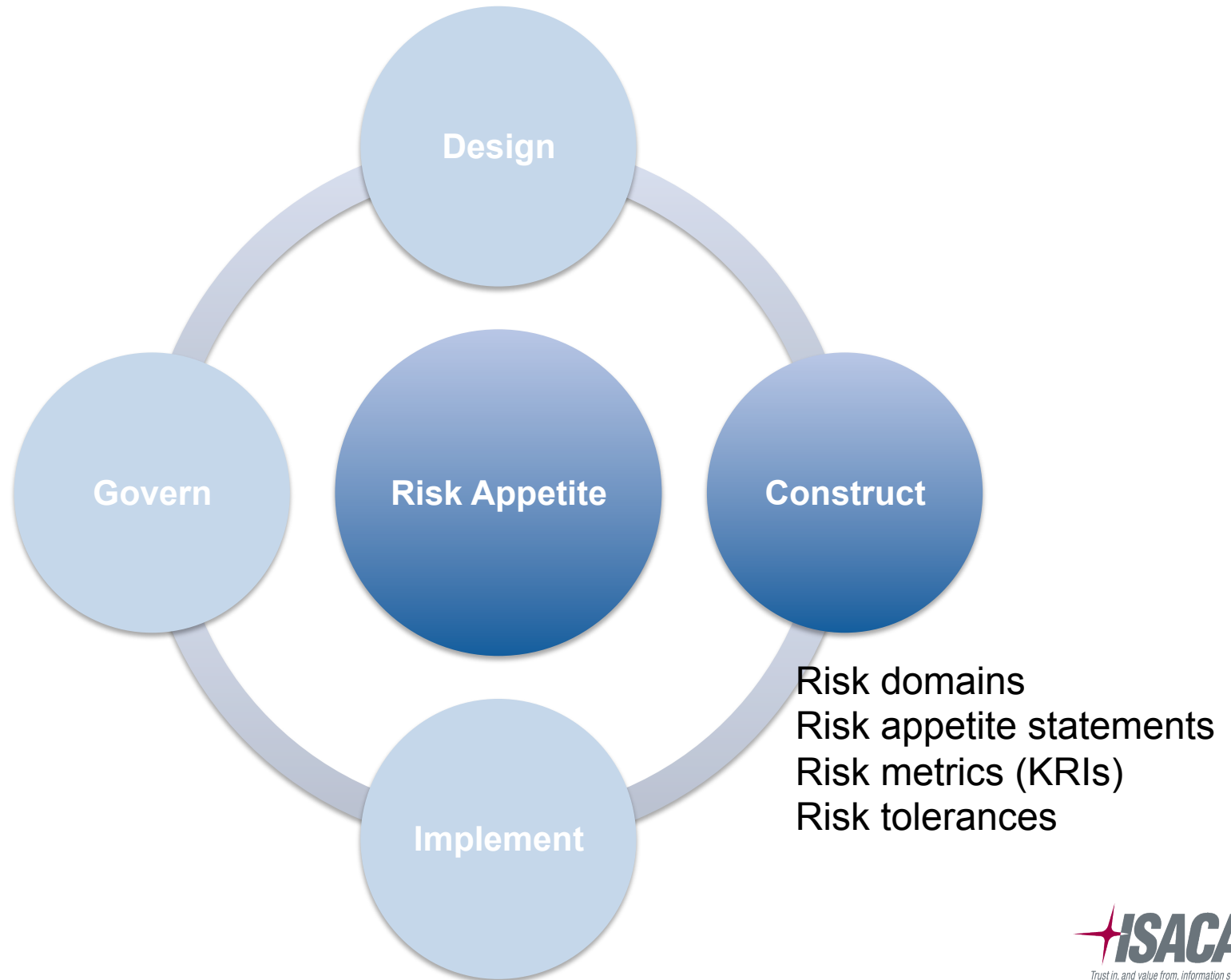
## Policy often preceded Risk Appetite Statements:

- Legacy effect of historic policy positions
- Enterprise-wide policies lack granularity for local risk/reward decisions
- Tightening of policies after incidents

## Codes of Conduct:

- Great place to start when developing a Risk Appetite Statement
- Language the Board and Executives understand
- Often covers some key areas of risk – expectations, compliance

# CONSTRUCTING RISK APPETITE



# DETAILED RISK APPETITE STATEMENTS



- Avoid exposures
- Ensure awareness and operation of controls
- Assurance of KPIs and KRIs

e.g. compliance risk



- Minimise risk exposures
- Provide awareness and operation of controls
- Monitor and report KPIs and KRIs

e.g. operational risk



- Allow local decisions for risk/reward, cost/benefit
- Use timely risk information to drive risk response

e.g. program risk

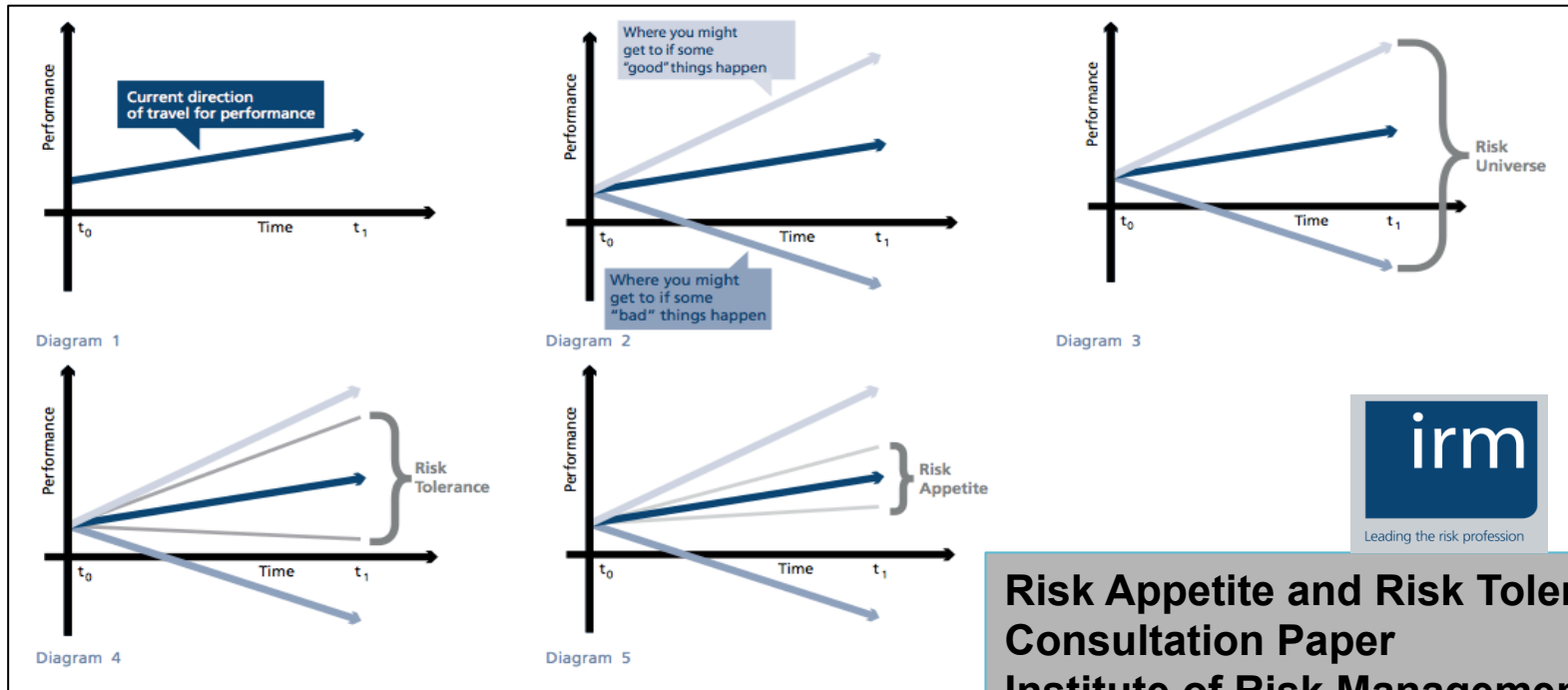


- Seek strategic opportunities
- Manage risk and return
- Communicate expectations and outcomes

e.g. investment risk

# RISK TOLERANCE

Risk tolerance levels are tolerable deviations from the level set by the risk appetite definitions

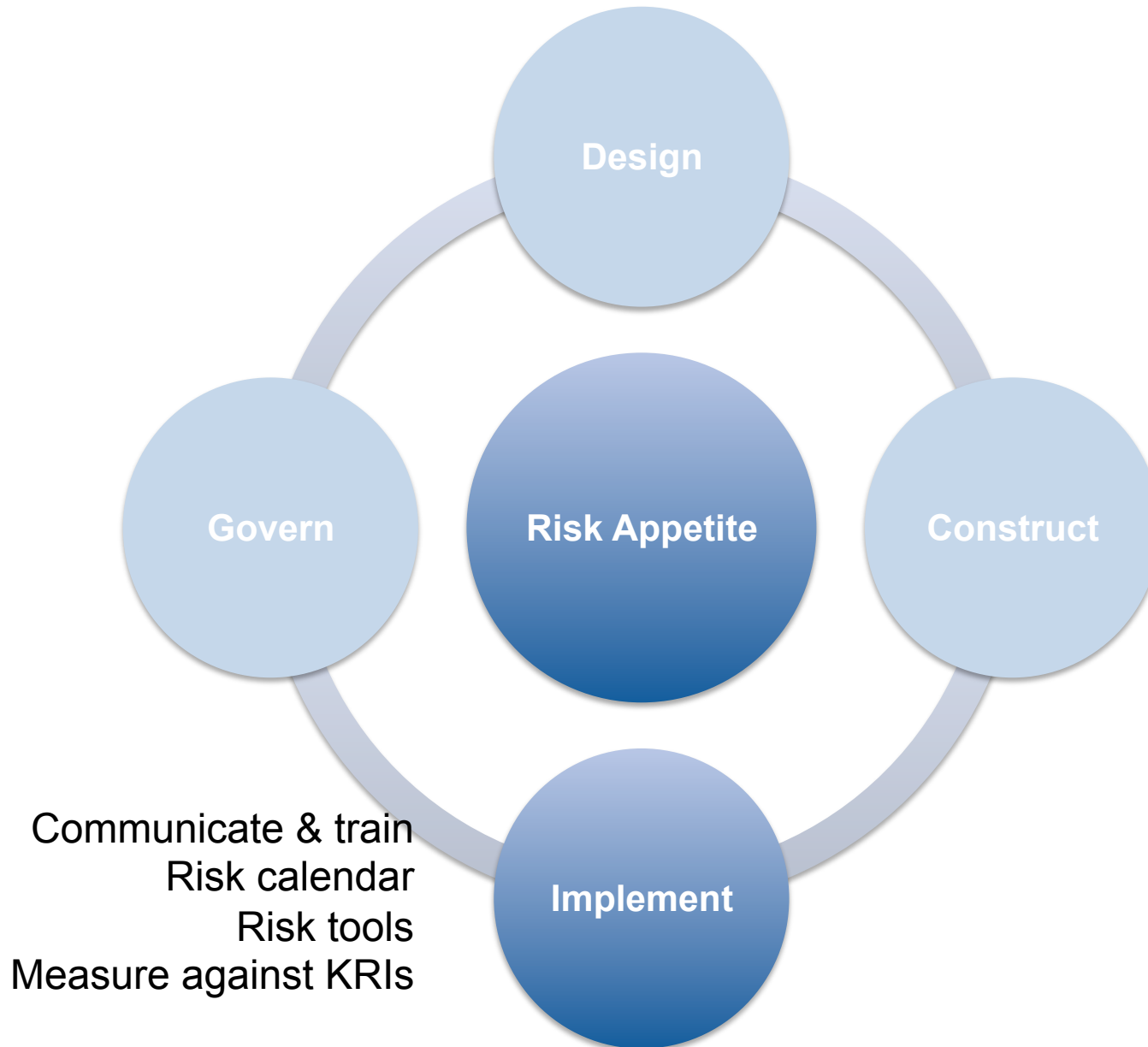


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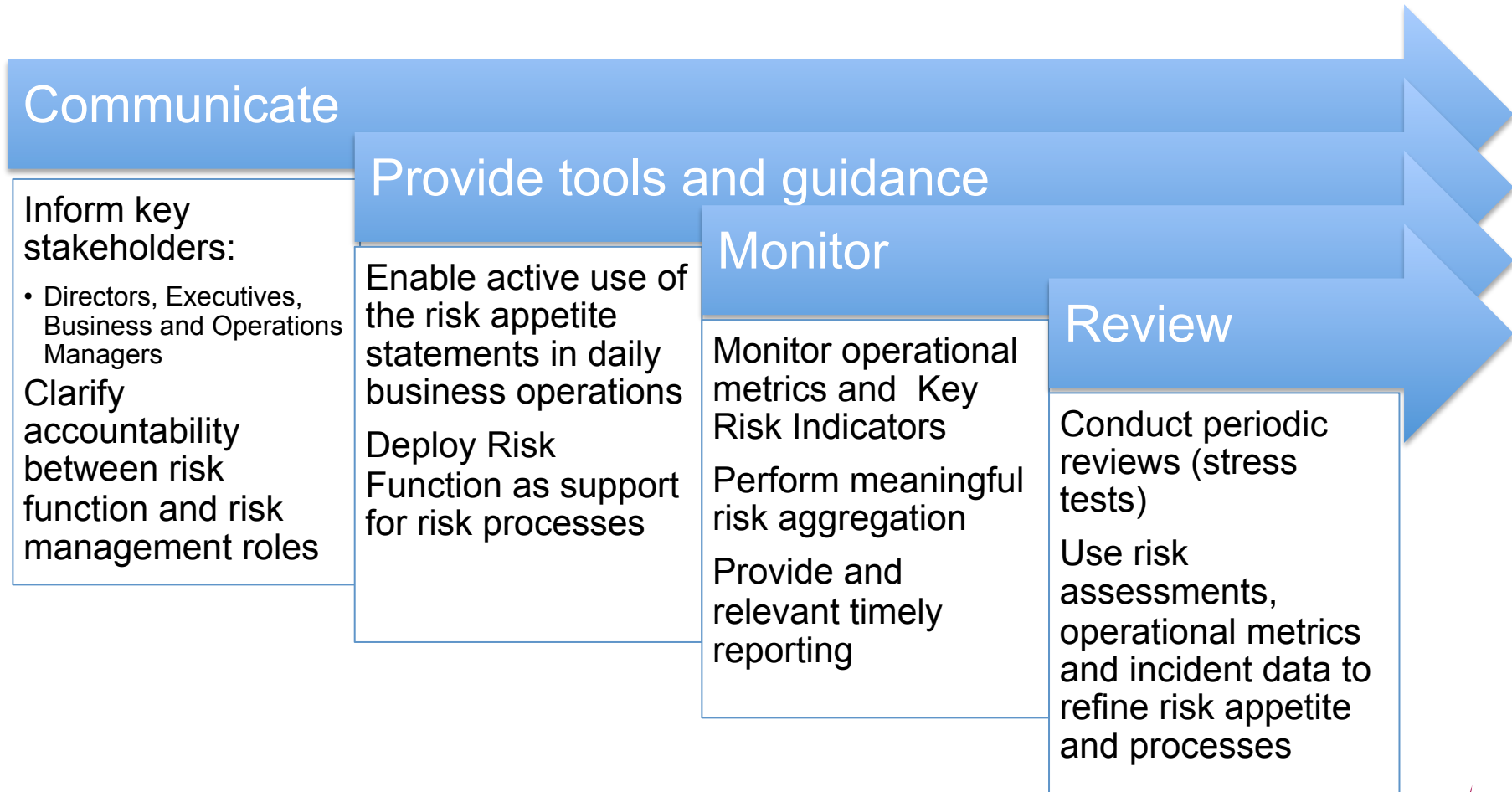
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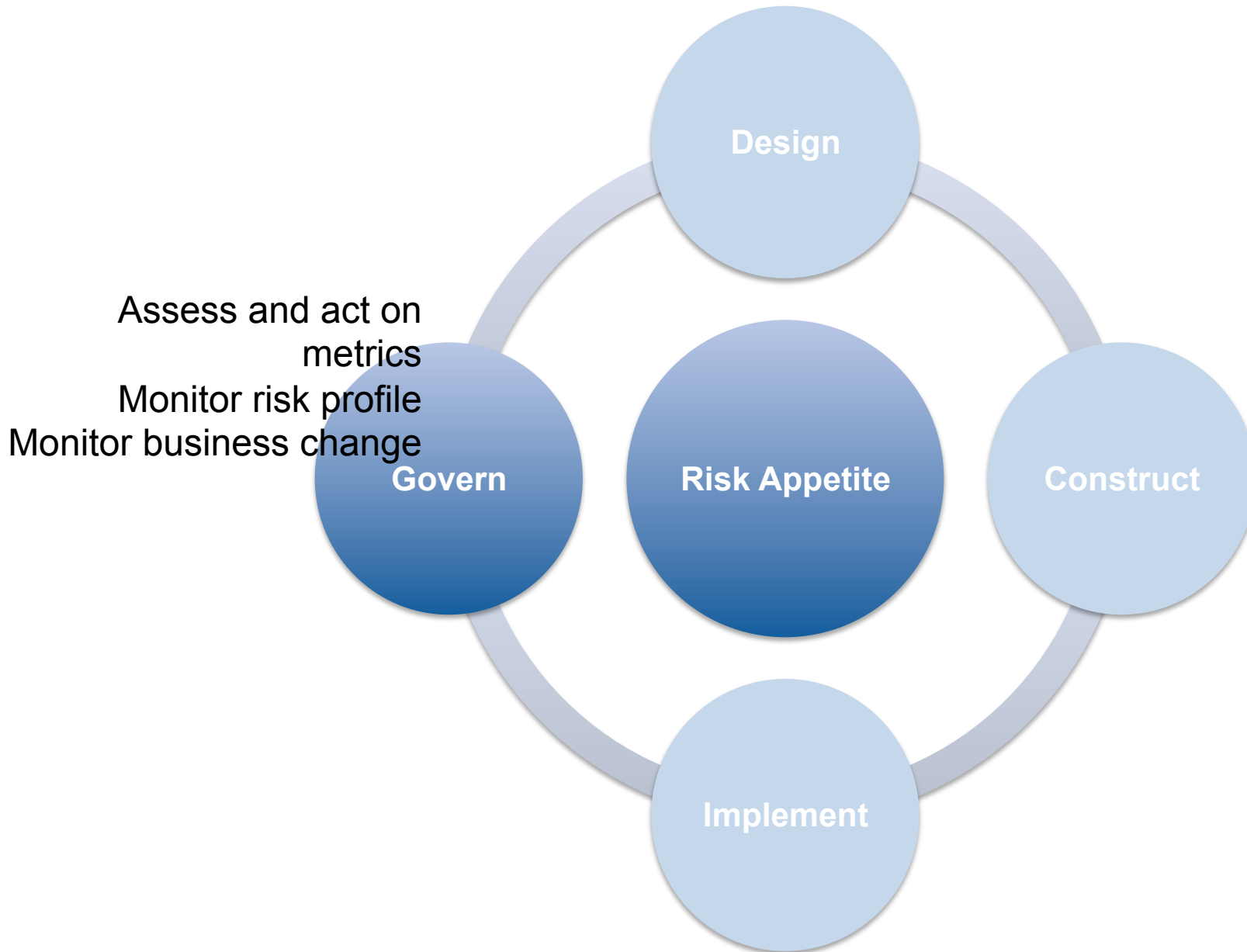
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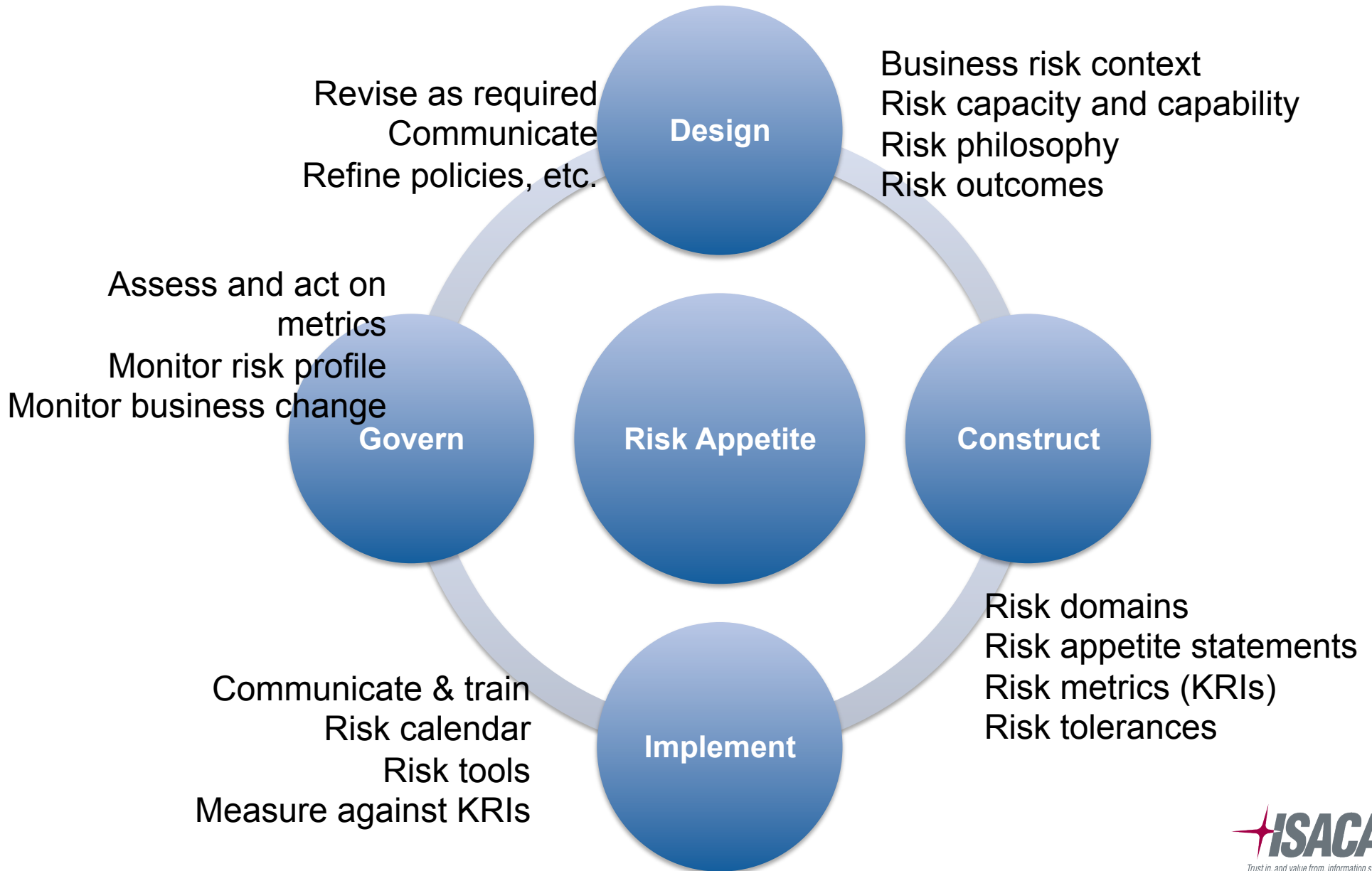
# GOVERNING RISK APPETITE



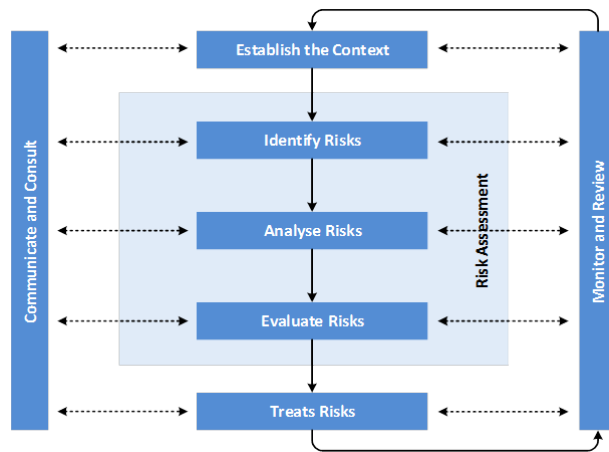
# RE-DESIGNING RISK APPETITE



# SUMMARY: DESIGNING RISK APPETITE



# EXPLORING THE CHALLENGES – OBTAINING VALUE



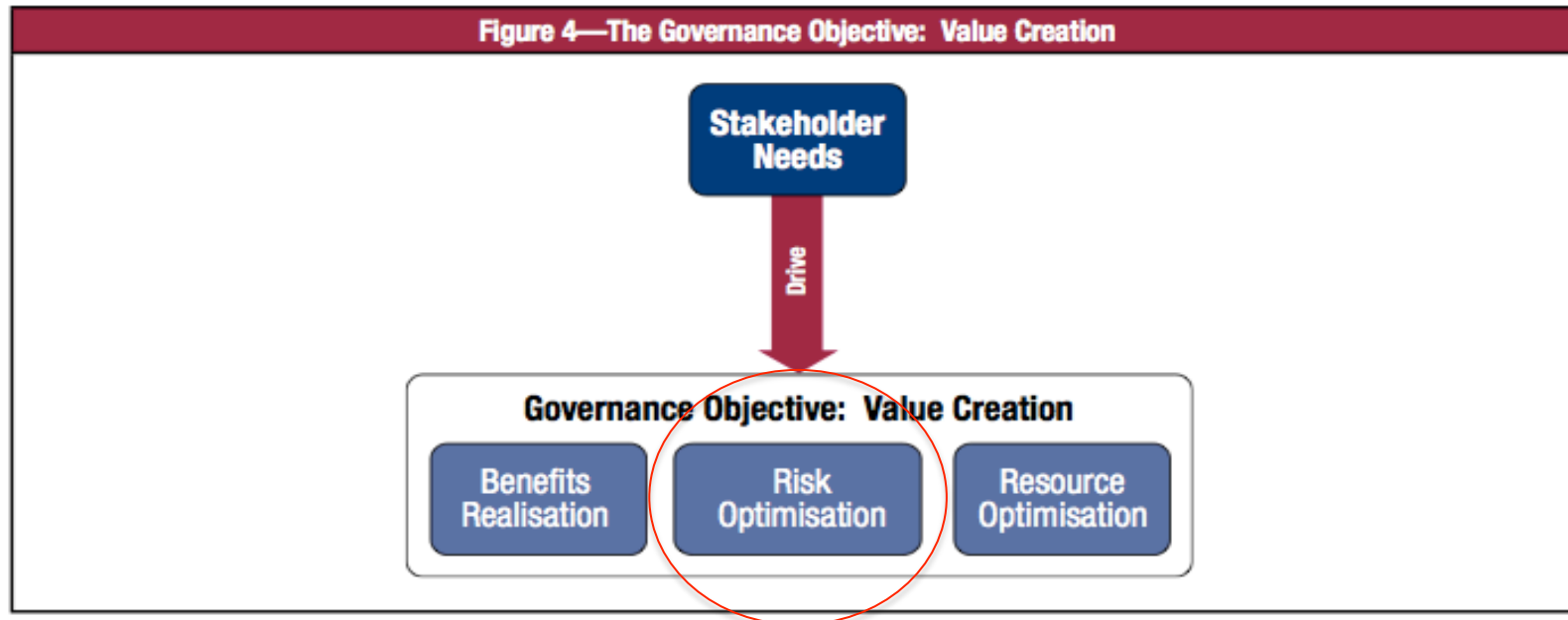
**“The best risk management is about managing risk to business performance against specific outcomes or objectives.”**

Excerpt From: Brian Barnier “The Operational Risk Handbook for Financial Companies: A guide to the new world of performance-oriented operational risk.”

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# QUESTIONS?

