

DORA | Business Continuity Management

Requirements on Business Continuity Management for Operational Resilience

On 17 January 2025, the DORA Regulation entered into force, tightening the requirements for operational resilience and how financial entities manage crisis preparedness and business continuity before, during, and after an incident or disruption to operations. To ensure compliance with the new requirements, a structured approach to continuity management linked to ICT is needed, alongside a holistic perspective that integrates with the organisation's overall continuity efforts.

To meet the regulatory requirements, the organisation must have carried out the following:

Identification and Mapping

- Process mapping
- Identification of critical and important functions
- Identification of critical and important systems and resources

Improvement and Reporting

- Updates to response-, recovery-, and continuity plans based on test results
- Training and engaging staff through regular exercises and drills

Ongoing Business Continuity

- Integration of both business and IT perspectives in continuity planning
- Coordination of ICT continuity measures with the organisation's overarching continuity strategies
- Ensuring that changes in processes, resources, and ICT systems are continuously updated in the continuity plans

Analysis and Risk Assessment

- Business Impact Analysis (BIA)
- Risk assessments at function and resource level
- Development of continuity measures and strategies

Testing

- Development of test scenarios and execution of tests for all plans
- Reporting of test results to senior management and board of directors

Examples of how AdviseSense experts can support your organisation in meeting DORA's requirements for continuous continuity management:

- Gap analysis against DORA's continuity management requirements
- Evaluation of business processes and conducting process mapping
- Conducting Business Impact Analysis (BIA)
- Identifying risks and the need for continuity measures
- Developing continuity plans, recovery plans, and continuity strategies
- Ensuring continuity management meets all regulatory requirements and industry standards
- Evaluating and improving continuity plans based on new risk assessments and organisational changes
- Developing test material and conducting tests of continuity, response- and recovery plans
- Establishing a structured approach that includes both business and IT perspectives in continuity planning
- Providing ongoing advice and support

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