

About us

ISSA is the leading global Securities Services Industry Association

ISSA is a Swiss Association based in Zurich, Switzerland

ISSA Members include Custodians, CSDs, technology and other related firms

Our Members

Our more than 130 Members are actively involved in all aspects of the Securities Services value chain. We have Members in all inhabited continents. That global constituency is one of the great strengths of ISSA as everyone learns from everyone's experiences and diversity of approach.



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Our Goals

ISSA aims to connect Securities Services leaders, facilitate industry collaboration and effect change that positively impacts the global securities value chain.

Our Focus

ISSA's focus is on finding progressive solutions to mitigate risk, improve efficiency and effectiveness - from issuer through to investor - and provide broader thought leadership to help shape the future of the industry.

Our Operating Approach

The ISSA Symposium

The ISSA Symposium is a biennial three-day event that addresses the most important issues facing the industry and selects the areas on which ISSA should focus over the next two years. It is a meeting of ISSA Members' senior leadership teams to discuss the real issues within Securities Services. The Symposium is not sponsored and is not a sales event, but a conference of experts focused on exploring industry solutions to mitigate risk and increase efficiency.

The ISSA Working Groups

Once the topics are selected (via Symposium or Member demand), Members assign experts to the Working Groups. These are co-chaired by volunteers and run by the ISSA team. The mandate is to meet regularly and produce output that meet the Working Group's Terms of Reference. Outputs can be best practices, principles for the industry, white papers, surveys or short articles supported by podcasts and webinars.

Our Value for our Members

The benefits ISSA Members quote are many, but they require active participation to realize.



Participation in a Working Group offers both in depth. Working Group Members are exposed to the latest thinking on a particular topic and get many different views on the problems and possible solutions. They also have the opportunity to improve their soft skills by working in a diverse international team and discussing with their peers.



ISSA Members will join an organization made up of a variety of companies, from the largest to the growing. ISSA can therefore speak with an impact and influence that a single company cannot match. The collective voice influences local and international regulators, legislators and other market participants through the quality and expertise of ISSA work rather than through lobbying.



All ISSA Members have their own strategy for the markets they operate in or the technologies they use. How do ISSA's Member Institutions ensure that the decisions they make help them to successfully implement their strategy? Confirmation comes from talking about the issue with the colleagues around the world.



The Symposium and Working Groups are designed to help ISSA's Member Institutes exchange ideas and to give them the opportunity to see what other companies in other parts of the world are thinking and doing - and what they can use to solve their problems or seize opportunities.



The "Aha Moment". The Working Groups work on both the practical and theoretical levels. The insights gained from these discussions are incredible. These can be at the micro level, solving problems in the straight through processing, or at the macro level in terms of "why have we never done this in our market, but other companies are doing it."



ISSA produces many industry-approved documents through the Working Group process. These help to manage the expectations of companies, but more importantly, of clients. The guidelines are designed to reduce risk and increase efficiency, as a document that supports the approach is invaluable in optimizing market interactions.



ISSA works in the most connected industry in the world. Therefore, it is invaluable for companies to know people in a market or function to turn to in times of opportunity or stress. The ISSA network provides the ideal conditions for this valuable connections.

Our Working Groups

Currently, over 360 experts of our Member Institutes are engaged in 8 ISSA Working Groups. The topics of these Groups vary over time. When a Working Group reaches the end of a topic, it is either closed or suspended until the next topic comes up and ISSA then launches new Working Groups.

Further details beyond the headlines below can be seen at: <https://issanet.org/working-groups/>



Focusing on Data Sourcing and Withholding Tax processes



Looking as topic one at Private Markets Processes



Starting Digital Asset Custody in partnership with GBBC DF



Investigating remote Due Diligence efficiencies



Looking at the risk dimensions for different technologies including DLT and Sanctions



Focusing on education and benefits as well as on and APIs and interoperability



Designing a questionnaire that market participants can use to prevent proliferation of questionnaires.



Looking at ESG standards



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Becoming ISSA Member

The present Member fee is EUR 3500 pa

The participation at the ISSA Symposium is charged separately. As a member firm you have the right to have someone attend.

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