

Jean-Pierre Garitte

Jean-Pierre Garitte has been an international governance, risk management and internal audit practitioner, consultant and trainer for 45 years. In a previous position he was for more than 20 years the Director of Internal Audit at J. Van Breda & Co, a financial holding company based in Antwerp, Belgium. Jean-Pierre was until June 2010 a partner with Deloitte Enterprise Risk Services (ERS), where he led the corporate governance, internal audit and risk management practice for Europe, the Middle East and Africa. He is specialized in the strategic assessment and reengineering of internal audit functions. He has undertaken assessments of internal audit functions on behalf of the Institute of Internal Auditors, the World Bank, the OECD and the European Commission. Jean-Pierre has trained numerous professional internal auditors in Asia and Europe. Jean-Pierre has led advocacy efforts to promote the value of the internal audit profession towards legislators, regulators and other interest groups at the European level. He was the chairman of the Audit and Oversight Committee of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Geneva and was the special adviser to the National Bank of Romania. Jean-Pierre is an external member of the Audit Progress Committee of the European Commission, chairs the Audit Committee for Local Governments in the Flanders, chairs the Audit Committee for the Flemish Government and is a member of the Audit Committee of SMALS, a company that provides IT services to the social security organizations in Belgium. He was a Special Advisor to the European Parliament and has also been the CEO of the Institute of Internal Auditors in Belgium.

He was an Executive Professor in Corporate Governance, Internal and Information Systems Auditing at the Antwerp Management School (AMS). He was a visiting professor at the Erasmus University in Rotterdam and at the South Bank University in London. He has been advising Boards of Directors and Audit Committees in Belgium, Germany, Thailand, Malaysia, Romania, Slovenia and Turkey. He has been training and developing internal audit departments in Belgium, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Turkey, Malaysia, Thailand, Greece, Morocco, Russia and Tunisia, and has been a lecturer at several European, Middle East, Asian, North and Latin-American internal audit conferences. He has been a European Union expert for restructuring projects in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. He has advised parliaments, national audit offices and ministries of finance on new legislations.

He holds a University degree (licentiate) in Commercial and Financial Science and a Master degree in Accountancy. He is a Certified Internal Auditor (CIA), a Certified Accountant (CA), a Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA), a Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE), a Registered Forensic Auditor (RFA) and holds a Certification in Control Self Assessment (CCSA).

Being a native Flemish, he is fluent in French, English and German, and also feels comfortable in Spanish.

He is the Past Chairman of the Board of the international Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA).

At the European level he has been for six years the President of the European Confederation of Institutes of Internal Auditing (ECIIA). For three years, he has also been the Chairman of the Asian Confederation of Institutes of Internal Auditing (ACIIA), representing the profession in the Asia-Pacific Region.