



CISO (also Fractional/Virtual) ISO/IEC 27001 & Cybersecurity Governance Leader Stefano Toria

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



With over 50 years in ICT and 35 in cybersecurity, I have spent the past two decades specialising in governance, compliance, and executive advisory.

I have a proven record as CISO-as-a-Service and trusted advisor for boards and multinational corporations.

I am highly experienced in designing and leading ISO/IEC 27001:2022 ISMS, and preparing organisations for TISAX, DORA, and NIS2 compliance.

A strong communicator in French, English, Italian and German, I have successfully trained ministers, executives, and global teams.

Creative yet pragmatic, I drive risk reduction, resilience, and business enablement.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS



- Led ISO/IEC 27001 certification programmes for industrial and insurance groups, achieving 0 major NCs and 100% certification success.
- Defined and rolled out corporate ISMS for a global investment firm, cutting risk exposure by 40% and ensuring board-level accountability.
- Established awareness campaigns for government and military officers, reaching over 1,000 participants in 8 countries.
- As external CISO, harmonised governance across multiple Swiss organisations, shortening audit closure times by 50%.
- Founded and grew a cybersecurity consultancy in Switzerland, expanding EU client base within 2 years.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE



2017–present | Freelance Principal Security Consultant (CH/EU)

Delivered CISO-as-a-Service, risk & compliance frameworks, gap analyses, and executive briefings. Clients included public agencies, banks, and multinationals.

Achievements: Supported ISO 27001, TISAX, and DORA certifications for multinational corporations.

2012–2017 | Crypto AG – Security Education & Training Engineer

Developed and delivered seminars for civilian & military authorities worldwide.

Achievement: Created new curricula and marketing materials, adopted in over 10 countries.

CONTACT



Based in Switzerland until Oct 2025
Relocating to Côte d'Azur
from Nov 2025



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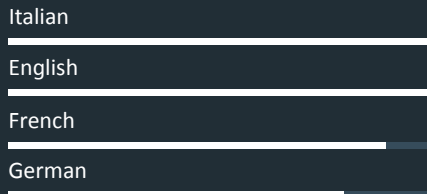


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LANGUAGES



SKILLS

HARD SKILLS

- Information security governance
- ISO/IEC 27001 & 27701
- Risk & compliance
- NIST CSF, TISAX, DORA, NIS2, BCM/DR cloud & IAM security
- awareness training

SOFT SKILLS

- Executive communication
- Stakeholder management, team leadership
- Creative & strategic problem-solving
- Training & mentoring

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2007–2011 | InfoGuard AG – Senior Security Consultant

Planned and audited ISMS, led client projects in banking, insurance, and industry.

Achievements: Opened Ticino market; built ISMS service catalogue.

2005–2007 | Independent Security Consultant

Supported SMEs in ISO 27001 certification.

2001–2005 | InfoGuard SpA – Manager, Software Product Development

Built R&D centre in Italy, managed 20 staff and budget. Planned and executed security product development and ISO 9000 quality management system.

Pre-2000 Roles

1991–2000: Senior consultant & CTO in Italian firms. Developed early ISMS support tools and Internet banking concepts.

1980–1991: Lecturer and consultant in ICT and IT security. Clients included Confindustria, Banca d'Italia, Ministry of Defence.

EDUCATION



- Degree in Economics & Business Administration – LUISS, Rome
- ISO 27001 Lead Auditor & Instructor (latest update 2023)
- Further IT trainings: Fortran, Assembly, mainframe, PC security