

Facing the MiFID II challenge



IT implications of MiFID II for banks and financial services organisations

The Markets in Financial Instruments Directive II (MiFID II) represents the cornerstone of the financial market regulation in Europe. It aims to address the untapped opportunities and upcoming inadequacies of its predecessor MiFID I by tackling internal control; market structure and transparency; investor protection and external control / reporting.

Numerous innovations and threats have emerged from the launch of MiFID I (such as high frequency trading), MiFID II will be translated into a regulation, MiFIR, backed by a directive. Its objective is to ensure that a “maximum harmonization” framework will be established centrally from Brussels with limited scope for national tailoring. The regulation will impact the entire value chain of the securities market, the organizations therein, and their business models thus forcing all players to invest in the re-alignment of the business.

Furthermore, MiFID II is not the only regulatory change which must be addressed: important pieces of legislation such as Dodd-Frank, Basel III Capital Requirements, Directive (CRD) IV, European Market Infrastructure Regulations (EMIR), Market Abuse Directive (MAD) add supplementary complexity and render the identification and exploitation of synergies extremely difficult without adopting a holistic view. From this perspective, the key point is being prepared to assess how the organization will be affected and how to reconfigure operations efficiently. Outpacing competitors in this space entails the availability of a sound approach with a strong long term vision and the right skill set in place.

Improving Business Performance

At MIKISAN we understand your business has compelling priorities and demanding challenges in terms of understanding the data requirements, models, and tools; assessing the readiness of IT systems and the required changes; developing an effective migration plan underpinned by a sound mapping of your IT landscape; streamlining the resulting portfolio of IT changes to maximize the cost of ownership of your investment. We appreciate the intricacies of these tasks to ensure adequate resources for regulatory programmes.

We can support you in shifting the perception of MiFID II from “compliance project” to “business opportunity” by engaging in fruitful stakeholder relations to secure buy-in, managing the interdependencies, the complexities, and the overlaps with other regulations. We specialize in managing business transformation of financial organizations and their IT operations. We are in the business of minimizing risks of large complex transformation programmes thanks to a proven approach which:

- Has been successfully field-tested in numerous programmes.
- Has generated consistent financial results (realized savings compared to planned budget).
- Has gained consistent stakeholder loyalty.

Tools to Measure and Manage

Our PRISM Scorecard® is a state-of-the-art software tool designed for managing business transformation programmes. It can be used as a holistic system encompassing the entire organization, or it can target a single area of focus. It helps you on your journey towards MiFID / MiFIR compliance, by analyzing and enhancing existing IT applications, planning multiple projects, and monitoring progress.

Insight, Knowledge and Experience

At MIKISAN we believe that we have what it takes to help your organization focus on the analysis and implementation of MiFID II.

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