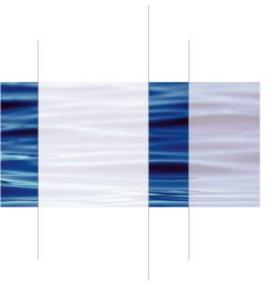
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### IR departments and their organization Survey May 2014

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### Survey details



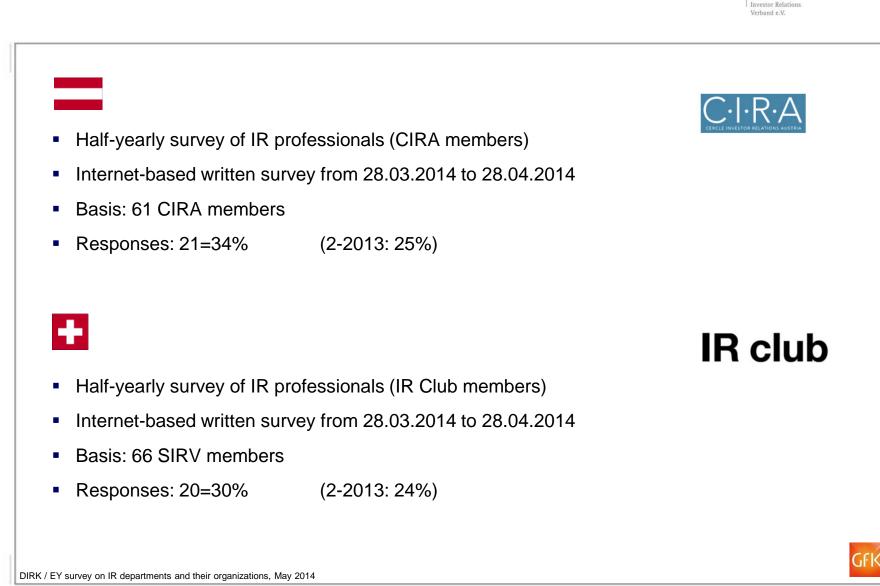


Half-yearly survey of IR professionals (DIRK members)

- Internet-based written survey from 28.03.2014 to 28.04.2014
- Basis: 304 DIRK members (2-2013: 288)
- Responses: 84= 28% (2-2013: 31%)
- Broken down by indices, the responses came from:
  - 12 DAX companies (= 40% of all DAX-listed companies)
  - 17 MDAX companies (= 34% of all MDAX-listed companies)
  - 9 TecDAX companies (= 30% of all TecDAX-listed companies)
  - 14 SDAX companies (= 28% of all SDAX-listed companies)
  - 31 companies that are not part of a selection index
- 64% of all the companies to have responded belong to the Prime Standard segment



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### Current number of IR employees (full-time)



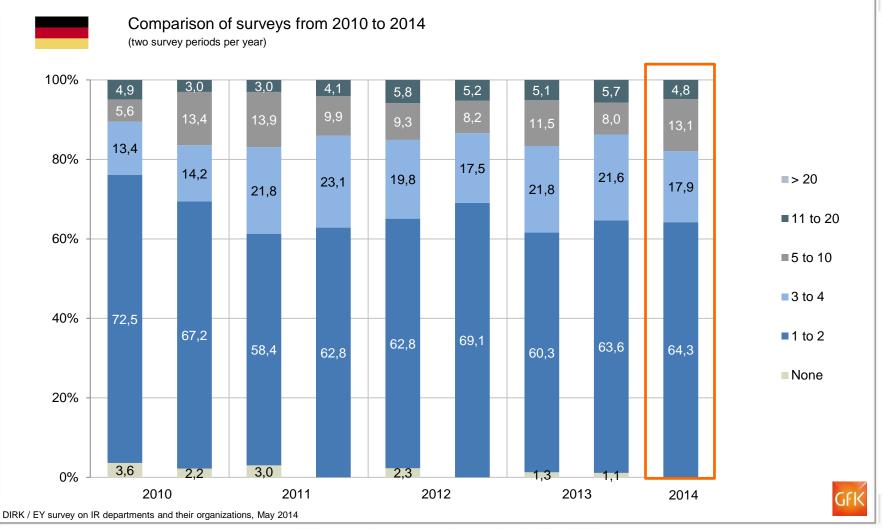


By country + 100% 4,8 4,8 23,8 80% 20,0 ■ > 20 17,9 ■11 to 20 60% ■ 5 to 10 3 to 4 40% 71,4 1 to 2 70,0 64.3 None 20% 0% Median 2.0 1.0 2.0 DIRK / EY survey on IR departments and their organizations, May 2014





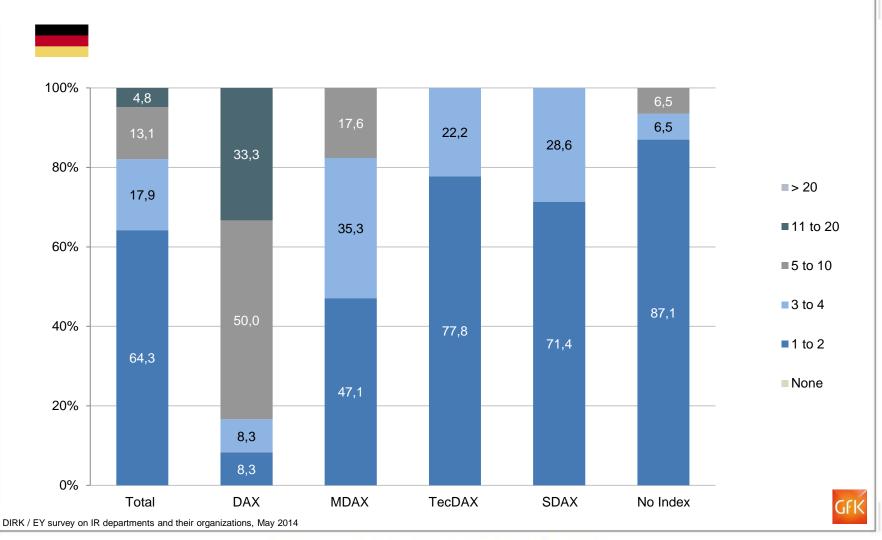
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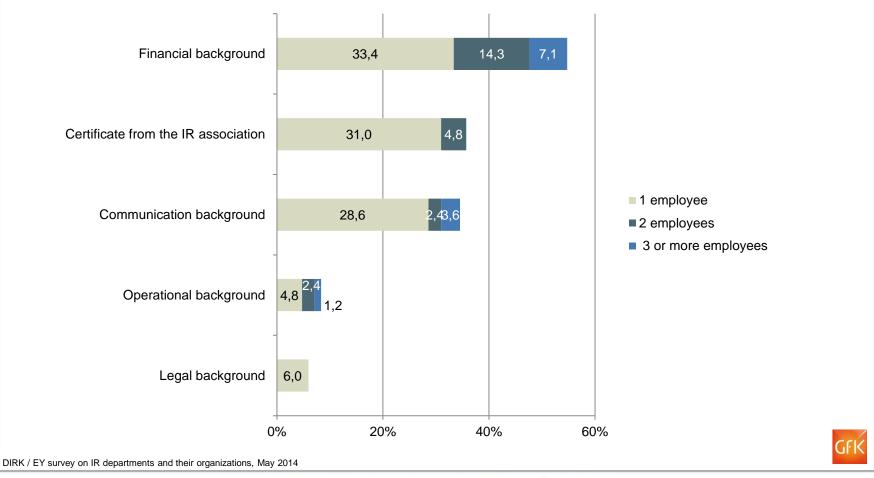




### Most employees in the IR teams have a financial background

Which education has your IR team?

(Number of employees per level of education for all employees in IR department)





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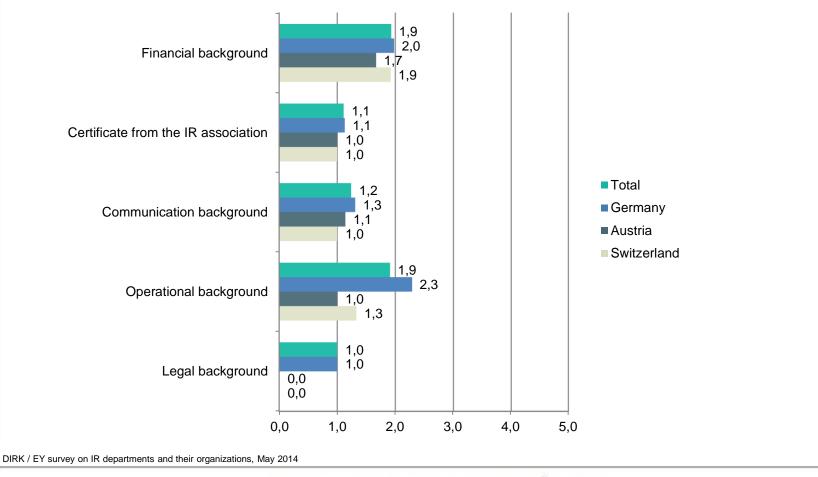


# In average, an IR team in Germany has 2 employees with financial and 2.3 with operational background

Which education has your IR team?

(Number of employees per level of education for all employees in IR department)

#### Mean values



### Most IR departments report directly to the CFO



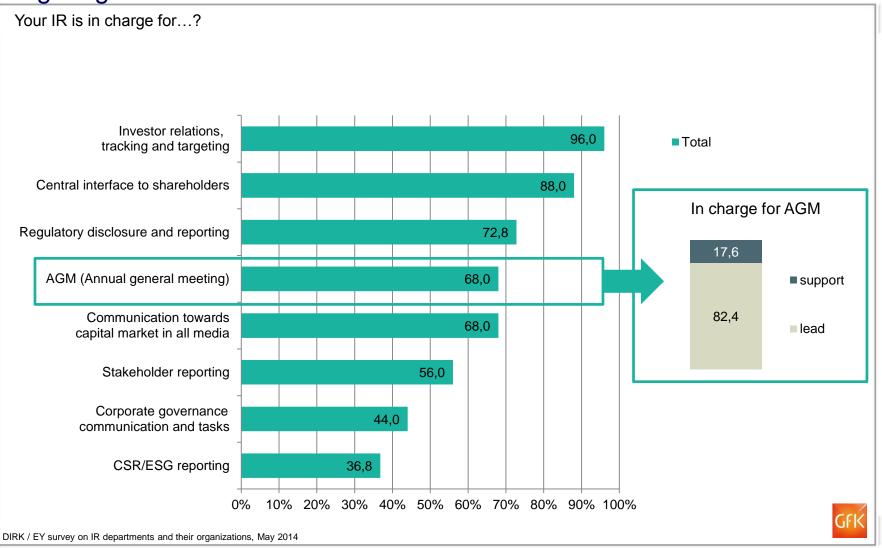


To whom does the IR department you are working for report directly to? - By country + 80% 60% CEO ■ CFO 40% Other 75,0 59,5 57,1 42,9 42,9 20% 25,0 9,5 7,1 5,0 0% DIRK / EY survey on IR departments and their organizations, May 2014



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## 96% of all IR teams are in charge for IR, tracking and targeting. 88% are central interface to shareholders



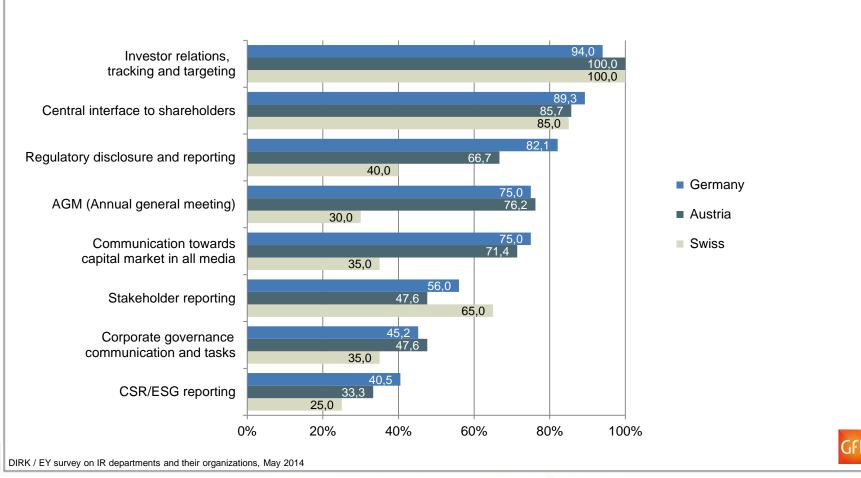


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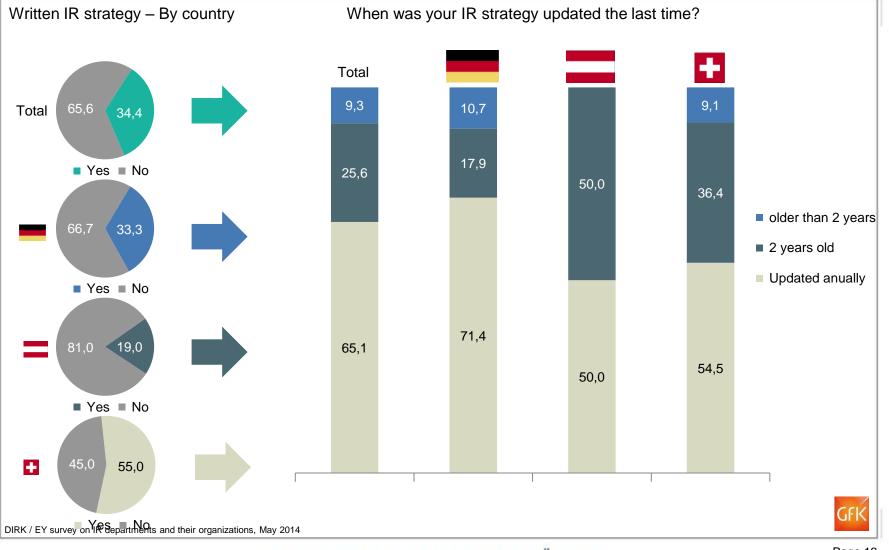
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### 82% of the IR teams in Germany are in charge for disclosure and reporting

Your IR is in charge for ...? – By country



# 65% of the IR strategies are updated annually – in Germany even 71%





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# 21% of the IR teams have a formal IR manual – it covers important internal processes, the corporate calendar and competencies



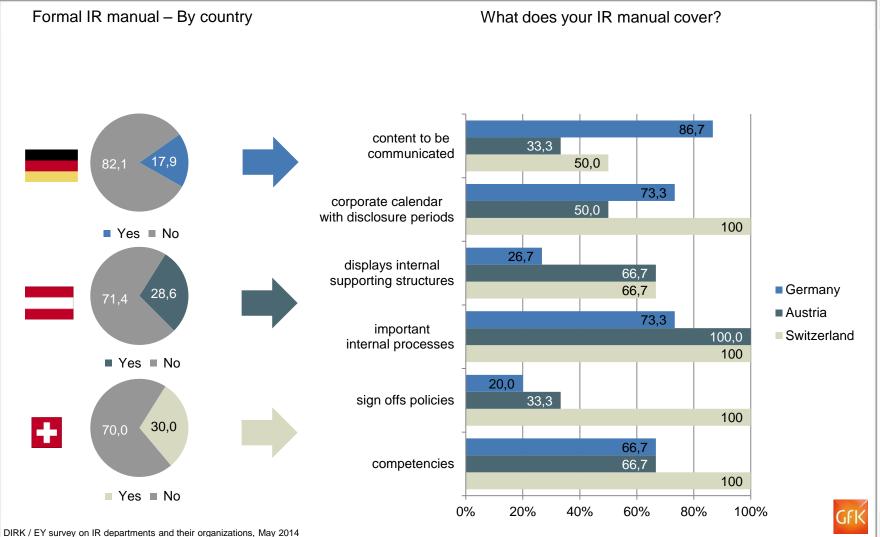


Formal IR manual What does your IR manual cover? content to be 66.7 communicated corporate calendar 74,1 with disclosure periods displays internal 44,4 supporting structures 21,6 78,4 Total important 85.2 internal processes sign offs policies 40,7 Yes ■ No competencies 74,1 0% 20% 40% 60% 80% 100% DIRK / EY survey on IR departments and their organizations, May 2014

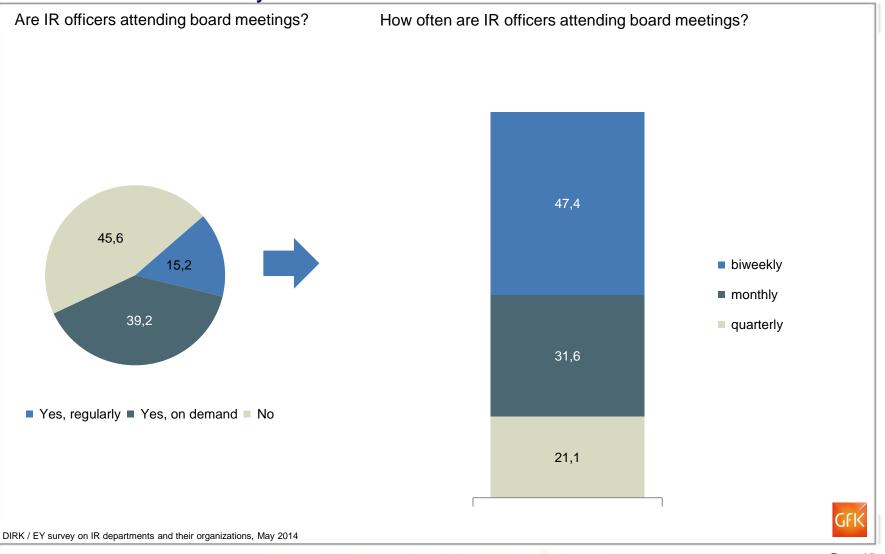




## In Germany, 18% of the IR teams have a formal IR manual – 87% cover content to be communicated



# 15% of the IR officers are attending board meetings – most of them biweekly



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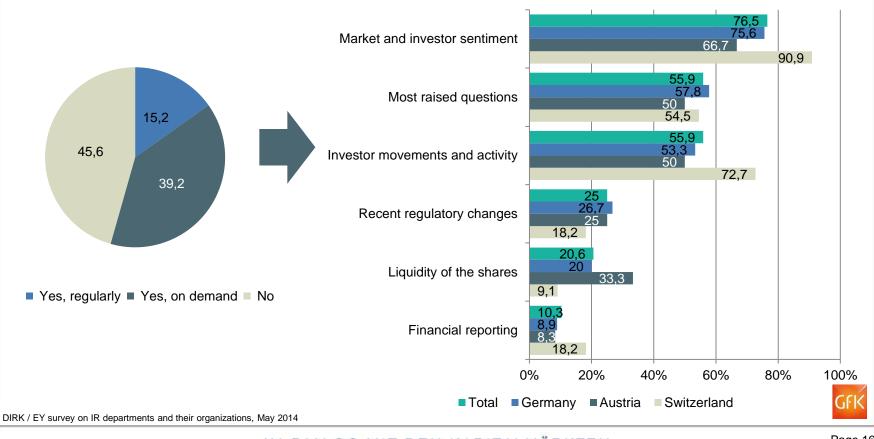
# 54% of the IR officers attend board meetings – mostly the content of those board meetings are market and investor sentiment





Are IR officers attending board meetings?

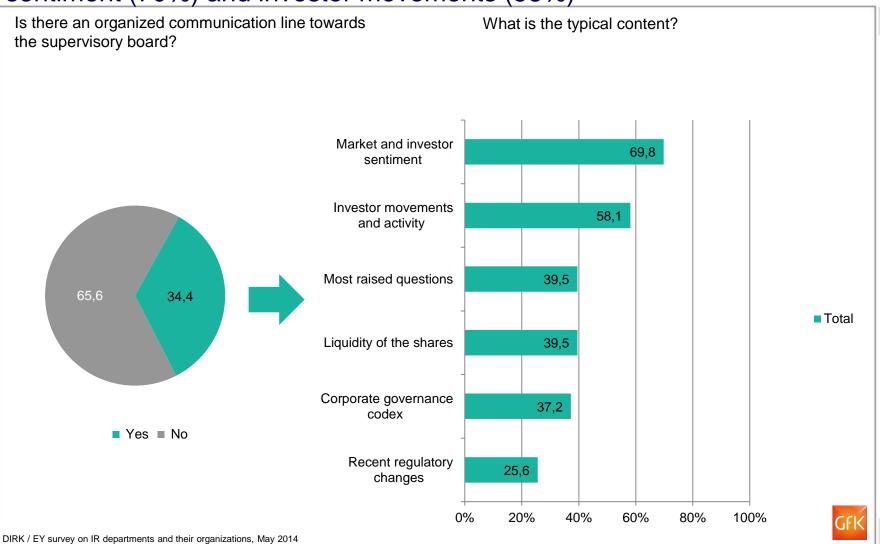
What is the typical content of board meetings with IR officers attending? – By country



### Typical content of the communication line towards the supervisory board is market and investor sentiment (70%) and investor movements (58%)







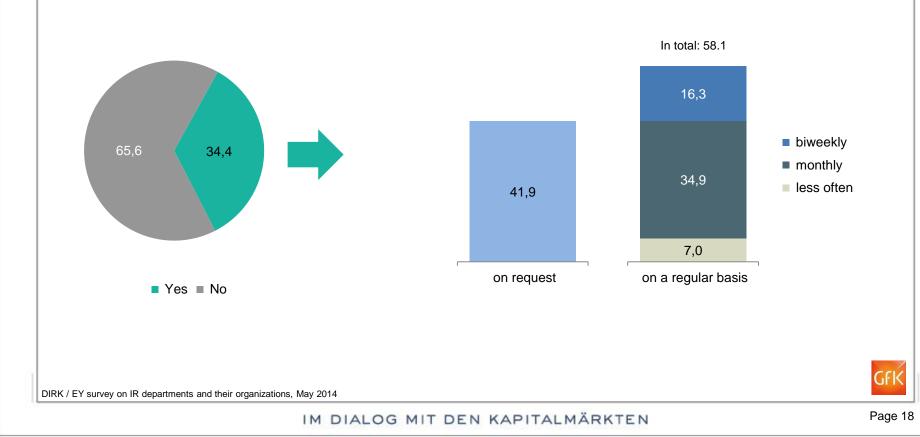
# 42% of all organized communication towards the supervisory board is on request, 58% are on a regular basis





Is there an organized communication line towards the supervisory board?

How often is there an organized communication line towards the supervisory board?



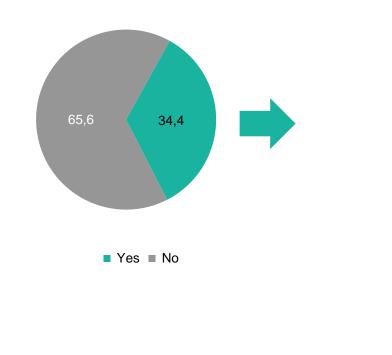


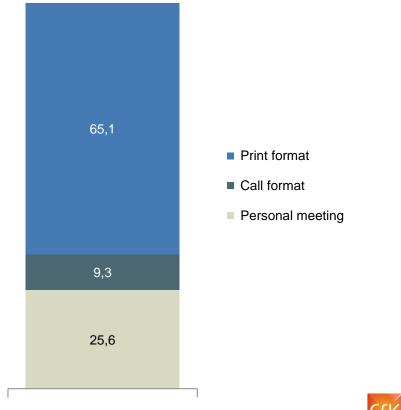


### Most often the communication towards the supervisory board is printed (65%)

Is there an organized communication line towards the supervisory board?

Which format does this communication line towards the supervisory board have?





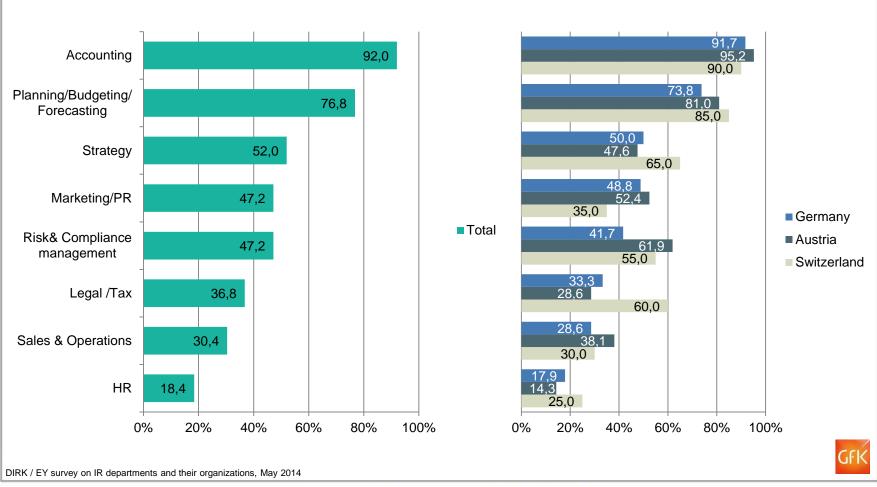
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## Regular reporting lines to the IR team are existing from accounting (92%) and planning (77%)

Regular reporting lines or information lines to you as IR officer are existing from ...? - By country

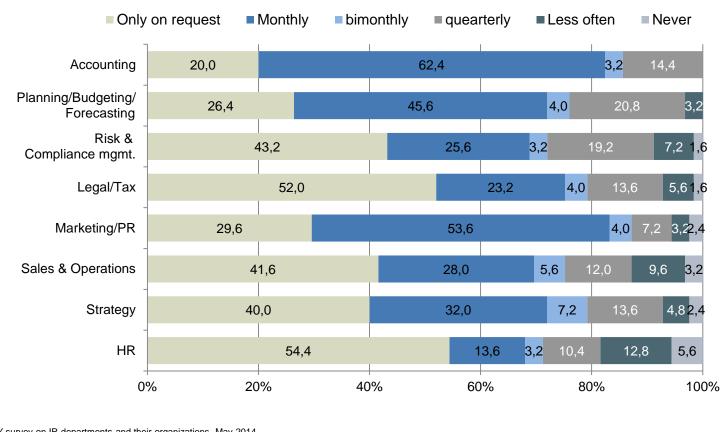


### IR teams are in dialog with Accounting and Marketing on a monthly basis, meetings with HR and Legal/Tax are mostly only taking place on request





When and how are you in dialog with the following internal teams?





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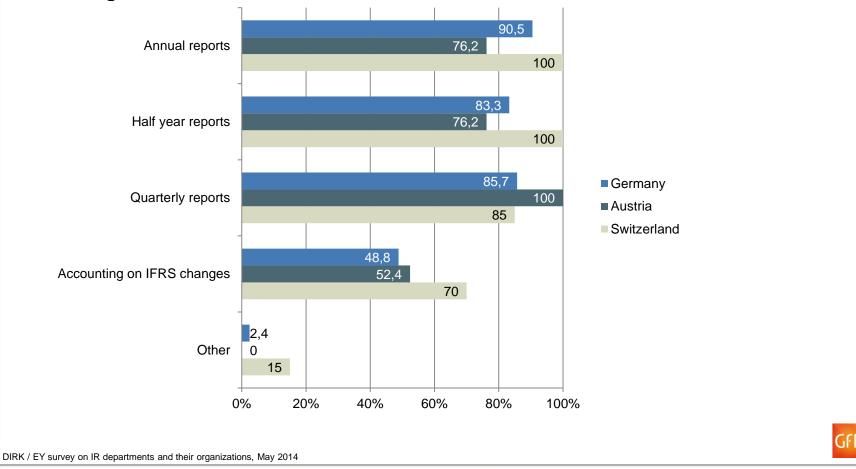




# Typical content of dialogs between IR and accounting teams in Germany are annual reports

What is the typical content when you are in dialog with the following internal teams? - By country

#### Accounting

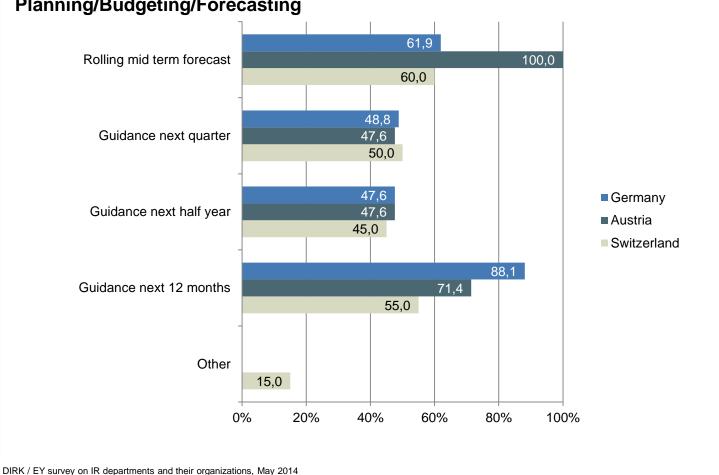






### Most important topic for the dialog of IR team and planning team is the guidance in the next 12 months

What is the typical content when you are in dialog with the following internal teams? - By country



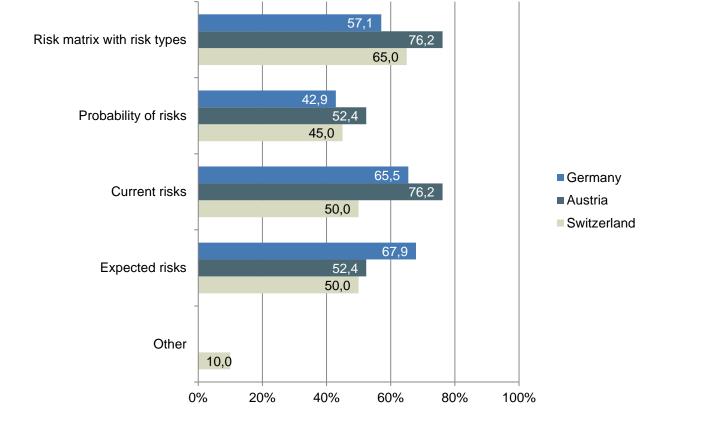
#### Planning/Budgeting/Forecasting



### Risk and compliance management and IR teams in Germany have current and expected risks as a main topic

What is the typical content when you are in dialog with the following internal teams? - By country

#### Risk&Compliance mgmt



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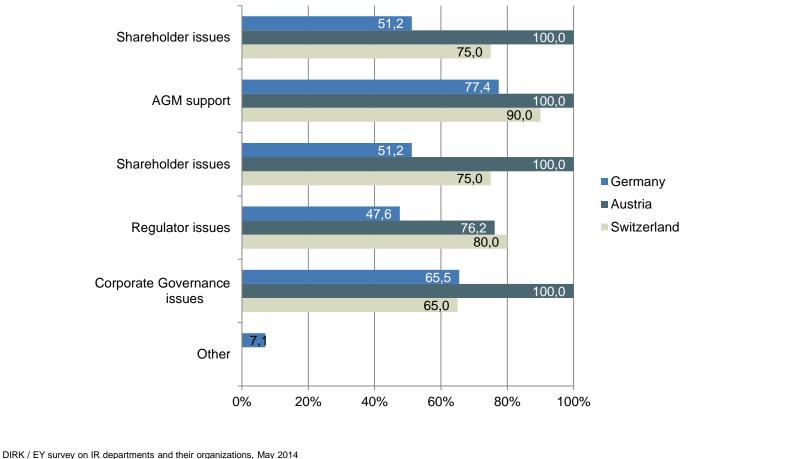




# AGM support is an important issue for the dialog between Legal/Tax department and IR teams

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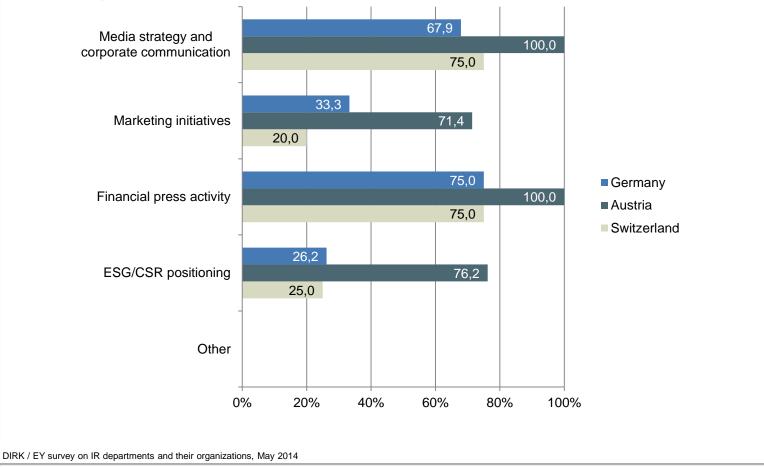






What is the typical content when you are in dialog with the following internal teams? - By country

#### Marketing/PR





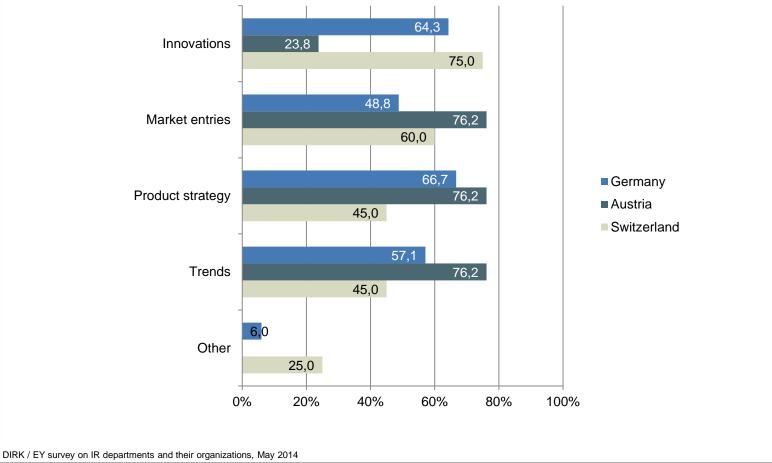
### The content of meetings of Sales & Operations team and IR team in Germany is 67% product strategy, 64% innovations

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What is the typical content when you are in dialog with the following internal teams? - By country

#### **Sales & Operations**

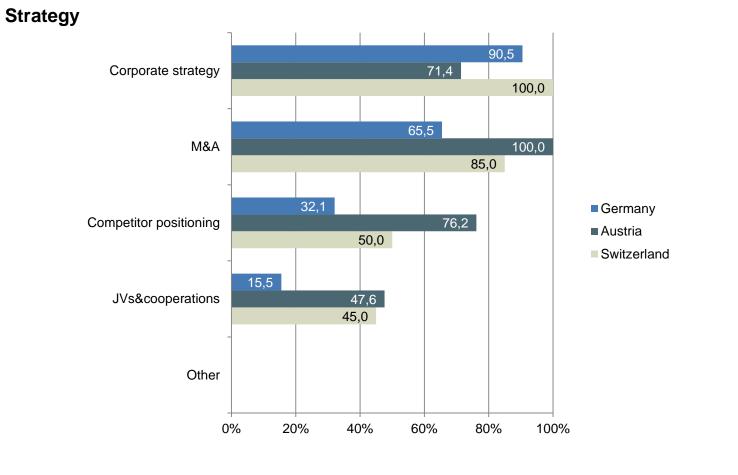






## When IR team and strategy team meet, they discuss the corporate strategy and M&A topics

What is the typical content when you are in dialog with the following internal teams? - By country



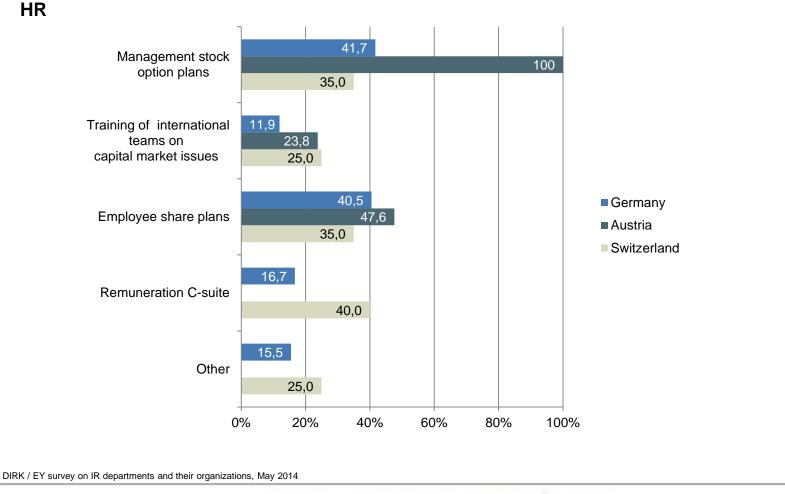
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# The content of meetings between IR team and HR teams are mainly management stock option plans and employee share plans





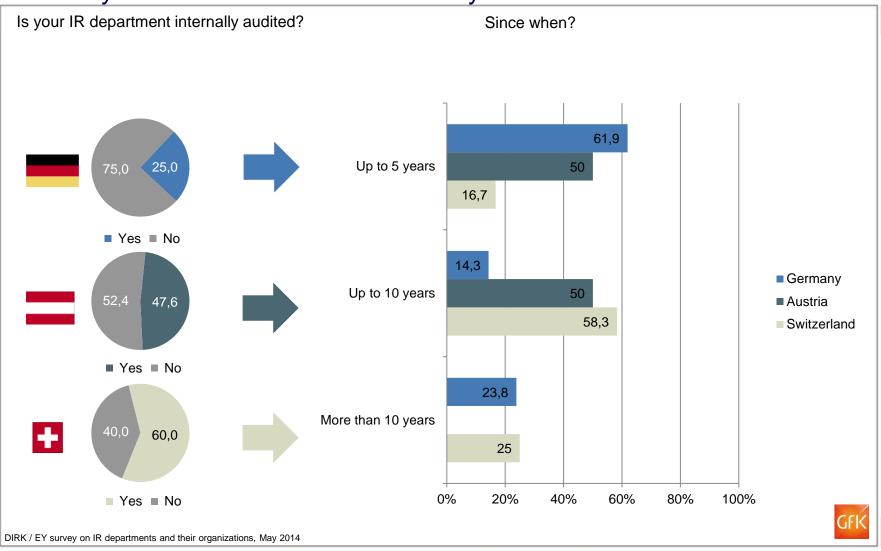
What is the typical content when you are in dialog with the following internal teams? - By country





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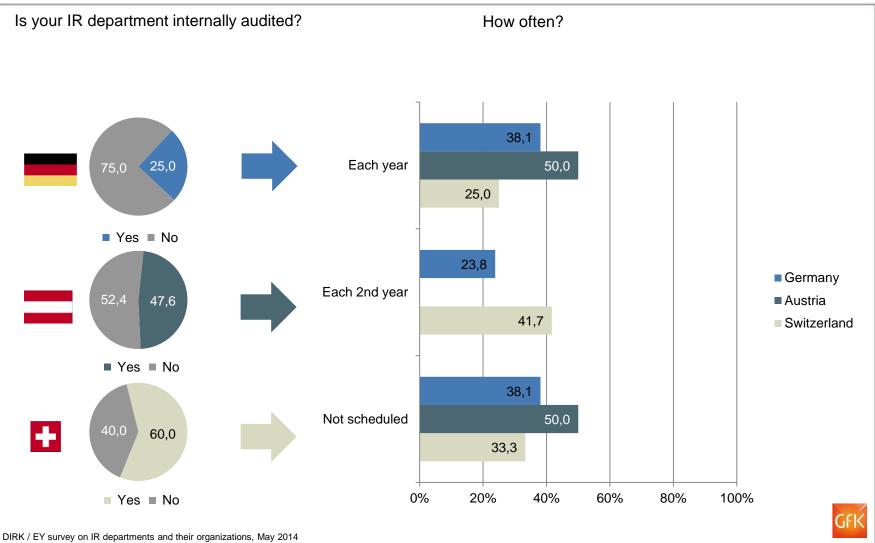
## 62% of the IR departments that are being audited internally are audited since less than 5 years



# When IR departments are audited internally in Germany those audits are not scheduled in 38% beforehand





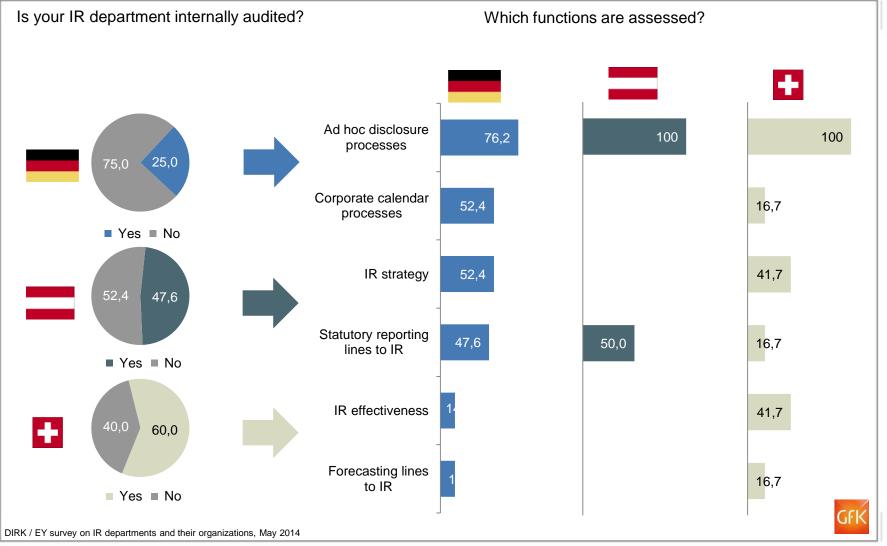




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### When IR departments in Germany are audited, in 76% of all cases disclosure processes are assessed



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