Outsourcing and business transformation

The new challenge



In a complex and changing regulatory environment led by global competition, cost reduction and flexibility to serve clients needs, the delegation of activities to service providers within Luxembourg or abroad can help you to decrease non value-added activities and to focus on your core business.

Making this choice can lead you to face new challenges. Indeed, the outsourcing of IT or back office-related activities requires a solid governance framework to ensure the risks related to such delegation are monitored and addressed. The quality of the provided services has also to be supervised on an on-going basis.

Our dedicated team at PwC can provide you with a large range of services, share best practices on the Luxembourg market, its expertise and collaborate with the PwC network to accompany you in the whole process in order to ensure your achievement of strategic goals and the respect of the regulatory constraints.



Main outsourcing drivers

Risk-sharing

Standardisation

New regulatory requirements

Concentration in core business and value-adding activities

> **Operational** efficiency

Globalisation

Client service and satisfaction focus

Optimisation of

Centre of excellence/ expertise

Digitisation

Synergy

Operating costs reduction

Transfer of information

Competitive environment

International cooperation

resources

Which activities can be outsourced (as example)

Support functions:

Recruitment

Salaries calculation

Internal audit

Accounting

Legal activities

Treasury management

Tax services

External reporting

Operational processes:

Outsourcing can

be a response

Transactions settlement (Payment, securities)

Pricing of assets

Fund administration activities

Product set-up

Compilation, distribution and consultation of Board/ strategic documents

Know Your Customer/AML

IT and IT-related activities:

Data backup and

archiving

IT services

Set-up and maintenance

of systems

IT security

Help Desk

Development

Data centers

Depending on your organisation, whatever your final decision is, the responsibility and the oversight of the outsourced activities remain at Luxembourg level without compromising the central administration location.

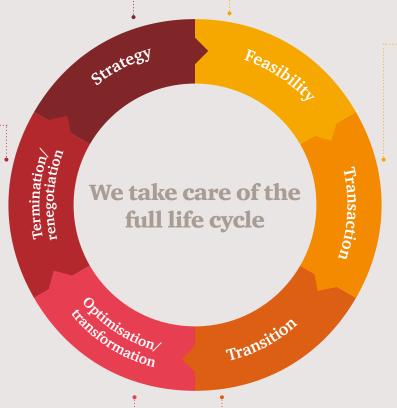
Different service providers are available to offer their services but depending on the outsourced activities, the localisation of the counterparty and applicable regulation should to be taken into consideration.

Your main challenges and our responses

- Understand the strategic context, current and future set-up, drivers of your project
- Elaborate/assess your project analysis and the expected impacts on financial, reputational, operational and regulatory risks

- Identify the applicable **regulatory requirements** to comply with based on your project (e.g. data confidentiality, data privacy, etc.) and prepare the gap assessment
- Identify if a regulatory filing to the CSSF is necessary and in such case assist you in obtaining the regulator's approval
- Prepare an outsourcing policy including contingency plans and exit strategies
- Assist you in drafting client notifications or consent requests related to the treatment of confidential data

- Assist in the ongoing project and assess potential termination/renegotiation
- Propose alternative solutions with potential impacts



- Assess service providers based on your needs and regulatory constraints
- Elaborate or review the Service Level Agreement (SLA) and specifications including various aspects such as internal control effectiveness, segregation of duties, reporting requirements, audit rights, etc.
- Develop flow charts to ensure a holistic overview of the project and financial impacts
- Review of Transfer Pricing (TP) policy and ensure transactions at arm's length

- Assist in the governance of outsourced activities through procedure implementation, design of controls for monitoring activities and ongoing risk assesments
- Support you in perforing on-site inspections at the service provider's premises
- Implement recurring due diligence and risk assessments of the service providers (i.e. controls reports)

- Assist in internal reorganisation
- Understand the information flow and existing interfaces
- Assist in the implementation of your TP policy (including review of inter-company agreements, invoicing, etc.) and in the communication with the fiscal administration
- Develop a **Business Continuity Plan** and assist in writing procedures and develop a Testing Plan
- Create a **secure environment** to make sure your business is resilient in case of an attack
- Provide project implementation assurance during the transition of operations

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