

Living Governance

The keep-live stage of the Risk Spine: keep the controls true as platform, model, data, policy and people move.

POV Governance is a loop, not a launch — the signals you watch, the lines you will not cross, and the switches you can actually pull.

THE MODEL DEVICE · THE LIVING GOVERNANCE LOOP — SENSE > DECIDE > ACT · THE LOOP NEVER CLOSES

SENSE

WATCH THE CHANGE

Catch every change event across five axes — and the silence of a signal that should have fired.

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DECIDE

PICK THE RIGHT HANDS

Route each call to the right tier: agent-led, hybrid, or human-owned. Hold the human floor.

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ACT

MOVE, LEAVE A TRACE

Apply the control, page the human, or stop the agent. Every Line is a kill switch; every move leaves evidence.

THREE MOVING PARTS: SIGNALS fire (five axes + the heartbeat rule) · TIERS decide (the human floor) · LINES act (kill switch + evidence)

FRAME · WHAT IT DOES

- Turns a static control set into a live loop: the signals to watch, the tiers that decide, the Lines that act and stop.
- When to run: after controls are selected (M11), once governance must operate continuously, not as a one-off.
- Inputs: M11 control set + owners; risk tiers; existing review, telemetry and forum cadence.

WORK · IN THE ROOM

- Five-axis signal catalogue + heartbeat rule; decision tiers + human floor; Lines, kill switches and evidence; review rhythms.
- Worked example (Wyreld ShortlistAssist) walked through the loop; the recursion — who watches the watchers.
- Format: ~90-min to half-day facilitated workshop. Overview, teach, co-design, outcomes.

VALUE · WHAT YOU LEAVE WITH

- Governance that runs continuously: clear escalation, agreed kill switches, a named watcher on the loop.
- Populated T12 Catalogue (signals, tiers, Lines, rhythms); O12 capture of decisions, owners and actions.
- Exit: signals, lines and rhythms agreed and owned — ready for M13 Evidence and M14 Incident Response.

CO-DESIGN CANVAS SET · FOUR STANDALONE ONE-PAGERS, EACH CIRCULATE-ABLE

1 · SIGNAL REGISTER

Five axes: source, what fires, cadence, routed Line. The SENSE artifact.

2 · LINE & KILL-SWITCH

Per use case: signal > tier > Line > kill switch > watcher. DECIDE + ACT.

3 · KEEP-LIVE RE-REVIEW

Per use case: each M11 control, what re-opens it, cadence, owner, due date.

4 · LOOP HEALTH & WATCHER

Per loop: who watches it, what "gone quiet" looks like, the named human.

SO WHAT · THREE ROLES

Enterprise Architect · Transformation Leader · Microsoft Partner

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DEPENDENCIES

Builds on M11 · hands to M13 + M14 · framework F01 Scalable Governance

STANDARDS ANCHORED

NIST AI RMF · ISO/IEC 42001 · EU AI Act · MS Responsible AI