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Press Release

TÜV Rheinland confirms information security recertification, covering IT solutions, services and locations at Thinkproject according to ISO 27001 ISMS.

Thinkproject passes latest information security audit

Munich, May 16th, 2023 - Thinkproject, the leading European SaaS provider of solutions for the construction industry, has had its comprehensive Information Security Management System (ISMS) re-audited by TÜV Rheinland. The recertification confirms that Thinkproject consistently meets the strict requirements of ISO/IEC 27001:2013. The TÜV Rheinland examined Thinkproject's corporate processes to determine whether it had taken all necessary security measures with its ISMS.

The security audit by TÜV Rheinland covered several perspectives. Firstly, the product view which includes the creation and (SaaS) operation of Thinkproject products TP CDE, EPLASS CDE, CONCLUDE CDE, CEMAR, RAMM and DESITE BIM. Secondly, the various Thinkproject locations were in the focus of the auditors. In addition to seven branches in Germany, one each was certified in Austria, the Netherlands, Spain, UK and New Zealand. For the ISMS recertification, TÜV Rheinland examined all relevant corporate processes of Thinkproject in the areas of operations, professional services, product management, product development, quality management, marketing administration and finance.

Security for IT, especially for SaaS solutions, is essential

"For us, certification according to ISO/IEC 27001 is simply a necessity," explains Dr. Ralf Hundhammer, Chief Technology Officer of Thinkproject. "In an increasingly digitized economy, information security becomes a decisive factor. This also applies to software providers and users in the construction industry. Especially when companies use their software in a SaaS model, i.e., do not manage the operation themselves, they must be able to rely on the security measures of the provider. That is why we already underwent our first ISO 27001 certification ten years ago. Since then, we have been constantly expanding the scope of certification," explains Dr. Hundhammer. "After we acquired the French Kairnial Group last year, we are now in the process of having their mobile BIM system certified according to ISO 27001 for the first time. The importance of information security is growing - for the entire industry. We are consistently responding to this through our well-thought-out 'Information Security Policy' - our internal name for our ISMS."

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Critical infrastructure and the requirements of the public sector

Another development that gives more weight to the topic of information security in the construction industry is the growing number of public tenders. As their investment restraint is easing up after the pandemic, public projects are becoming drivers for the construction industry. However, these projects have very high information security standards. "These special IT security requirements, especially for public building projects, make an ISO 27001 certification on behalf of SaaS providers almost indispensable today," explains Dr. Hundhammer. According to German BSIG (Law on the Federal Office for Information Security) and BSI-KRITIS Regulation, operators of Critical Infrastructures (KRITIS) are among others obliged to implement IT security up to the "state of the art" and to prove this every two years to BSI. For their IT security, KRITIS operators often also use the US National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity Framework (NIST CSF), a framework of standards, guidelines and best practices. All these requirements and standards ensure that the software provider's Information Security Management System plays a central role. Dr. Hundhammer's concludes that "IT security starts with the software manufacturer."

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About Thinkproject

Thinkproject is Europe's leading SaaS provider for Construction Intelligence solutions. The combination of practical experience and the intelligent use of data creates a decisive competitive advantage for customers. Thinkproject is thus at the forefront of digitization and transformation in the AECO industry. With +700 employees worldwide, Thinkproject provides 3,250 customers and more than 300,000 users in over 60 countries with digital solutions that span the entire construction project lifecycle.

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