

3 Trends Shaping GRC Strategies in 2026

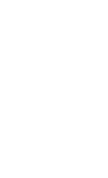
1. Artificial Intelligence: Innovation vs. Assurance

Balancing speed, safety, and compliance in the age of Generative AI

30-50% of GenAI development time is now spent on compliance

Massive AI investment is colliding with governance reality

4 Foundations to Manage GenAI Risk



Clear Guardrails

Permitted vs. prohibited AI use aligned to risk appetite



Shared Accountability

Legal, IT, HR, Marketing jointly owning AI governance



Adaptive Training

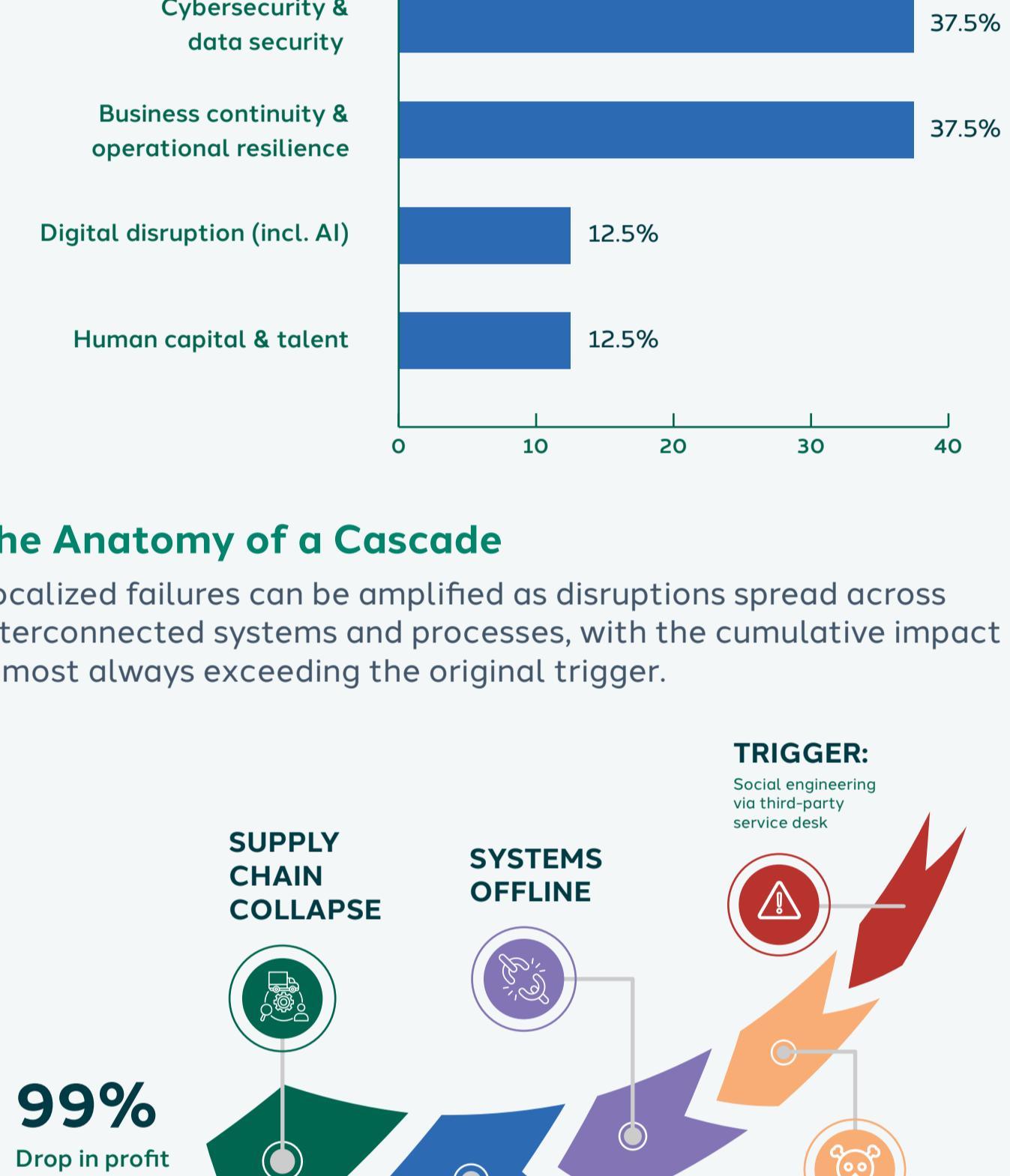
Continuous, role-specific microlearning



Model Inventory

Centralized registry of all AI systems

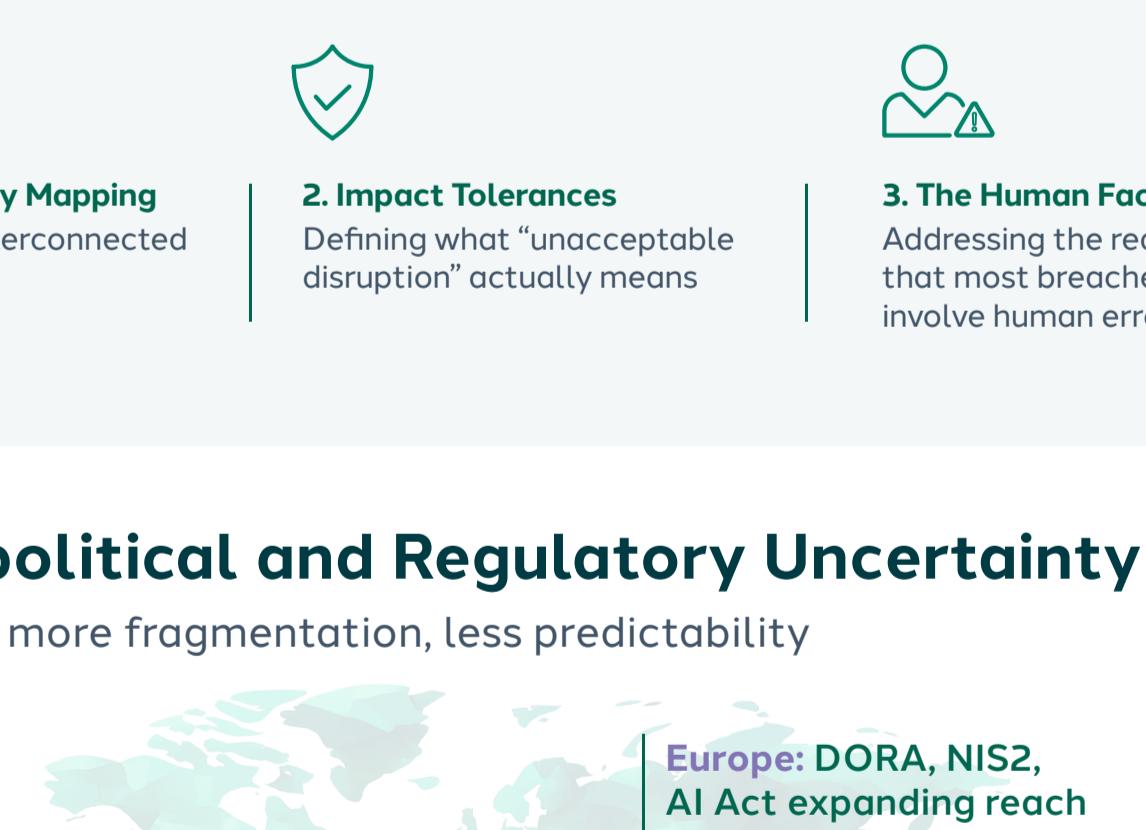
Most Pressing GenAI Governance Risks



2. The Mandate for Integrated Resilience

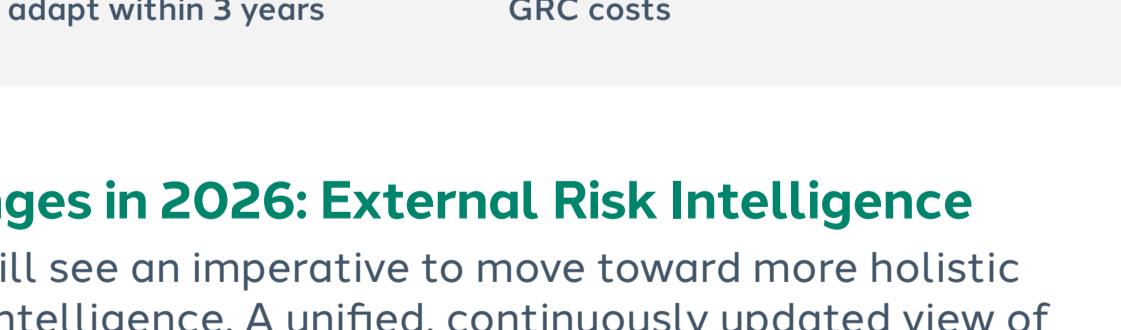
Risks no longer live in silos. A single failure now cascades through interconnected systems with amplified force.

Top Risks Over the Next 3 Years

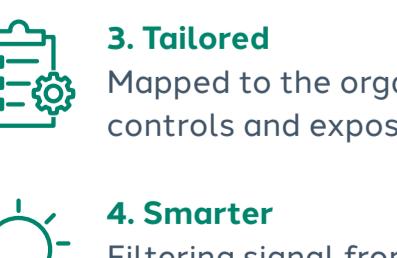
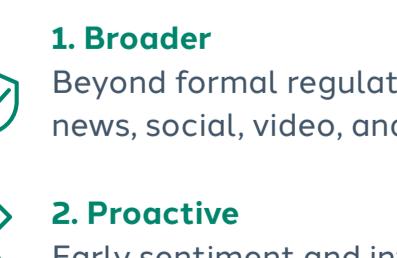


The Anatomy of a Cascade

Localized failures can be amplified as disruptions spread across interconnected systems and processes, with the cumulative impact almost always exceeding the original trigger.



Preparedness Gap



Three Focus Areas to Achieve Integrated Resilience in 2026

1. Dependency Mapping

Visualizing interconnected systems

2. Impact Tolerances

Defining what "unacceptable" disrupting actually means

3. The Human Factor

Addressing the reality that involve human error

3. Geopolitical and Regulatory Uncertainty

In 2026, we will see an imperative to move toward more holistic external risk intelligence. A unified, continuously updated view of regulatory, geopolitical, and economic signals that informs what firms need to do from a compliance and risk perspective.

Four Capability Pillars:

1. Broader

Beyond formal regulations to news, social, video, and images

2. Proactive

Early sentiment and intent detection

3. Tailored

Mapped to the organization's controls and exposures

4. Smarter

Filtering signal from noise and AI-generated misinformation

GRC in 2026 is not about more controls

It is about smarter intelligence, integrated resilience, and org-wide learning.

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