Build Your Own Case

A worksheet for sizing governance effort in your own organisation.

About this worksheet

The eGRACS documents contain an illustrative financial model. Its figures are placeholders from a worked scenario. This worksheet lets you replace them with your own. Start from your current effort, not from a saving someone else predicted, and work in hours before dollars.

Before you begin. Replace every placeholder, validate your current effort with a short time-tracking sample, and treat the result as an estimate to test, not a promise. Do not circulate it as a funding request until every input is yours.

Part A. Your inputs

Input	Where to get it	Whitepaper scenario (illustrative)	Your value
Fully-burdened labour rate ($ per hour)	Finance or HR rate card	*$85*	
Distinct control requirements (inventory)	Your control inventory	*1,000*	
Business units or systems in scope	Your operating structure	*10*	
Current ownership and governance administration effort (hours per year)	Time-tracking sample, e.g. 4 to 6 weeks	*15,000*	
Expected steady-state effort (hours per year)	Pilot or implementation experience	*650*	
One-time implementation effort (hours)	Your implementation plan	*1,000*	
Transition (parallel-run) period (months)	Your rollout plan	*6*	
Tooling or licensing cost ($ per year)	Written quotation	*$75,000*	
Annual wage inflation (%)	Finance planning assumption	*3%*	

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Part B. Work it out (hours first)

Step	How	Example from the scenario	Your result
1. Current annual cost	Current hours × labour rate	*e.g. 15,000 × $85*	
2. Transition-year effort (hours)	Current hours × (transition months ÷ 12) + steady-state hours + implementation hours	*e.g. 7,500 + 650 + 1,000*	
3. Transition-year reduction	(Current hours − line 2) ÷ Current hours	*e.g. about 39%*	
4. Steady-state reduction	(Current hours − steady-state hours) ÷ Current hours	*e.g. about 95.6%*	
5. Steady-state annual saving ($)	(Current hours − steady-state hours) × rate − annual tooling cost	*Adjust for wage inflation in later years*	

The scenario figures in the third column are illustrative. They come from a worked example, not from measured results.

Part C. Optional: reporting and change effort

These areas are not part of the Whitepaper's core model. Record them separately, and do not add them to Part B until you have validated each one.

Input	Where to get it	Notes	Your value
Ad hoc or interim reports per quarter	Request log		
Average hours per report	Sample of recent requests		
Dashboards maintained, and by whom	Reporting inventory		
Audits per year, and hours each	Audit calendar		
Overlapping frameworks in scope	Framework register		
Regulatory changes absorbed per year, and hours each	Change log		

Part D. Check yourself

Is each input yours, not a placeholder?

Is current effort measured, or estimated from memory?

Is the transition realistic? A single-day cutover usually overstates the first year.

Have you left out any benefit you cannot support?

Where will the freed capacity go? Write it down. It is the point of the exercise, and it is not a separate saving.

Your numbers. Your assumptions. Your case.

Full detail: eGRACS Whitepaper (Illustrative financial model) · Business Case and Financial Summary · Where the Effort Goes guide.

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