

Cloud Readiness Assessment from ESI - Building a winning cloud strategy

Organisations can no longer ignore the increasing importance of cloud computing when planning their technological investments. But evaluating cloud solutions that will enable the organisation to grow and profit from these new opportunities can sometimes be a challenge.

The *ESI Cloud Readiness Assessment* delivers a review of your **strategic cloud vision** to help you get through the maze of cloud adoption.



The ESI assessment is characterized by:

- An **analysis and evaluation** of business processes, legal and technological frameworks to identify strategies to apply in your environment
- The **definition of an action plan** in relation to the recommendations and evolution objectives towards cloud computing
- A qualitative and quantitative **study with a budget forecast** of the action plan and expected results
- A review of **business objectives** to ensure that existing processes and compliance requirements are understood, documented and validated
- A review of **available cloud options** - private, public or hybrid cloud
- The definition of the **success criteria** of the adopted strategy



The mass marketed cloud solutions may seem attractive because of their high visibility, often with a recognized brand, which can be perceived as a guarantee of reliability. **The limited predictability of costs, compounded with limited (if any) SLAs and high risk exposure should be major factors in the decision to go to cloud – and which cloud to go to.** This is where a cloud readiness assessment can help you get the line of sight required for leveraging the cloud.



Your trusted contributor to help you define your cloud strategy

ESI's approach involves the collaboration of experts working in parallel on business needs and processes, applications and infrastructure affected. Workshops are organized with the stakeholders to share identified elements in teams and reach consensus on actions to take and strategic direction. **The evaluation of the collected data focuses on four areas to consider in the preparation: strategic, financial, risk and governance.**

Things to think about in your transition to cloud computing...

- Stakeholders business needs
- Data segregation & protection
- Corporate governance (e.g. PIPEDA)
- Required compliance & SLAs
- Application requirements
- Management of data recovery / backups



What will the ESI diagnosis report provide?

CURRENT SITUATION - identification of processes, legal and technological frameworks and strategies applicable to your environment to identify cloud transition feasibility.

TARGET SITUATION & RECOMMENDATIONS - identification of various scenarios with pricing, benefits evaluation and acquisition plan to fine tune your investment according to your business priorities and a risk management strategy to reach your goals.

IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY - identification and setting of measurable and time-bound goals in line with your business objectives, and suggested initiatives to undertake to be successful with the transition to cloud.

One should consider cloud as a **business strategy first**, and a **technology second**. Doing this will demand a thorough evaluation of existing processes, of the legal and technological framework of the company, coupled with an action plan with clear and measurable goals.