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# ASSEMBLE THE RIA PILLARS

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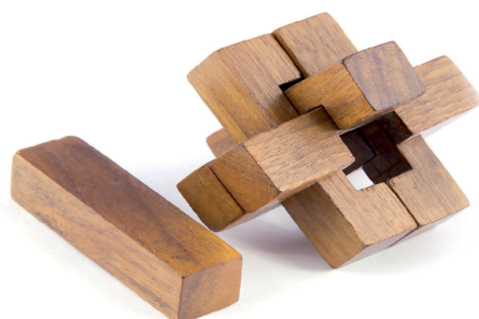


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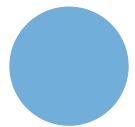




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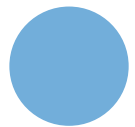


- **Pillar 1:** Understand the RIA Context
- **Pillar 2:** Identify the RIA Purpose
- **Pillar 3:** Define RIA methodology & Success Indicators
- **Pillar 4:** Communicate RIA Findings
- **Pillar 5:** Manage the Assessment
- **Pillar 6:** Perfect the RIA



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**THIS IS HOW IT IS DONE!**



# THE PILLARS



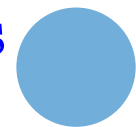
- **Pillar 1:** Understand the Context

- Describes the programme to be assessed
- Identifies the potential framework (s) that would suit the context



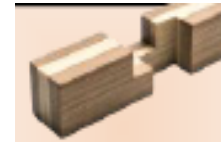
- **Pillar 2:** Identify the Purpose

- Identifies stakeholder groups and needs
- Specifies the assessment purpose and develops assessment questions

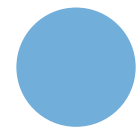




- **Pillar 3: Define Methodology & Success Indicator**
  - Describes the programme theory, methodology, data collection, analysis and management
  - Identifies key indicators of success for the assessment questions



- **Pillar 4: Communicate RIA Findings**
  - Develop communication strategy and forms.



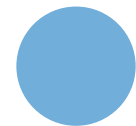
- **Pillar 5: Manage the Assessment**

- Describe how your plan will be implemented, Identifies different roles for managing the RIA



- **Pillar 6: Perfect your RIA and ... future Plan**

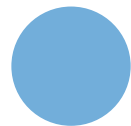
- Review your whole RIA plan, ensure the logic flow of steps, methodology, ensure the correct interpretation of findings and adequacy of communication model. Identify the shortcomings of your RIA and plans of enhancement, frequency, etc.



# KEY MESSAGES

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- Must have all Pillars to have a full RIA.
- Pillars can merge in a variety of ways, but there are few ways to make the RIA plan smoother.
- Each Pillar is rich in content and information.
- Do you want a quality RIA? You need then all aspects of the RIA process.
- Make sure to use all RIA pillars to have the appropriate understanding of your exercise.





# LEARNING OUTCOMES

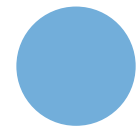
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- Understand the six Pillars, know how to use each one
- Understand how they fit the different steps
- Understand the value of applying each of the pillars for a perfect RIA



## FURTHER READING

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THANK YOU!

