**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2026**

**ONLINE EVENT**

**STEP in Switzerland and Liechtenstein** is organising a webinar, which will be held on **Tuesday, 8th December 2026.** The link will be sent to those registered **one day before the event**. The Event starts **at 14:00** and will last for about an hour and fifteen minutes.

# CYBERSECURITY: RISKS AND RESILIENCE SURROUNDING TRUSTEES

The panelists will address some of the multitude of risks and protections around cybersecurity and trustees. Trustees delegate tasks (significant and non-significant) to a great variety of providers: family offices, banks, asset managers, lawyers, tax advisers, accountants, real estate managers, valuers, compliance providers, IT-Providers and … the list is long. Often the relationships are cross-border, knowingly or unknowingly. What can and should a FINMA-licensed Trustee do to address the cyber-risks arising from that? There is obviously an ability to insure against risk but at what cost and how extensive is the insurance? Are the providers also adequately selected, instructed and supervised? How thorough is the auditing process to assist in highlighting regulatory but also business resilience risks? Has appropriate training been provided within the trustee's organization?

*If there are particular issues which you would like the panelists to address, please feel free to send your questions to the Secretariat at* ***secretariat@step-geneva.org***

## CONFIRMED SPEAKERS

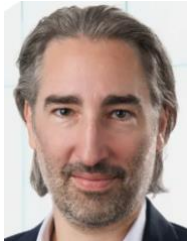
**Marc Blumenfeld** – Founder of ***Alithis*** AG *(Moderator)*

**Adi Schiffer** – International Partner at ***Forentec***

**Franco A. Straub** – CEO of ***SWA Swiss Auditors AG***

**Stéphanie Pierret** – Head of Financial Lines & Cyber Romandie at **Howden Switzerland**

## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



**Marc Blumenfeld** is a Swiss attorney who has over 10 years of experience in the wealth planning, trustee and corporate services business working for independent and bank-owned trustees. As a board member and in-house counsel of different organisations, Marc has also gained relevant experience in the non-profit and sports sector



**Adi Schiffer** is Partner at Forentec, a Swiss firm specialising in cybersecurity, digital forensics, and investigative services, supporting law firms, financial institutions, and public authorities in handling complex cyber incidents and investigations. Leveraging extensive experience in Civil Services and cybersecurity firms, Adi provides expert and personal guidance to families and organizations on navigating the complexities of information gathering, encompassing both technological and human dimensions.



**Franco A. Straub** is Delegate of the Board of Directors, Chairman of the Executive Board. After graduating from the University of Zurich, Franco A. Straub dedicated himself to consulting and auditing banks and other financial institutions. As a certified public accountant, he has over 20 years of experience in auditing and consulting for financial institutions.

He gained his extensive experience at both internationally active auditing firms such as Ernst & Young and BDO, as well as at locally focused companies like RBA Finanz AG, where he served as a member of the management board, auditing regional banks. In addition to his profound and comprehensive expertise, he is characterized by pragmatic solutions and a strong client focus. His clients' problems are his problems, and with dedication and creativity, solutions can be found for every challenge.



**Stéphanie Pierret** is Head of Financial Lines & Cyber Romandie at Howden Switzerland. She advises financial institutions, corporate clients and high-growth companies on the management and transfer of complex Financial Lines risks, including Directors & Officers (D&O), Professional Indemnity, Cyber and Crime. She has a strong specialisation in supporting financial institutions such as banks, asset managers, investment funds and other regulated entities while also advising non-financial corporates and start-ups across a broad range of industries. Her experience includes advising start-ups, scale-ups and innovation-driven companies, including FinTech, crypto and digital asset players, on management liability and emerging risk exposures in evolving regulatory environments.

Her approach focuses on designing tailored insurance solutions, combining technical expertise, market insight and strategic advisory, in an international and multilingual context.

## REGISTRATION & PRACTICAL INFORMATION

**Registration:** To register please go to our website: **http://www.step-geneva.org**

Price of the event is **CHF 40** for STEP members **CHF 60** for non-members and **CHF 20** for STEP Diploma Students), payable in advance by credit card or transfer to our UBS bank account specified on the invoice.

Registrations and payment must be received at least 24 hours before the event. Cancellations in writing must be received by the Secretariat at least 24 hours before the webinar, the replacement could be done any time.

**Questions & data consent:** During the question & answer section of the event, you may ask a question. To address you and your question, the speaker may use your name and company in their response. By attending the event you consent to this personal data being used for the purpose of question & answer which may also be captured in any recording utilised for future playback and the web-event replay facility.

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**This event counts as "*1 structured CPD hour*".**

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