Governance

AN ALTERNATIVE TO REGULATION?

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Governance

- A decision-making body composed of representatives of stakeholders
- A charter establishing the rules for decision-making
- A process of evolving policies
- Oversight of implementation
- A method of monitoring conformance
- Self-evaluation as a practice
- Organizational credibility

Examples of successful governance

- The world-wide web—ICANN
- The Extensible Markup Language (XML)
- The National Information Exchange Model
- Open Geospatial Consortium

Advantages

- Faster buy-in of principal stakeholders
- Faster implementation and adoption
- Lower cost of enforcement
- Flexibility in adapting to change
- Easier change management
- Greater stakeholder satisfaction
- Lower program cost

challenges

- When the market forces fail
- When the stakeholders cannot reach a consensus
- When individual components will not comply
- When the reach is insufficient
- When innovation is mandatory to reach a goal

Otherwise, governance wins!