

PIFC – BUILDING NEW STRUCTURES OF PUBLIC INTERNAL FINANCIAL CONTROL

Robert de Koning is responsible for public internal financial control (PIFC) and enlargement in the Directorate-General for Budget of the European Commission. His book, *PIfC – A European Commission initiative to build new structures of public internal control in applicant and third-party countries*, published in January 2007, benefits from years of first-hand experience in raising awareness and negotiating with applicant countries in the area of financial reform.

Sigma is taking this opportunity to launch a discussion of the PIFC concept and PIFC system approaches, in particular as they relate to prospective new members of the EU. This special issue of *Update* is devoted to the review and analysis of Robert de Koning's new book by Sigma staff and invited experts in financial control and internal audit.

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Does Mr. de Koning's book set the standard for future PIFC work? Or will it be seen as just another unrealistic EU idea that cannot be put into practice?

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Sigma invites you to [join our open forum](#) and share your views on PIFC in general and Robert de Koning's book in particular.

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