



IT MANAGEMENT AND CYBER SECURITY | IMCS-021

IT Budgeting and Cost Management

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Course content

Why Attend

IT spending is a growing share of organisational budgets, yet many organisations struggle to explain what they spend on technology and what value it delivers. Effective IT financial management builds trust with business leaders.

This Aractech course covers IT budgeting, cost structures, capital and operating expenditure, cost allocation and chargeback, cloud and licence costs, cost optimisation, business cases and IT value reporting. Participants build an IT budget and cost transparency model.

Course Methodology

- Financial exercises
- Budget building workshop
- Case studies
- Cost optimisation analysis
- Group discussions

Course Objectives

- Understand IT cost structures
- Prepare IT budgets and forecasts
- Allocate IT costs fairly
- Manage cloud, licence and vendor costs
- Identify cost optimisation opportunities
- Report IT costs and value to business leaders

Target Audience

- IT managers and directors

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- IT finance and business partners
- Procurement staff
- Project managers

Course outline

Detailed course outline

Day-by-day outline for IT Budgeting and Cost Management.

Day 1 - IT Financial Management

- 09:00-09:39 | Why IT finance matters
- 09:39-10:18 | Cost structures
- 10:18-10:57 | Capex and opex
- 10:57-11:00 | Stakeholders
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-12:05 | Stakeholders (continued)
- 12:05-12:43 | Maturity
- 12:43-14:00 | Exercise: IT cost baseline

Day 2 - Budgeting and Forecasting

- 09:00-09:39 | Budget process
- 09:39-10:18 | Run and change budgets
- 10:18-10:57 | Forecasting
- 10:57-11:00 | Project budgets
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-12:05 | Project budgets (continued)
- 12:05-12:43 | Variance analysis
- 12:43-14:00 | Workshop: IT budget

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Day 3 - Cost Allocation

- 09:00-09:45 | Cost models
- 09:45-10:30 | Showback and chargeback
- 10:30-11:00 | Service costing
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-11:45 | Service costing (continued)
- 11:45-12:30 | Transparency
- 12:30-14:00 | Exercise: Allocation model

Day 4 - Cost Optimisation

- 09:00-09:34 | Cloud costs
- 09:34-10:08 | Software licences
- 10:08-10:42 | Vendor management
- 10:42-11:00 | Rationalisation
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-11:46 | Rationalisation (continued)
- 11:46-12:53 | Case study: IT cost reduction
- 12:53-14:00 | Exercise: Savings plan

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Day 5 - Value Reporting

- 09:00-09:45 | Business cases
- 09:45-10:30 | Value metrics
- 10:30-11:00 | Reporting to executives
- 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break
- 11:30-11:45 | Reporting to executives (continued)
- 11:45-12:30 | Benchmarking
- 12:30-13:15 | Improvement
- 13:15-14:00 | Capstone: IT financial plan

Seminar dates

Available seminar dates

Live dates and pricing for IT Budgeting and Cost Management generated from the course details page.

Date	Location	Format	Fee
16 - 20 November 2026	Paris	Classroom	€3,825
7 - 11 December 2026	Istanbul	Classroom	€1,978
11 - 15 January 2027	Amsterdam	Classroom	€2,830
8 - 12 February 2027	London	Classroom	€2,315
8 - 12 March 2027	Istanbul	Classroom	€1,978
12 - 16 April 2027	Cape Town	Classroom	€1,625
10 - 14 May 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	€2,815
14 - 18 June 2027	Paris	Classroom	€3,825
12 - 16 July 2027	Istanbul	Classroom	€1,978
9 - 13 August 2027	Amsterdam	Classroom	€2,830

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11 - 15 October 2027	Istanbul	Classroom	€1,978
8 - 12 November 2027	Vienna	Classroom	€3,225
13 - 17 December 2027	Barcelona	Classroom	€2,815
16 - 20 November 2026	Online / Live	Online / Live	€1,815
7 - 11 December 2026	Online / Live	Online / Live	€1,815
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