

Dear iNTACS members, SPICE assessors and friends of intacs®!

Welcome to the latest edition of the iNTACS Information Letter! As we drive forward into the new year, we have some exciting updates to share with you.

### **Support a survey on Automotive SPICE® usage**

Together with a student, we are conducting a survey to gather insights on how Automotive SPICE® is being utilized across the industry. Your participation is crucial in helping us to understand current practices and challenges. Please take a few moments of your time to share your experiences and contribute to the future of Automotive SPICE®.

### **New announcements of SPICE-Related Conferences**

Get ready to mark your calendars! We are happy to announce several upcoming conferences dedicated to SPICE. These events will feature industry experts, innovative sessions, and networking opportunities that you do not want to miss.

### **News from our iNTACS Working Groups**

Our dedicated iNTACS Working Groups have been working diligently, and we have some updates to share. From new guidelines and best practices to collaborative projects and achievements, discover what our teams have been up to and how their efforts are shaping the future of SPICE.

Thank you for being a valued member of the iNTACS community. We look forward to your continued engagement and support.

Best regards,

Your iNTACS working group "Information Management".

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## News from the Executive Board and Advisory Board

### Survey about Automotive SPICE® experience and its profitability

As part of the thesis, I would like to conduct this survey on Automotive SPICE® and kindly ask for your participation. Please fill out the following questions as accurately as possible. The goal of this survey is to analyze existing Automotive SPICE® projects, and the experiences gained from them. Additionally, we aim to assess the profitability of Automotive SPICE®-compliant processes. Please focus on evaluating a specific project that you would like to rate regarding Automotive SPICE®. Please focus on the most complex project, if you have had more than one. This survey contains up to 33 questions (mainly single choice) and the responses to the questions will be anonymous.

Thank you for your time and assistance.

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- Japanese: <https://forms.office.com/e/R5YGu0dDdw>
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### Changes of procedures and templates

This new section will summarize new intacs® procedures or templates that were published recently. All new publication of procedures will now have a “release date” of the document and a “valid from” date to highlight from when the new rules in the procedure apply.

Procedure / Template & Link	New version	Release date	Valid from	Release notes (Main changes)
<b>Fee structure</b> ( <a href="#">EN/DE</a> )	V5.6	2025-02-14	2025-02-14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update: Fee structure updated</li> </ul>
<b>intacs® procedure accepted events</b> ( <a href="#">EN/DE</a> )	V1.2	2025-03-17	2025-04-28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New: Registration deadline for an event with EE issuance has been set to two weeks before the start of the event</li> <li>• New: Creating a ticket using the workflow on intacs.info is mandatory announcing individual events and conferences (<a href="#">Link</a>).</li> </ul>
<b>intacs® accreditation training provider template</b> ( <a href="#">EN</a> )	V2.3	2025-03-18	2025-03-18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update: Registration form for Training Provider Registration now covers all available Courses and Extensions of ECQA® (e.g. ISO/IEC 33061 upgrade) and VDA® QMC® (e.g. Process Expert)</li> </ul>

## Certification according to ISO/IEC 33061




The training material for the ISO/IEC 33061 (PE, PA, CA courses) is now finalized and available. Because ISO/IEC 15504 has been withdrawn, we will no longer display the cross-certification for all Automotive SPICE® assessors on our website from January 2026. To display an ISO/IEC 33061 certification from January 2026, a valid ISO/IEC 33061 certification with ECQA is required from this date. This can be done until December 2025 for ISO/IEC 15504 cross-certified assessors by participating in an ISO/IEC 33061 upgrade course or the ISO/IEC 33061 PE course with a subsequent application to ECQA.

## NEWSFLASH

This section collects recently published news on our website and decisions made by the Advisory Board.

<p><b>ISO/IEC 33061 upgrade course</b></p>	<p>ISO/IEC 33061 upgrade course for ISO/IEC 15504 assessors will be two days. ECQA will act as the Certification Body. If you want to join the first training in May 2025, you can book here:</p> <p><a href="https://www.processfellows.de/iut33061_en.html">https://www.processfellows.de/iut33061_en.html</a></p> <p><u>Note:</u> Automotive SPICE® assessors do NOT need to take part in the training!</p>
<p><b>New ISO/IEC 33061 assessors</b></p>	<p>Training material is now available to train new experts and assessors. Process Expert trainings and Provisional Assessor trainings will be offered by training providers (a combined training is also possible). A Competent Assessor Training is available as well.</p>
<p><b>ASPICE® PAM 4.0 assessor status on iNTACS website</b></p>	<p>The ASPICE® PAM 4.0 assessor status shown on the iNTACS website is in sync with the VDA® QMC®.</p> <p>If your assessor status is not correct, please send a copy of your “certificate of competence” to the VDA® QMC® (<a href="mailto:office@automotivespice.com">office@automotivespice.com</a>).</p>
<p><b>ASPICE® extensions are shown in the profiles</b></p>	<p>All VDA® QMC® Extensions such as “Cybersecurity, Hardware SPICE, Machine Learning, etc.” are now shown on the iNTACS website.</p> <p>If you are missing one, please send a copy of your “certificate of competence” to the VDA-QMC® (<a href="mailto:office@automotivespice.com">office@automotivespice.com</a>).</p>
<p><b>Exams in Japanese language</b></p>	<p>Starting from March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, the following examinations will be also available in Japanese language:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• intacs® Process Expert Automotive SPICE® 4.0</li> <li>• intacs® Provisional Assessor Automotive SPICE® 4.0</li> <li>• intacs® Process Expert &amp; Provisional Assessor Automotive SPICE® 4.0</li> <li>• Automotive SPICE® for Hardware Engineering (HWE)</li> <li>• Automotive SPICE® for Machine Learning (MLE)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Process Experts can now participate in Gate4SPICE events</b></p>	<p>Registered “Process Experts” can participate in Gate4SPICE (<a href="#">Link</a>) events to deepen their understanding in using SPICE models.</p>

## Fact & Figures

Did you know that...		
	<b>ECQA® Assessors</b>	...there are <b>32</b> assessors registered via ECQA® e.g., for “SPICE for IT Services” and ISO/IEC 15504 (will change to ISO/IEC 33061 in 2025!). more details see <a href="#">Link</a>
	<b>Instructors</b>	...there are <b>75</b> registered Instructors worldwide for SPICE models. more details see <a href="#">Link</a>
	<b>Training providers</b>	...there are <b>19</b> training providers offering SPICE assessor qualifications. more details see <a href="#">Link</a>

## New FAQ page / intacs® Knowledge base on our website

With the change to the version of the Automotive SPICE® PAM and the introduction of the new training structure a lot of questions were raised to iNTACS using our ticket system. We have summarized all the questions and the answers we provided in a structured way. So, before raising a ticket you might want to have a look in the new “Knowledgebase” section (<https://intacs.info/ticket-dashboard>) to find a quick answer e.g., regarding assessor certification or trainings. The list is constantly being updated.

## iNTACS information letter history

Older versions of the iNTACS information letter can be downloaded on our website: [Link](#).



Figure 1: New home of the iNTACS information letter

## News from the Assessors Community

### SPICE Communities and Networks

One of our main goals is to make intacs® visible all over the world. We have certified assessors in many countries, so we need an efficient way to keep them up to date with all the innovations and changes and to get feedback so we can continuously improve our scheme.

Therefore, the Internationalization Working Group establishes contacts with companies, industry representatives and community members in all countries to promote the intacs® program.

In addition, regional representatives are appointed to act as local contacts and communicate directly with the local intacs® assessors.

Are you interested?

Have a look at <https://intacs.info/spice-center/spice-networks>

### Hyundai Motor Company certified as intacs official training provider

The Hyundai Motor Company has become an intacs certified training provider. This impact would not be limited within Korea, but globally too.

Let me introduce the comments from Mr. Hoon Jang who took the initiative in the certification as below:

“We are honored to announce that Hyundai Motor Company has become the world’s second OEM to be officially recognized as an intacs® Automotive SPICE® training provider by VDA® as of January 2025.

Our training center, led by Senior Research Engineers Hoon Jang (CA Instructor) and In-Su Kim (PA Instructor), along with Markus Müller from UL Solutions (CA Instructor), aims to strengthen Hyundai Motor Company’s software development capabilities under ASPICE standards.

We are committed to training Automotive SPICE® process experts and assessors.

Moving forward, we will provide high-quality training and assessments to support Korea’s transition to a SDV development framework based on Automotive SPICE® and enhance software quality through frontloading.

Additionally, we will contribute to the intacs® Automotive SPICE® community by assisting in the translation of Korean training materials.

Thank you.”

*This text is kindly provided by Mr. Hoon Jang (Hyundai Motor Company).*

## News from our Working Groups

### Status of iNTACS Working Group “New Training Courses and Coordination”

#### New intacs® certified training for the Automotive SPICE® Potential Analysis PAM

The new training for Automotive SPICE® assessors to use the VDA® PAM for performing a Potential Analysis based on Automotive SPICE® is nearly finished.

Members from the VDA® QMC® Working Group 13 prepared the content for the training slides and have also defined exam questions.

The final review is ongoing, and a first pilot training was performed to check the quality of the training.

The training will be a full one-day training course (eight hours including breaks), where the motivation and the rationales behind the PAM will be explained.

The details of each process will be shown and, where applicable, some exercises will be performed.

There will also be an exam that must be taken and passed to achieve the official certification from the certification body VDA® QMC® as an extension for the Automotive SPICE® qualification.

The training will be released around the middle of April 2025. All Instructors will be informed about the possibilities to use the training.



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### Status of iNTACS Working Group “Cybersecurity PAM”

After the Automotive SPICE® for Cybersecurity Yellow Book went into review in December 2024, the comments are currently being incorporated by VDA WG13. The plan is to release the final version by the end of March 2025.

Subsequently, the intacs working group will be able to start working and adapt the training material to version PAM 2.0. In this process, we will also review any additional comments received so far and incorporate them as necessary.



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## Status of iNTACS Working Group “Agile SPICE”

### New leadership

We are pleased to introduce the new leaders of the Agile SPICE Working Group:


- Lukas Schneider (Lead) (Knüvener Mackert GmbH - Stakeholder Management)
- Josmi Jose (Co-Lead) (UL Solutions - Content / internal management)

### New version: Agile SPICE PAM v1.4

With the new version, you can also complete, optimize and assess processes according to Agile SPICE and then transfer the results to Automotive SPICE. The finalization of the new version is in full swing:

- Agile SPICE is adapted to Automotive SPICE® PAM 4.0 structure and content
- The mapping of BPs to Automotive SPICE® PAM 4.0 has been adapted
- Feedback from the previous PAM application has been incorporated
- Processes defined more clearly, precisely and straightforwardly
- Training material adapted and partially revised
- Exam questions being revised
- Release planned for May 2025

Stay tuned for the official release of Agile SPICE V1.4 and get ready to experience a more efficient and effective PAM.

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## Status of iNTACS Working Group “Functional Safety”

There is a significant overlap between Automotive SPICE® and functional safety, but there is no commonly agreed solution for how to combine these. Tackling this problem, the Functional Safety Working Group brings together expertise in automotive quality management, functional safety, Automotive SPICE®.

It consists of 26 members and structured in mini-teams of experienced professionals.

Mini-team 1’s mission is to equip project teams and assessors with comprehensive guidance on effectively integrating Functional Safety Audits and Automotive SPICE® Assessments within development projects.

We are currently presenting our paper, "Crossing the Bridge Between Automotive SPICE® Assessments and Functional Safety Audits – A Systematic Approach," which explores methodologies for harmonizing these critical evaluations within the development lifecycle.

Mini-team 2, "ASIL Effects on Automotive SPICE® Assessments," examines how ASIL classification is an input to Automotive SPICE® assessments and the corresponding guidelines for handling this input.

Mini-team 4 explores whether specific tasks in Automotive SPICE® and Functional Safety should be jointly performed or kept separate. Recently, they presented the first iteration of their findings, recommending Isolated, Co-existence, or Fusion approaches to optimize integration across projects, organizations, and/or products. The feedback gathered is now being analyzed and incorporated into the next development phase.

In December and January, two Gate4SPICE events took place, focusing on "Harmonized Functional Safety Confirmation Procedures in Conjunction with Automotive SPICE®." Mini-team 5 is currently consolidating the insights and findings from these discussions to present to the working group. The goal is to further streamline functional safety confirmation procedures in alignment with Automotive SPICE®.






Figure 2: Functional Safety workshop results

You can find us at the following upcoming event:

May 20-21<sup>st</sup> 2025 – [safe.tech](#) (.pdf), “Crossing the bridge between Automotive SPICE® Assessments and Functional Safety Audits – collaboration models”, Munich DE

If you are interested in these topics and want to contribute, feel free to contact the Working Group.

LinkedIn hashtag: #inttacs-functional-safety

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## Status of iNTACS Working Group “Internationalization”

### New Regional Representatives for Bulgaria, Spain and Turkey

intacs® welcomes six new Regional Representatives from three new countries:


- Bulgaria: Kostadin Kanev (Bosch) & Ronaldo Mendes (Luxoft)
- Spain: Lisa Ehrich (SEAT Cupra) & Jesús María González Villagómez (Freelancer)
- Turkey: Turhan Batur (UL Solutions) & Ünal Tenekeci (ProcessTailor)

They will support the working group Internationalization to share all necessary updates with the assessor community in their countries.

This includes organizing Gate4SPICE or similar events, supporting translation tasks, interfacing with national bodies dealing with SPICE or certification topics, and much more.

The working group Internationalization now consists of 33 members and is still growing.

If you recognize that your country is not represented yet (see <https://intacs.info/cc-regional-representatives>) and you are interested in supporting our working group, please contact me.

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## Status of iNTACS Working Group “Organization SPICE”


### Piloting of the “Guideline Trustworthy Assessment and Certification”

The Organization SPICE working group has conducted its first pilot of a trustworthy assessment according to the new "Guideline Trustworthy Assessment and Certification" and it went exceptionally well!

The aim of the guideline is to create additional trust through independent monitoring of assessment activities. An independent inspector reviews the assessment plan and observes the interviews and the respective consolidation on a random basis. Finally, the inspector reviews the report based on the defined criteria.

In this pilot, we monitored a capability level assessment. We learned a lot from this pilot, especially about the importance of considering all applicable standards and specifications during the planning stage. To make the most of this experience, we have expanded the checklist and added references to the source requirements. While an inspector cannot follow the content of the interviews too closely, they focus intently on the assessors' activities. This is precisely their task. We are excited to see the findings from the report review.

Following this pilot, the findings will be processed into the guidelines for the upcoming version. In addition, the experience will be used for improving the training material.

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## Status of iNTACS Working Group “Assessor Support”

### Gate4SPICE: Driving SPICE Assessments Forward

Gate4SPICE events have been the most popular meetings for SPICE assessors and experts’ knowledge exchange since 2006. Gate4SPICE continues to be a key platform for professionals in the SPICE community, facilitating knowledge exchange, networking, and discussions around process assessments.

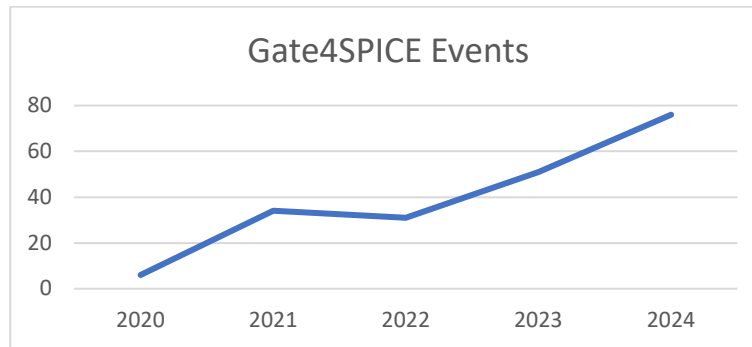


Figure 3: Increase of Gate4SPICE events worldwide

### A Year in Review: Gate4SPICE in 2024

Over the past year, Gate4SPICE has maintained its role as a global knowledge-sharing initiative, organizing numerous events across various regions. Here are some key statistics from 2024, as there were 76 events held with a total of 1455 participants.

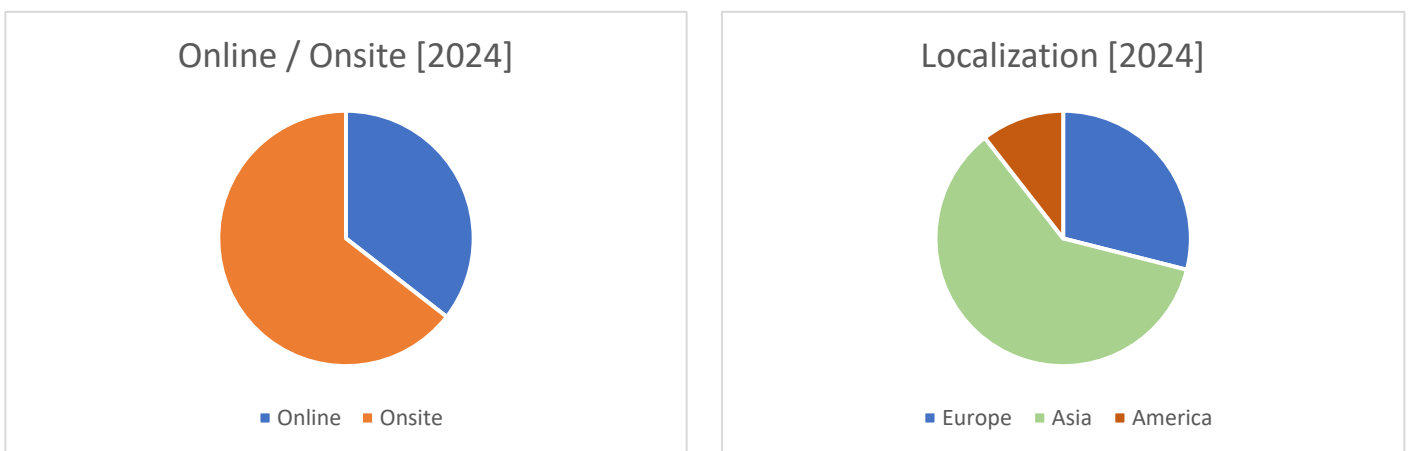


Figure 4: Gate4SPICE meeting overview

The shift back to onsite meetings after the pandemic has been notable, with an increasing number of in-person events compared to previous years.

### Looking Ahead

As Gate4SPICE continues to expand, the focus remains on fostering collaboration among assessors, process experts, and industry professionals. With more events planned for 2025, the initiative is set to reach an even wider audience, ensuring continuous learning and best-practice sharing in the field of process assessment.

Stay connected with Gate4SPICE for upcoming events and opportunities to engage with the community!

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## Selected SPICE-related conferences

The conferences listed below are intacs® accepted events. Speakers and attendees will receive a certificate of participation (EE-AC or EE-EP) to be used for an intacs® Competent or Principal Assessor certification issued by the conference chair.

### 15<sup>th</sup> VDA Automotive SYS Conference (June 25-27, 2025), Berlin, Germany

The next VDA Automotive SYS Conference hosted by the Association of the German Automotive Industry takes place near Berlin from 2025 June 25-27. Top-rated keynote speakers, experts and managers from various mechatronic development areas and leading service providers are going to share experience and knowledge. For more details, please see [VDA Automotive SYS Conference](#).

### 32<sup>nd</sup> EuroSPI Conference (September 17-19, 2025), Riga, Latvia

EuroSPI will take place from 2025 September 17-19 and will have ten international thematic workshop streams supported by thematic topic communities and the ICSSP (International System and Software Process Association). Each thematic stream integrates both research sessions and industry / applied science sessions. The thematic streams will be a mix of pitch talks provoking discussions, full presentations and panel discussions which will focus on specific questions of interest. Please see the website content using this link: [EuroSPI<sup>2</sup>](#)

### 1<sup>st</sup> NASPICE Conference (September 23-24, 2025), Novi, MI, USA

The 1<sup>st</sup> North America SPICE conference will take place from 2025 September 23-24 in Novi Michigan USA. Please see the website content using this link: [NASPICE | 1st North America SPICE Conference](#).

The North American SPICE Network is excited to announce the first-ever Automotive SPICE® conference in North American history, taking place in Novi, Michigan on September 23rd and 24th. This in-person event will provide a platform for experts, assessors, and industry leaders to discuss the latest developments in Automotive SPICE®, including advancements in automotive standards, quality, safety, and security for embedded systems.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Asian SPICE Conference ASCON (November 12-13), Busan, Korea

Since it was established in 2016, we, Korean SPICE Network (KSN) have organized conferences annually. This year, we will organize commmorable 10th conference as 2nd ASCON.

ASCON is supported by all intacs Asian regional representatives (China, Korea, India, Japan, Singapore) as well as intacs boards, as program committee members. We had our kick-off meeting the other day and agreed to invite intriguing speakers globally, not only from automotive, but also from other innovative domains. Our ambitious target is to welcome 500 participants, which will surely attract many sponsors as well.

Our attractive speakers include, as mentioned earlier, Hyunda Motor Company regarding its certification as intacs official training provider.

We plan to send out our "ASCON Newsletter" soon to keep you updated.

Stay tuned!

For more information reach out <https://ksn.kaata.or.kr>.



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## Comments and Feedback

Your feedback and comments are greatly appreciated! Please do not hesitate to contact us via the email address below.

All the best,

Thomas Kömmerling & the “Information Management” Working Group team

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