BI-Governance is a system which includes rules allowing the management and development of Business Intelligence. All measures and processes are aligned with the BI strategy of the company. Important tasks of the BI-Governance are the definition and implementation of overall BI standards as well as their coordination and management. In these processes, various aspects such as functional and technical points are considered. BI-Governance has a directing function which must be controlled, planned and defined. Furthermore, the BI-governance describes the functional aspects of available resources. It is used to reduce existing and possible risks. Additionally, it can be used to filter knowledge which has the potential to be beneficial to business because of steadily increasing amounts of data.

BI-Governance is continuously and dynamically rising and encompasses all domains of the BI. With the help of BI-Governance the use of the BI can be improved and consequentially additional benefits can be generated. This includes BI-projects which can be more successful and have a higher overall quality.

Included in the definition of BI-Governance goals is the consistent and continuous regulation of the strategic and operational levels. In analytical information systems, one main task is the securing of data quality. Other important aspects are the protection of data privacy, data integrity as well as privacy policies. Additional goals of BI-Governance are the creation of supportive processes for Business Intelligence projects, to improve their efficiency and effectivity as well as facilitate the achievement of a consistent level of transparency. Even though many aspects of Business Intelligence and related processes are covered by BI-governance, a few domains are not supported or within the responsibilities of the BI-Governance. Not ensured are the following aspects: consistency of process monitoring, the consistency of operational processes in their interconnectivity and dependencies among each other. Even though these aspects are not part of the scope of BI-Governance, there is the possibility that inconsistencies and problems in the processes and operations are detected by the BI-Governance.

Another aspect outside of the BI-Governance is the data quality check for transactional source systems. Because of steadily rising complexity of the management and interactions between different departments such as IT and BI, the implementation of the BI-Governance is imperative. Many BI-related isolated solutions are often connected to high expenses which can rise uncontrollably. Using BI-Governance it is possible to lower or eliminate these costs.

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