Advisera vs. a consultant

Quickly determine your best option for implementation of ISO 27001, ISO 9001, ISO 13485, ISO 45001, ISO 14001, ISO 20000, IATF 16949, ISO 17025, AS9100, EU GDPR, or EU MDR: Advisera's products and services or an outside consultant by using the following Advisera vs. a consultant comparison matrix. You'll learn the differences between hiring a consultant and leveraging our extensive knowledge.

Using our comparison matrix, your decision will be an informed decision. You'll know which choice is right for your company, based on cost, ease of use, time required, and comprehensiveness.

Outside consultant	Advisera products & services
Consultant services come with a cost that depends on multiple factors: your organization's size, time invested in the implementation project planning and execution, etc.	You can save time and money by implementing the standard or regulation on your own, using Advisera's products and services. Our toolkits come with three levels of expert support. If you get stuck or distracted during the implementation project, you can change your mind and hire a consultant.
The consultant does all the work for you: interviews, analysis, creation of documents, and any necessary corrections.	You do this yourself, but we guide you on the inputs required and which documents you need. The documents are 80-90% completed already. You only have to add your organization's specific information.
Documentation will be fully customized for your company, your policies, and your processes.	With our fully editable templates, you can change as much as necessary to match your organization's needs.

A consultant can do all the work for you, so it seems like you save your time for other things.	When documents are created internally, by your own employees, those employees are more invested in the newly created rules and their outcomes. They are more likely to follow the new documentation, because it wasn't forced on them from outside. Everyone saves more time.
A consultant can specify what steps to take, what to stay away from, and what you should focus your efforts on.	We provide you with step-by-step guidance via comments in the documents and our free Expert Advice Community.
The consultant reviews and corrects all the documents, making sure you're compliant with the standard or regulation.	We'll fully review up to 15 of your documents. The number of document reviews depends on the support level you choose with the toolkit.
A consultant can show you the criteria for obtaining the ISO certification or regulation compliance and tell you what you need to do to get ready for it.	Yes, we do that, too. Our documentation templates cover 100% of the standard or regulation requirements and provide guidance on what can and cannot be omitted. In addition, you can contact us to find out additional information on what you can expect from an auditor. We have also included a pre-audit or compliance check in our support package.

At the end of the project, the consultant leaves – and takes all that expert knowledge with him. Often, employees don't understand how to maintain the documentation, leading to declining use and eventual abandonment of all those documents you paid for.	When you do it yourself with Advisera's support, you keep all that knowledge inside your organization. Employees learn how to maintain the documentation, improve upon it, and use it on a daily basis.
A consultant can make your implementation quicker.	Yes, we can agree with that. From what we have learned from our customers over the years, it will take you about 30% longer to implement the standard or regulation with our templates.

Click here to [schedule a free demo of the Documentation Toolkit](#) that will help you implement the standard or become compliant with the regulation with our expert support.