

## CAPEX vs. OPEX

***Why Classic GRC Slows Cloud Adoption - and how evergreen governance changes the economics.***

Classic governance, risk, and compliance (GRC) models were built for an era of static infrastructure. They start as big projects - heavy workshops, consultants, and spreadsheets. Hundreds of hours go into documentation long before the first workload even reaches Azure.

The result is predictable:

- A comprehensive onboarding followed by long inactivity
- Governance that stops evolving when the project budget runs out
- Rising risk as new workloads fall outside old frameworks

Traditional GRC becomes a CAPEX anchor. It's slow, expensive, and out of sync with the pace of the cloud.

### CAPEX Breaks in Practice

The financial reality is clear:

- Large upfront investments mean many never start
- Long project cycles make technology outdated mid-process
- Governance freezes once budgets close
- Compliance gaps grow silently in daily operations

The document may still exist - but it describes a state from 14 months ago. That's not governance. That's historical fiction.

### OPEX Fits the Nature of the Cloud

Cloud is living, automated, and constantly updated. Governance must operate the same way. Moving to OPEX means governance is not a one-time implementation but an ongoing service integrated into daily operations.

Evergreen governance delivers:

- Continuous updates aligned with Azure's evolution
- Policies as code, not slides
- Always-current security baselines
- Predictable subscription-based cost model

The outcome: a live, compliant foundation that scales with business demand - not with consultant hours.

## From Heavy CAPEX to Agile OPEX

CAPEX Governance	OPEX Governance
Large upfront cost	Predictable monthly cost
Irregular updates	Continuous improvement
Static compliance	Evergreen alignment
External consultants	Automated processes
Slow ROI	Fast time-to-value

OPEX transforms governance into a measurable, recurring service - not a sunk cost.

### The Technical Reality: GRC as Code

Governance can now be structured like software. Policies, controls, and configurations are stored in version-controlled code. Updates are deployed automatically, and compliance logs are built in. What once required workshops and consultants now runs as code - consistent, auditable, and fast.

GRC becomes part of the operational pipeline - not an external audit exercise.

### Governance Enables Innovation

Regulatory pressure is increasing, not shrinking. Without governance, cloud becomes an uncontrolled cost driver. With evergreen GRC, it becomes a controlled platform for innovation and compliance at scale.

Standardization allows one solid governance model to scale across business units, subsidiaries, and partners. That's key for organizations that want to modernize quickly without losing control.

## MyPlatform as an example

MyPlatform translates the concept of evergreen governance into a tangible financial and operational model. It automates what has traditionally been a 200–250-hour consulting engagement into a 15-minute deployment through the Azure Marketplace.

Instead of treating compliance as a project expense, MyPlatform shifts it into a **predictable operational cost** aligned with Azure consumption and subscription billing.

This creates direct business value in four measurable ways:

### 1. Cost predictability and transparency

Budgets move from irregular project spikes to a steady OPEX flow. Governance, risk, and compliance become part of standard cloud operations with known unit economics per tenant or per subscription.

No more “surprise projects” or external consulting invoices for updates when Microsoft changes its standards.

### 2. Risk reduction and compliance assurance

The platform automatically keeps Azure aligned with the latest Microsoft Cloud Adoption Framework, CIS, and security baselines.

That means reduced audit exposure, lower risk provisions, and easier evidence-based reporting to management and auditors.

### 3. Ownership and control

MyPlatform deploy entirely within the organization’s own Azure tenant. The code, policies, and configuration remain under full customer control – there’s no dependency on proprietary infrastructure or third-party hosting.

If the subscription ends, the organization retains all assets and configurations, ensuring **no vendor lock-in** and full data sovereignty.

### 4. Scalability and partner integration

Because it’s Azure-native, the same model can scale across subsidiaries, business units, or customers (for partners and CSPs) with consistent cost control and compliance.

It’s already aligned with Microsoft’s marketplace and go-to-market programs, making it easy to fund, transact, and report through existing Microsoft frameworks.

In short, MyPlatform turns governance into an **operational discipline** – a managed, measurable, and continuously optimized component of the Azure environment.

It removes CAPEX barriers, stabilizes OPEX, and ensures that governance evolves automatically with the platform itself.

## In Summary

Cloud chaos happens without governance. Evergreen GRC turns cloud into a controlled, compliant, and cost-predictable platform.

Treat governance as a service - not a project. Turn CAPEX into OPEX. Turn GRC from a burden into a business advantage.