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Panel Nr 3: Effective Oversight of SMS

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Questions:

1) What are the tools needed to make an SMS effective? How do we maintain an effective oversight system bearing in mind the different maturity levels within industry and Authorities? How do we measure success?
2) How do we transition from the current prescriptive oversight system into an SMS & risk based oversight system? How do we ensure cultural change (both within Authorities and industry) to make SMS a success? What are the required skills (for inspectors) to make SMS a success?
3) What role for industry standards? What balance between prescriptive rules and industry standards?