

Bachelor Thesis

**Risk weighted measures in reporting: Correlation
between use in annual reports and losses during the
financial crisis?**

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Abstract

This paper analyses the annual reports of commercial banks to show a correlation between write-downs and mentions of risk-based measurements during the financial crisis of 2007/08. The data shows a negative correlation between write-downs and mentions per page in 2007 while the correlation in 2008 is positive. The results suggest that corporate governance rules changed the risk reporting behavior. However no correlation between reported risk awareness and write-downs is visible in the sample, which corresponds to the current literatures' results that show no effect of good corporate governance on performance during the crisis.