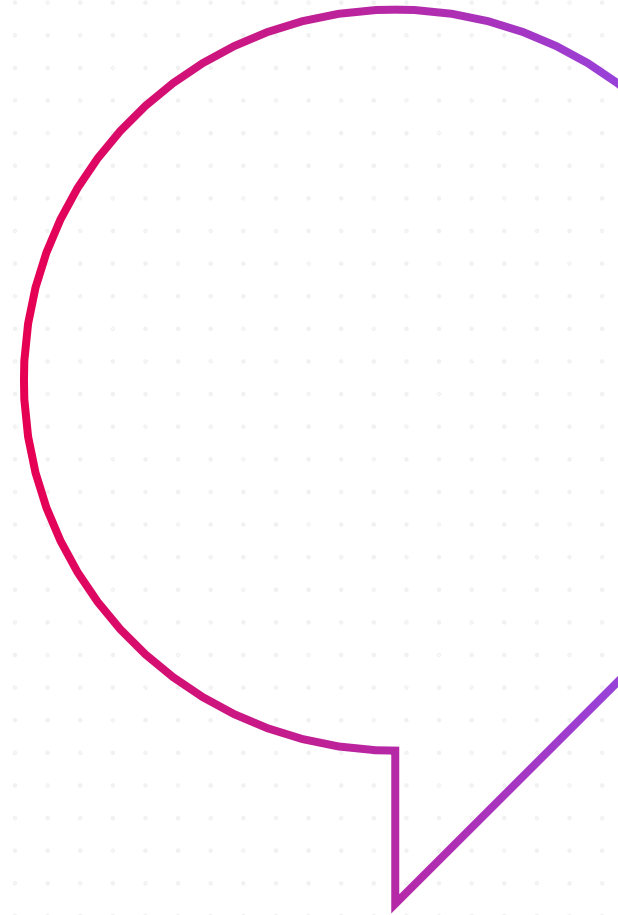


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A strategic guide for global enterprises

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01.

Everything works – until it doesn't



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Most global enterprises reach a point where content starts to feel heavier than it used to.

**Volumes increase. Markets multiply.
Formats expand. Expectations rise.**

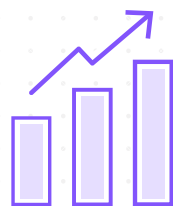
At the same time, tolerance for risk – brand, regulatory or reputational – continues to shrink.



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On the surface, things may still be working. Content is being translated. Campaigns are launching. Documentation is being published. And AI tools are even helping teams move faster in places.

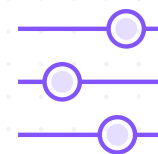
Yet underneath, many organizations sense growing friction:



Rising operational costs to achieve the same outcomes



More time spent coordinating work across teams and regions



More uncertainty about quality, consistency and control

This guide is written for leaders who want to step back and ask a simple but important question:

Is our current approach to content helping us grow – or quietly holding us back as we scale?



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02.

Why content has become a growth issue – not just an operational one



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Content is no longer a downstream activity. For global enterprises, it sits at the intersection of growth, experience and trust.

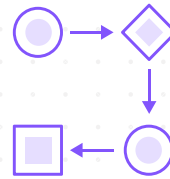
Today, content is expected to:



Support faster market entry



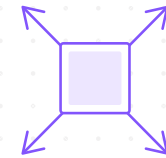
Carry brand meaning consistently across cultures



Work across channels, formats and devices



Meet regulatory and compliance requirements



Scale efficiently as volumes increase

Content is also increasingly tied to commercial performance.



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Research insight

76% of consumers won't buy from brands that don't offer local language support

Source: [Riding the AI Shockwave report](#)

This reinforces that speed, relevance and localization are now core growth enablers, not optional extras.

As expectations rise, many organizations find that ambition is clear, but execution becomes more complex at scale. Coordinating people, processes and platforms across marketing, product, IT and localization requires greater orchestration than ever before.



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03.

When “mostly working” hides real constraints



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One of the hardest things about content transformation is that problems rarely appear all at once.

Instead, they show up gradually:

- Duplicate work across regions
- Manual handoffs between tools and teams
- Delays adapting content for new markets or formats
- Inconsistent use of AI across the organization

Individually, these issues may feel manageable. Collectively, they increase cost, slow execution and introduce risk.

Research insight

Over half of transformation initiatives stall not because of technology, but due to fragmented execution, unclear ownership and manual handoffs across teams

Source: [Translation Technology Insight Report 2025](#)

This is why content challenges often surface first as:

- Missed timelines
- Higher-than-expected operating costs
- Slower time to market



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Translation is no longer enough



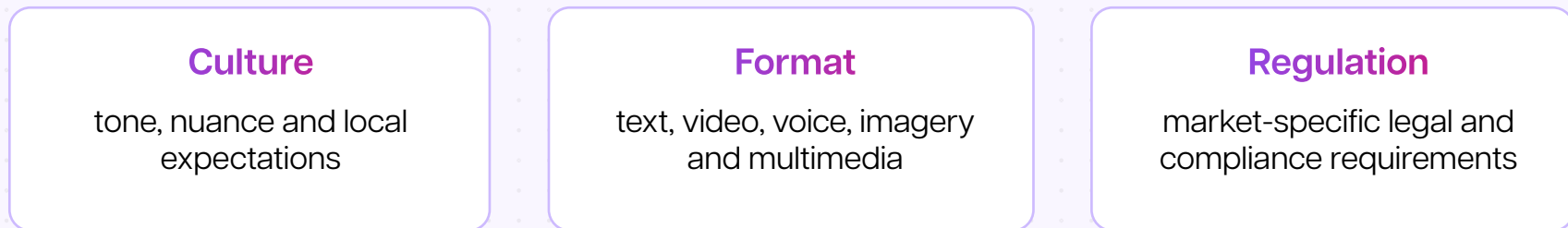
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For many enterprises, global content strategies were built around translation. That made sense when:

- Content formats were limited
- Channels were predictable
- Regulatory environments were simpler

Today, content needs to do more than move between languages.

It must be adapted for:



Organizations that continue to treat localization as a final step often pay for it later – through rework, delays and rising costs.

True content transformation designs for reuse and adaptation from the start, helping teams move faster without sacrificing quality or control.



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The growing complexity of tools, workflows and AI



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Most enterprises didn't plan to end up with fragmented content ecosystems.
They evolved over time.

Different teams adopted tools to solve immediate needs:

Marketing platforms

Campaign management, digital asset management and marketing automation tools used to plan, create and distribute content at speed.

Content management systems

Web, product and documentation platforms designed to store, structure and publish content across channels and regions.

Translation and language tools

Translation management systems, machine translation engines and linguistic QA tools used to move content between languages.

AI and automation solutions

Generative AI tools, workflow automation and content intelligence solutions introduced to accelerate creation, adaptation and reuse.



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Over time, this creates disconnected workflows, manual coordination and a higher total cost of ownership.

As AI becomes more embedded in content workflows, expectations around transparency – and the trust it underpins – are rising.

Research insight

81% of consumers say clear labelling of AI-generated content is important

Source: [Riding the AI Shockwave report](#)

Speed without clarity can quickly erode brand trust. Without clear orchestration and oversight, AI can amplify inconsistency rather than reduce it.



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06.

**Trust comes from knowing
when to use AI**



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The question for most leaders is no longer whether to use AI, but how to use it responsibly at scale.

AI is already embedded across content operations. The real challenge is deciding where automation accelerates outcomes – and where it introduces risk if left unchecked.

In practice, AI delivers the most value where:

Speed matters

high-volume content that needs to move quickly across markets or channels

Consistency is critical

repetitive, structured or standardized content where variation creates inefficiency

Scale is non-negotiable

content volumes that would be impossible to manage manually

This is where AI can remove friction, reduce cost and improve throughput.



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Human expertise becomes essential where:

- **Judgment is required** – decisions about meaning, intent or suitability for a specific audience
- **Nuance matters** – brand voice, cultural context and regulatory sensitivity
- **Trust is on the line** – content that carries reputational, legal or commercial risk

This is where oversight, accountability and experience protect quality and credibility.

The most effective content strategies don't treat human and AI as competing frameworks. They design workflows that deliberately combine both – using AI to handle scale and humans to safeguard meaning, trust and outcomes.

Research insight

73% of global consumers feel uncomfortable with AI translation or localization in at least one regulated industry

Source: [Riding the AI Shockwave report](#)

This underscores why accuracy, transparency and human involvement remain essential – especially when content carries legal, regulatory or safety implications.



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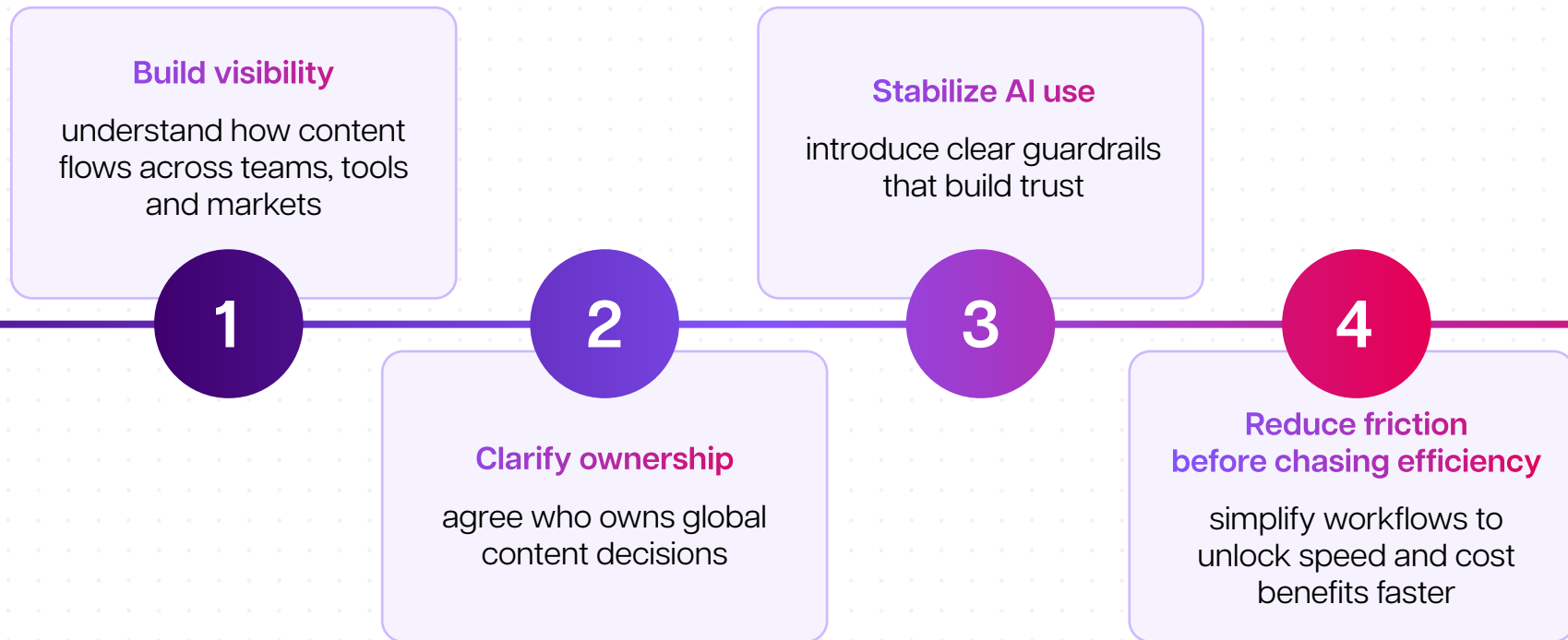
07.

Where organizations typically begin



For leaders who recognize some of these patterns, the next question is often:
where do we start?

Most enterprises don't transform everything at once. Instead, they focus on a few practical areas that create clarity and momentum.



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08.

You're not alone in this



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At enterprise scale, content complexity becomes a predictable stage of growth. The challenge isn't recognizing that content matters – it's navigating complexity without overcorrecting or rushing decisions.

With the right partner, content transformation becomes structured and manageable.

Moving forward with confidence

Whether you're validating your current approach or exploring where to strengthen next, clarity is the most valuable starting point.

Talk to an expert

If you'd prefer a conversation, an RWS expert can help you assess your current model and explore what makes sense for your organization.

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