

Project Management: Skills for Assuring Business Benefits



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Introduction

In today's environment, projects are no longer an optional addition to the daily business routine. More and more organisations live and die by the way they manage their projects. Given the strategic importance and the net business value of many of these projects, it makes sense to invest in the relevant project management skills that will determine whether projects succeed or fail.

The course objective is not to prepare participants for a specific project management methodology certification but to help them understand and apply the principles and best practices of project management concepts and processes. This will be achieved through real-life exercises based upon a practical and entertaining business case. Participants will not only practice their technical skills (tools, techniques) but also their soft skills (presentation, team management, consensus finding,...) in a safe environment.

The programme is based on recognised project management methodologies: PPM – Program and Project Management and PMBOK®. In particular it defines and explains the six pillars of project excellence that must be considered throughout the life of a project. The six pillars are factors, both within and outside the direct control of the project manager, which will affect the outcome of the project. To assure business benefits the individual pillars and their interaction must be proactively managed to balance their conflicting demands as well as their effect on quality, time, and resources.

Objectives

By the end of the course participants will be able to:

- explain the range of factors which contribute to project success or failure
- employ a simple four-stage model for the project process
- apply a standardised project management methodology
- recognise the six pillars which need to be managed throughout a project
- explain the importance of clear, agreed objectives and use milestones to structure project plans and measure progress
- use a range of techniques to plan, estimate and schedule activities
- apply a range of tools to manage risks, scope and stakeholders
- monitor and control the underlying phases of a project lifecycle.

The tools and techniques covered by the course are applicable to any type of project context, project type or industry sector.

Methodology

The course is highly participative and uses a case study based on a real project in challenging circumstances. The project you are managing is the organisation of a client expedition to the top of Mount Everest. Exploiting the case study the course methodology is based upon a mix of theoretical concepts, team exercises, role plays and plenary discussions.

Pre-course work and video will provide a compelling and inspirational introduction to the course, and will provide background information on what is required to achieve an expedition to Everest – and what can go wrong. (Previous climbing experience is not necessary for the class!)

All lessons learned, tools and techniques are applied back to the participants' real working environment.

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PricewaterhouseCoopers Training Academy is a Project Management Institute (PMI) approved Registered Education Provider (R.E.P). Indeed PricewaterhouseCoopers Training Academy complies with PMI established quality assurance criteria. Both the content of the course and the process to continuously improve the quality of the course have been approved by the PMI.

As such PricewaterhouseCoopers Training Academy is authorized to issue Professional Development Units (PDU). These units can be used for the "contact hours" that are required to apply for PMP and CAPM examinations, as well as for maintaining your PMP credential. **Participating in this project management training will earn you 22 PDUs.**

Target Audience

The course is aimed at team leaders, project team members and managers wishing to develop capabilities in managing successfully small to medium size projects.

Lecturers

The training will be facilitated by certified PMPs (Project Management Professionals) who have significant experience in both project management and tutoring.

Language

English

Price

Price of the training is 600 € + VAT, paid in local currency. Recommended registration for this training is latest 7 days before the commencement date.

Dates

- 27 – 29 January 2010 from 09:00 to 17:00 hours

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Agenda

Day 1

- Introduction and overview
- Logistics, project management context
- Case study video
- Role and duties of a project manager
- Qualification and commitment
- Goal Directed Project Management concepts (milestone planning, responsibility matrices)

Day 2

- Review of day 1
- Estimation methods
- Development of an integrated project plan - work and schedule, scope
- Business benefits
- Risk assessment and management -
Project simulation game
- Team composition and profile
- Performance measures

Day 3

- Recap
- Managing stakeholders
- Monitoring and control
- Presentation to the steering committee -
Extensive debriefing
- Checkpoint and close

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