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In Time and Budget using Best Practices in large infrastructure projects

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Portfolio...











The Concept of using Best Practices...

...is about stakeholder management and governance doing it the right way



operational and business goals

Project-, Program- and Portfolio Management involve people

...ending up in a conflict between priorities of a matrix organisation and those of the authority in the line business





The principles are simple...

- A change is not just a project
- Don't rely on the PM as the local hero
- Stakeholders are the ones who direct projects and programmes
- Project governance is a must



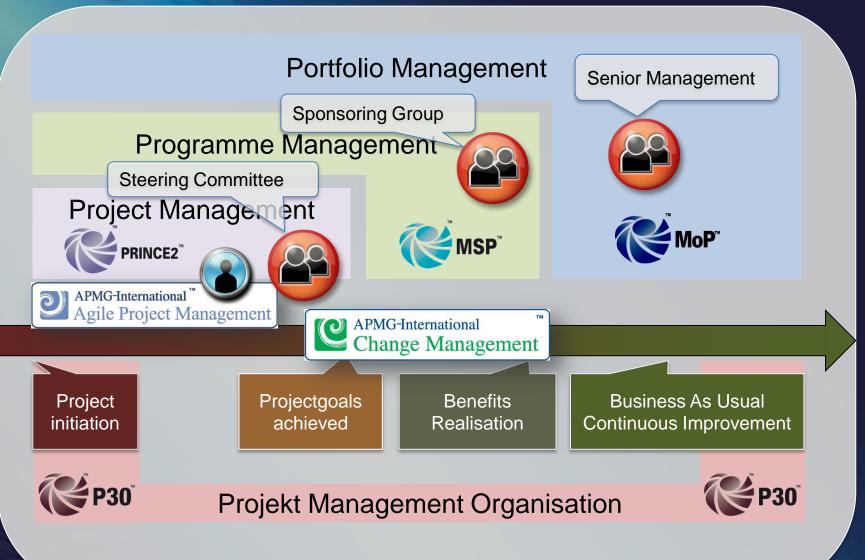


... the reality is difficult

- Resource allocations
- Dedication of work
- Managing interests
- Controlling
- Managing the changes of changes

In a glance...







Where do these have an impact on infrastructure projects?

...and what happens if they are ignored?





Berlin Airport

Impact if ignored

- Planning started in 1991
- Opening postponed 2 times
- No new opening date scheduled yet
- € 20 Mn monthly operational cost
- € 14 Mn monthly loss of planned income
- Overall cost increased from € 2.7 Bn to € 4.7 Bn





German sense of humor: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v= JFjApe7zRdQ

Berlin Airport

Failure Reasons identified

- Airport Management ran this as a project within their running operations of 2 other airports
- No Steering committee a board of politicians
- Ambitious goals had been set without any experience and no adoption of Best Practice
- Approvals rejected due to lack of planning and quality assurance in fire protection



But it actually can work quite well...

Operational since 1350 The world's third largest sea port 35.000 Freight liners per year 130.000 Inland ships per year 10.500 hectares in size 41 km spread

...and expanding



Massvlakte 2

Project started in 2004
Resistence in the parliament
Opening on 11 July 2012
Involving 20.000 people

1 year ahead of time
in budget (€ 2 Bn)



http://www.apmg-international.tv/qualifications/programmeproject-management/item/presentation-of-level-5-maturityaward-to-the-maasvlakte2-project-team

Ronald Paul, Project Director of Maasvlakte 2

"Due to the project governance according to PRINCE2, the project was within budget and time."



Massvlakte 2

215 million cubic metres of sand
3.5 km long hard seawal
using 20,000 blocks of recycled concrete
7.5 km long soft seawall
beach with 14 metre high dunes



Hans Smit, CEO, Port of Rotterdam

"The project governance was one of the key factors for the success of the project. After three-and-a-half years of hard work, the seawall closure is a milestone in Dutch history"







Reasons for Success identified

- Dedicated Board established
- Full commitment of senior port management
- Excellent stakeholder management
- Strict project governance
- Regular Business case re-calculations
- Regular maturity assessments





Lessons learned

- Involve stakeholders based on their interest
- Ignore those with no stake
- Keep them under control
- Change stakeholder focus accordingly
- Make sure authority conflicts are resolved
- Allow regular assessments
- Permit flexibility to adjust the business case





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