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**Introduction**

I wish all of you a warm welcome in this early year and would like to invite you for an update on the German project management landscape.

**News from PM Professional Organizations****PMI Chapter News**

The **PMI Frankfurt Chapter** has held its regular chapter meeting in Frankfurt at the Frankfurt Business School. The meeting became a large event of more than 90 guests who were interested in the speaker Thomas Koehler from ILL covering the topic “Project Management – Strategic Option or Tactical Alternative.” The second presentation was given from Joseph Philipps, PMP, who introduced a model on using project management for personal life planning.

The **PMI Munich Chapter** holds its Member Meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup> at Sofitel Hotel Munich to elect the VP Finance and give an update on their activities to the members. The chapter implemented the regulation to obtain 30 EURO from guests to cover their costs.

The **PMI Berlin Chapter** has held its Profession Circle in January, which was fully booked. The coming chapter meeting is on February 21<sup>st</sup>. The presentation of the Profession Circle on Agile Software Development can be downloaded under <http://www.pmi-berlin.org/>.

The good news is that the growing interest of the community to exchange their experience underlines the importance of independent organizations like PMI. The bad news is that it becomes more and more difficult to find adequate and convenient locations for more than 100 guests...so the charging model of the Munich Chapter could become reality in the other chapters, too.

## **GPM News**

GPM had its first Parliament Evening in Berlin. The topic to discuss was “Best Practices in Projects – In Governmental Projects, too”.

The pm-institute offers – in cooperation with GPM – at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Expert Days news around Project- and Portfolio Management to enable project managers to work within complex environments. Mark the calendar on March 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, the location will be in Hamburg, Germany.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Expert Days on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> will investigate Project Management Tools and Solutions. They introduce tools and solutions to make the project management life easier in Würzburg, Germany at Maritim Hotel.

## **Project Updates – News from some German Projects**

Assure Consulting did a study on project success and identified that billions of euros are burned whereby 78% of the interviewed organizations estimate the loss to be above 10 billion euro. The most named reasons were: unclear project scope (71%), lack of stakeholder management (55%), invalid communication (45%) and overloaded project managers (44%) besides others.

The German Federal Court of Auditors did a study on the success of projects on government and got to the result that 85% of the 40.000 investigated projects were started without proving their profitability. The project management fundamentals were not considered while starting the projects.

## **Other News Affecting Projects & PM in Germany**

Although the economy had some trouble, re the stock market slashing down, the project landscape is still solid. The number of projects in the banking environment decreased somewhat because of the uncertainty on the market and the real estate crisis which several banks are involved in. On the other hand the number projects in the public sector is growing strongly (e.g. Health Card, Army IT-Outsourcing, etc.) and project management is still needed when you consider the results of the German Federal Court of Auditors mentioned above.



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