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Project Management Update from Kraków

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Introduction

Despite the economic conditions around the world Polish economy does better than expected. Latest data on production in major sectors shows slowdown, however not so severe as predicted previously. Polish currency recent depreciation gave Polish companies a competitive advantage for their outsourcing operations. Their prices became more competitive. Even in those difficult times, some foreign companies declared investments in their Polish operations. With those companies coming over to Poland project management is also becoming more and more critical. More and more people are attracted to the profession and companies are seeking project manager to better manage their current portfolio of projects.

Project managers community is growing rapidly over the past months. PMI Poland chapter is growing too, with its chapter with branches model. It reaches to new cities and gathers people interested in project management.

PM Profession News

PMI Poland Chapter runs series of workshops in various polish cities by their branches. Warsaw branch had a workshop about offshoring experiences while Krakow branch tried to answer a question what is the best way to estimate an IT project. PMI Poland chapter is also running a study to determine the maturity of polish companies in regard to project management practices. The results will be available later and will show the current scene of polish project management world.

International Project Management Association (IPMA) Poland has announced new edition of Project Excellence Award Poland, a contest for successful projects being managed in Poland.

PM Events

28 May 2009 – IT Systems Quality Conference will take place in Warsaw, Poland.

More info can be found at:

<http://konferencje.computerworld.pl/konferencje/jakosc2009/zagadnienia.html>

24-25 September - **IV International PMI Poland Congress**. More info at:

<http://pmi.org.pl/congress/>

Project Updates

Major program being done currently in Poland is the preparation for Euro 2012 championship. Polish preparations are currently on track. The progress has been audited by FIFA recently.

The budget for all projects that are scheduled to enable Poland to be ready for Euro 2012 is estimated for around 32 bln dollars.



The main projects in the complex program to prepare for Euro 2012 are the stadiums construction projects. Below are the main stadiums being constructed in Poland right now.

Baltic Arena in Gdansk



National Stadium in Warsaw



Other News Affecting Projects & PM

IBM has announced plans to open a outsourcing center in Poland, the IT giant is going to employ 3000 people in a new facility in one of the polish cities.

Polish government has started the privatization using a new technique. The government owned companies are being sold on an auction. The first company sold that way (KolTram) reached 96 mln PLN in first 3 minutes of the auction.

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