

## **Project Management update from Argentina**



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Last March, in Argentina, the historical record has been beaten, both in the consumption of road asphalt, with 53,466 tons, and in Portland cement, with 1,032,119 tons.

In both cases, the main buyer is the State and its destination is the public works, including roads and highways, airport runways, street paving, housing, housing developments, hydraulic works, among other projects.

According to the Minister of Transport of the Nation, Guillermo Dietrich, "Never in the history of the country there were building so many kilometers of highway at the same time." The road plan foresees the construction of 2,800 km of freeways, 3,200 km of safe routes and more 11,000 km of pavements to be completed by 2019.

Other projects that are being developed at the national level are the works to provide potable water and sewage to the many inhabitants of the country who do not yet have this service, as well as the construction of houses and the urbanization of precarious settlements.

At the same time, it is planned to bring broadband Internet to 1300 localities in the interior of Argentina through the fiber optic network that will increase by 33,000 kilometers in two years, benefiting millions of Argentines. This will allow to eliminate the differences of the access to Internet in the great urban concentrations and the deeper interior of the Argentine Republic.

In all cases, they are projects to improve the quality of life of Argentines.

The government announced the launch of an ambitious federal mortgage loan scheme for the middle class, whereby some 100,000 families could access a home in the coming months and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) announced the approval of loans for development projects in Argentina of more than US \$ 2 billion.

All of the above is a sign of the reactivation that is showing, little by little, in our country, through the execution of projects.

Also the PMI Chapters of Argentina have begun their projects of year 2017, with the strategic planning, the arming of the teams of volunteers and the beginning of activities, such as the monthly meetings of volunteers and conferences.

PMI Buenos Aires Chapter has organized the first meeting of members that are also open to the community of project management, on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> with a workshop that I myself had the pleasure of presenting, called "From Expert to Leader", in which we reflected on the need of professionals who come from technological careers to develop their leadership skills, as organizations require from them.

Another important activity that took place in the last few days was the PMI Regional Meeting with the leaders of the Chapters of the South Latin America Region, which was attended by several members of the board of directors of PMI Buenos Aires Chapter, of PMI Nuevo Cuyo Chapter and of the new Potential Cordoba Chapter, plus leaders of the Chapter in formation of Rosario Argentina.

In this Regional Meeting, the strategic change of PMI was presented, focusing on the development of the career of project management practitioners, from its beginnings, then on the construction of its career and finishing at its advanced level, also allowed sharing experiences and good practices between chapters and provided an excellent opportunity to make networking with the leaders of the entire region and thus achieve the synergy that favors all.

The regional meetings aim at developing leadership in the Region's Chapters, in order to improve the value they provide to their members.

For more information about the local events of Project Management, log on to the PMI Buenos Aires Argentina Chapter [website](#) and PMI Nuevo Cuyo Argentina Chapter [website](#).

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