

Project Management update from Argentina



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In [June issue of this publication](#), I wrote about the Metrobus project of the City of Buenos Aires that has been awarded with international awards.

Now, the Metrobus is again in the news, but for a new project: photovoltaic panels have been installed on the roofs of two stations on the famous 9 de Julio Avenue, covering with them about 400 linear meters, which will produce 110,000 kW per year, energy equivalent to the consumption of 190 homes per year. This is the second largest solar installation of the City of Buenos Aires at the moment, after which it works in the Ministry of Science and Technology.

The photovoltaic panels, with an estimated useful life of 30 years, are imported from Italy, developed with double layers of glass and are intended to let sunlight pass to achieve an integration with the aesthetics of Metrobus stations and generate, at the same time, awareness in the users and neighbors awareness to the sustainability and the use of the renewable energies.

This first pilot will last three months, but in the future it is planned to extend the panels to the 17 Metrobus stations on 9 de Julio Avenue and, assuming that they are free of shadows of buildings and trees, would generate up to 805 MWh per year.

The government of the City of Buenos Aires will also analyze the possibility of incorporating this technology into the Metrobús of Cabildo Avenue, at the north of the city.

Although it is a small energy production compared to the consumption of the city, the tendency is that cities take advantage of this opportunity to generate clean and free energy, close to consumption points and Buenos Aires could not stay behind, being that it has been valued as the smartest city in Latin America, according to the IESE Business School's "IESE Cities in Motion Strategies" study. The ranking analyzed 180 metropolis of 80 countries with data obtained from UNESCO, the World Bank and the consulting company Euromonitor, among others and determined that Buenos Aires, in position 83 is ahead of Santiago de Chile, Mexico City and all other metropolis of Latin America.



Photo: Solar panels installed on the roof of a Metrobus stations on 9 de Julio Avenue in the City of Buenos Aires.

In the context of the PMI Chapters of Argentina, interesting activities are being developed for the continuous dissemination of the project management profession and professional development and growth, as well as the preparation and promotion of the **PMI Tour Cono Sur 2017**, the more important congress in project management in the region, which is already approaching.

The **PMI Tour Cono Sur 2017** will take place in November in 4 Argentinean cities, starting with Mendoza, organized by the PMI Nuevo Cuyo Chapter, on Friday, November 3rd and Saturday, November 4th, then in Rosario, on Wednesday, November 8th, continuing through Buenos Aires on Thursday, November 9th and finishing in Cordoba on November 14th.

There will be well-known international exhibitors and a large attendance is expected, as every year, to each of these events.

For more about the local events in Project Management, visit the **PMI Buenos Aires Argentina Chapter** [website](#) y **PMI Nuevo Cuyo Argentina Chapter** [website](#) and **PMI Cordoba Potential Chapter** [website](#).

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