

IPMA Education and Training Series¹

“IPMA Education & Training moving forward”



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Established in 2007, the IPMA Education & Training Board (E&T Board) deals with the issues concerning the complex relationships between education, training and employment in professional project management. The ambition of the Board is to play a key role in the continuous development of professional competences, bringing together the relevant stakeholders such as project management trainees, trainers, training organizations, universities, professionals, governments and other authorities and organizations that have an active interest in the area.

The primary beneficiaries from the work of the E&T Board are the Member Associations (MAs) of IPMA and through them the professional project management community around the globe. The output of the E&T Board will be considered successful when MAs increase their visibility and impact by developing products and services that enhance project management performance.

To this purpose, the IPMA E&T Board:

- Actively promotes the value of project management E&T.
- Networks with appropriate E&T related providers (training organizations, universities, authors, publishers, developers, PM training video providers, IPMA World Congress organizers etc.).
- Develops the project management E&T excellence concept and awards recognitions to qualified individuals (e.g. best E&T presentation at the 2013 IPMA World Congress).
- Supports and increases the visibility and impact of E&T within MAs.
- Facilitates the sustainable development of new MAs through E&T.
- Supports E&T related initiatives of the Young Crew and liaises with other IPMA Boards on education & training aspects.

The E&T Board does not directly provide training courses, with the exception of the Training Aid Programme (TAP) for interested groups of professionals in countries

¹ This series of articles is by members of the IPMA Education and Training (E&T) Board or other IPMA leaders on the subject of project management education, training, careers and related topics. More information about the IPMA E&T can be found at <http://ipma.ch/education>.

without an IPMA MA and the IPMA Advanced Courses for further development of project management competences complementary to the more rigorous four-level IPMA Certification system. As a world leading organization in project management, IPMA has a great responsibility for the development of quality E&T products and services and for this reason it has developed a range of products and services such as:

- E&T Articles in cooperation with the *PM World Journal*, such as the article you are currently reading.
- Training Aid Programmes (TAP) offering training courses to concerned groups of professionals in countries which there is no IPMA Member association while at the same time facilitating the development of new MAs.
- Recommended Literature & e-resources where relevant publications are reviewed and presented and access to e-resources containing hundreds of soft version of books (including E&T's own publications), videos etc is provided. E-resources are developed in cooperation with world leaders in their respective fields such as Van Haren Publishers and the award-winning PM-Channel on demand project management video producers.
- The IPMA Advanced Courses offering opportunities for expanding project and programme management competencies, sharing experiences, improving techniques and methodologies and, refining behavioural skills. The courses move beyond basic knowledge into competency focused professional advancement achieved through collaborative, peer-led learning.
- Registration offers IPMA Member Associations a way to engage relevant Educational and Training organizations. Providers register their IPMA-related training programmes and courses, improving visibility to organisations desiring competence improvement in project management.
- IPMA E&T Events organized as special streams at the 24th (2011), 26th (2012) and the 27th (2013) IPMA World Congresses, the 10th OTM Conference (2011) etc.
- Cooperation Programme: In addition to the above, other initiatives are considered on an individual basis when benefits in the E&T area can be achieved. For example, the E&T Board may cooperate with concerned organizations (e.g. Universities, project-oriented organizations, etc.) in order to develop custom-made trainings based on the competencies presented in the IPMA Competence Baseline (ICB), or in cooperation with universities, professors and students to publish extended abstracts of selected theses and dissertations with practical implications in a manner and format that may be understandable to the wider professional audience.

The TAP, Recommended Literature, Registration, E&T Events and IPMA Advanced Courses have long been organized but they have been enhanced and developed further in the past two years. At the same time, the E&T Articles, e-resources, the

E&T Award, the publication of IPMA E&T Board supported publications have been new initiatives introduced since 2013.

We have now reached (not painlessly) the maturity level and have acquired the necessary know-how to be more productive, more influential and of more value to our MAs and the world's project management community in the future. Among other initiatives the so called "AC" one aims at developing IPMA approved E&T resources (such as a project management field books (or toolkits)) in different languages explaining in depth the IPMA approach and providing in parallel guidelines for the achievement of accreditation is already under development. IPMA E&T Board is moving forward and keeps abreast of the many and interesting developments that are about to materialize.

I hope you will stay tuned!

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