

DEAR ECC CHAPTER LIAISONS.

We hope this newsletter finds you well. We are pleased to provide you with updates on the European Chapter Collaboration (ECC).

On October 16th we had our regular monthly joint chapter liaisons call. Presentation and recording of the meeting can be found at ECC website Repository.

ECC PRODUCTS/SERVICES

[Upcoming PMI Chapter events](#) – The ECC Chapter Liaison is responsible to update the information about the chapter's biggest events on the ECC website. The purpose of this website is to raise the awareness of chapter events between chapter leaders and to encourage collaboration in the speaker engagement at the associated costs. We encourage all chapter leaders to discuss opportunities to work with other chapters in the organization of events. The list of the Chapter events can be found on the [ECC website Upcoming Chapter events](#). If you need assistance, please contact sub-region liaison.

[ECC Passport Initiative](#) – Please check if your Chapter events are still complying with the ECC Passport Initiative rules (in person events the same rate as local chapter members). All listed Chapters on the web site of the ECC Passport Initiative should comply the ECC Passport Initiative rules. If this is not the case or any Chapter is missing or would like to be part of this initiative, please ask your president to send us an official letter to join this initiative to the email address eccit@pmi.org. In case that your Chapter doesn't want to be part of this great initiative please ask the president of your Chapter to send an official email to the eccit@pmi.org that your Chapter wants to step out.

We encourage you to share the link of ECC Passport Initiative on your chapter webpage so that your Chapter members could join some of the ECC event's that Chapters are organizing.

[ECC Repository](#) - Repository where ECC Chapter Liaisons will find products and services, minutes of meetings, recordings of meetings, newsletters, initiatives, templates, etc. Go check it out!

[ECC Products and Services' Roll-out and Operations](#) - After a project closure two functions shall be nominated to handle the roll-out and operations:

- Product/Service Owner (from the lead chapter)
- Product/Service Support (from PMI EMEA)

The products and/or services remain on-line at their respective project's subpages. In addition to this, a pull-down menu option where all products and/or services are listed shall be provided via pmiecc.org's main top bar menu, or else one option linking to an own sub-page where all products and/or services are listed. The page keeping a product and/or service shall contain all relevant documentation and information one need in order to download, install and suit the functionality provided.

ECCIT is NOT responsible for the products and/or services access, functionality nor availability. This responsibility remains with the Product/Service Owner.

THE LATEST INFORMATION ABOUT PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

Corporate Ambassador Program (CAP), prepared by Sergio Gerosa, Central Italy Chapter:

- The present phase is focused on the enlargement of the perimeter to a fully European context. Contribution of different Chapters is essential in this phase. It is recommended to develop a CAP web page for each Chapter, with a link to the ECC one (<http://pmiecc.org/ambassador>).
- New companies that have joined the CAP in October: Monte dei Paschi di Siena (the oldest Bank of the world, founded in 1472!).
- Several opportunities are arising thanks to the active involvement of some European Chapters (e.g. Italy, Budapest, Cologne, France, Frankfurt, Greece, Madrid, ...): need to finalize these agreement soon to speed up deployment throughout Europe. Short term prospects: ENI and SAIPEM (oil and gas), Leroy Merlin (distribution), Telefonica (telecommunications), ...
- CAP Events planned within end of 2019: 4th Hewlett Packard Enterprise CAP event 2019 in Rome (Italy) on December 4th on “The new Way to manage the Risks”; Thales/Leonardo/Altran CAP Event in Rome (Italy) on December 13th on “Project Planning & Control”; ...
- Monthly coordination call held on October 14th to support CAP growth.

Latest information can be found on the [CAP website](#) and if you are interested in joining please reach out to Sergio at: sergio.gerosa@pmi-centralitaly.org

Agile Across Europe - A successful delivery and intriguing findings, prepared by Nassos Karageorgiadis, Luxembourg Chapter:

After roughly 6 months from its initiation, the Agile Research Project for 2019 finally come to its expected finish.

During June and July, the anonymous data collected through the survey questionnaire were statistically analysed and interesting findings emerged; 150 valid questionnaires: 59 from Luxembourg, 41 from Croatia and 50 from Poland. Unfortunately, the different techniques that eventually used by the participating Chapters in order to attract responses (emails, newsletters, open invitations, etc.) do not allow for the calculation of an overall response rate. For the Luxembourg Chapter 14,5% response rate was recorded, an almost 73% increase in the response rate calculated in 2017.

Responses were analysed utilising both simple and cross tabulation techniques, producing a multitude of stimulating results.

Each Chapter exploited the results of the analysis as the basis for a local report, however incorporating the benchmarking results as needed. Each Chapter chose the publication mean, format and layout freely. The Luxembourg and Poland Chapters' reports are available at the [ECC web-site](#) while a more in-depth presentation of the results will be presented during the ECC meeting in Brussels.

Some of the most interesting results of the survey for the three Chapters (Luxembourg, Poland, Croatia) include:

- One out of three (1/3) companies in all countries are currently in the experimentation level of adoption of Agile. A fairly smaller percentage of companies in all three countries utilise Agile only on a project basis.
- Expectations as of Agile evolution vary greatly among companies in the three countries while companies in Luxembourg remain the most optimistic.

- Agile is still not the dominant approach for managing projects in all three countries.
- The more integrated is Agile in a company the more projects follow it.
- Productivity amplification is the key common goal of the management of companies in all three countries following the Agile approach.
- Companies monitor mainly the time-related results of their projects in all countries.
- Interestingly, although organisations need to overcome barriers rooted in their work culture by further development of their people through investing in training and coaching, these practices are not a priority for companies in their transformation journeys.

The PMI Luxembourg Chapter in collaboration with PwC Luxembourg presented with great success the results of the 2019 survey in a very exciting evening event that gathered close to 100 diverse participants representing most of the sectors of the country's business mosaic, uncovering the extent of Agile adoption by Luxembourg's multicultural companies in 2019.

The PMI Cologne Chapter managed to overcome some identified legal issues pertaining to GDPR rules. The results of the survey are ready, and they will also be presented during the ECC meeting in Brussels

Government & Academic Ambassador Program (GAAP), prepared by Sergio Gerosa, Central Italy Chapter:

Latest information can be found on the [GAAP website](#) and if you are interested in joining please reach out to Sergio at: sergio.gerosa@pmi-centralitaly.org

LATEST IMPROVEMENTS ON ECC INITIATIVES

Volunteer Empowerment Program (VEP), prepared by Francesco Alibrandi, Northern Italy Chapter:
After the meeting in Dublin, we have been working on the Program preparation on the basis of the feedback received. Direct communication channels with co-organizers chapters have been established.

A first draft of the Program charter has been sent out to ECCIT and program initiators. It is also available on the share ECC Repository.

We invite the Liaisons to review it and provide feedback to NIC Liaison.

The plan is to prepare the Program for the ECC meeting in Brussels and there decide whether to release the project and start the implementation or stop the initiative.

OTHER COLLABORATIONS AMONG CHAPTERS

National Forum of Project Management "Re-Think!", prepared by Francesco Alibrandi, Northern Italy Chapter:



Last October 18th Milan hosted the 3° National Forum of Project Management "Re-Think!" organized by the PMI Italy Chapters (Northern, Central and Southern Italy).

More than 650 attendees had the chance to listen exceptional key speakers on the theme of sustainability, a principle to apply to projects to transform resources and effort in results efficiently and respectfully of the social, economic and environmental ecosystem.

Special guest from PMI Board of Directors, Beth Partleton gave special insights on the current transformation and the future of PMI.

The event was also included in the official tour of PMI 50th anniversary celebrations, with a conclusive gala of music and elegance.

More pictures can be found in PMI-NIC Facebook page.

PMI European Chapter Collaboration (PMI-ECC) and Engineering Challenge Cup (ECC), invitation prepared by Ralf Braune, ECC Liaison for PMI Cologne Chapter



You love sailing? There is an opportunity to participate in a great sailing event in May 2020, exactly from May 9th till 16th. The name of the event: Engineering Challenge Cup (ECC, sounds familiar?) It's a sailing regatta established 1994 and will be held next year in the beautiful waters and in front of the coastline of Dalmatia/Croatia. It's a one-way route from Trogir (close to the Split airport) to Dubrovnik (yes, the town from the series "Games of Thrones"). Get in contact: ralf.braune@pmicc.de
Ralf Braune, PMI-ECC Liaison for the Cologne Chapter

CHAPTER LIAISONS' INVOLVEMENT/CHALLENGE(S)

We challenge ECC Chapter Liaisons to give feedback via eccit@pmi.org or on the WhatsApp ECC Chat regarding the new initiatives, projects in progress, ECCIT website incl. project/product subpages, ECC repository, newsletter, to contribute with content in the newsletter, feedback on monthly calls, etc. Thank you!

WHAT'S NEXT?

- Our next **F2F Meeting** will be held on the **8th of November at 2PM in Brussels.**

Agenda:

- 14:00 - 14:05 Welcome
 - 14:05 -14:15 Icebreaker Quiz
 - 14:15 - 14:35 Welcome and Introduction: The new ECC Implementation Team
 - 14:35 - 16:15 Projects Updates and Discussions (table discussions)
 - 14:35 - 14:50 Presentation of updates on the website
 - 14:50 - 15:20 1st round
 - CAP & GAAP
 - Mentoring program
 - 15:20 - 15:30 BREAK
 - 15:30- 16:00 2nd round
 - Mentoring program
 - VEP
 - 16:00 - 16:45 Lessons learned
 - 16:45 – 17:00 Presentation on Agile Research
 - 17:00 - 17:15 Recognition
 - 17:15 - 17:30 Closing + group picture
- Our **next monthly** ECC Chapter Liaisons **call** will be held on **11th of December at 7 pm (CET)**. The agenda will be sent out at least one week before the call. Save the date!
 - ECC Chapter Liaisons' [overview](#) is launched at our web page. For those of you still have not forwarded your picture, please feel free to do so as soon as possible.
 - We encourage all Chapters to put ECC Chapter Liaison and the role on their chapter website.
 - ECC Chapter Liaisons are requested to inform the Chapter board and ECC project manager (if applicable) in their chapter about this newsletter and can give feedback to ECCIT.

EUROPEAN CHAPTER COLLABORATION IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (ECC IT) SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process of the new ECC IT members is closed. The new members of ECC Implementation Team will be introduced to the community during the ECC meeting scheduled on Friday, November 8th, in conjunction with the PMI Region 8 meeting in Brussels.

INVITATION TO THE ECC BOOTH

We would like to invite you and your chapter representatives at R8 Meeting in Brussels to visit us at the ECC booth. The current and new ECC IT team will be there to answer your questions. We are looking forward to seeing you soon!

If you have any additional questions or proposals, you are very welcome to give us your feedback at eccit@pmi.org.

Thank you for engagement and collaboration in the ECC community!

Warm Regards,
ECC Implementation Team
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