Top reasons to use OpenPM²

✔ OpenPM² connects globally recognised project management methodologies and best practices, with project management within the EU Institutions.

✔ It promotes a common PM methodology and vocabulary for the effective management of projects, and provides a common governance structure with clearly described project roles and responsibilities.

✔ OpenPM² offers recommendations for the tailoring of the methodology to suit specific project needs and environment, as well as guidelines for the initiation, planning, executing and closing phases of the projects and an approach to monitor and control project performances.

✔ It offers a full set of artefacts templates, guidelines and examples to help manage your projects, and is actively supported and fully documented (OpenPM² publications and Wiki).

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The OpenPM² Methodology helps establish a common project management language and approach and increases effectiveness, collaboration efficiency and success in the coordination of projects in the EU.

Business need

In line with the increasing need for a standardised and clear approach to project management, the OpenPM² initiative provides an open and free Project Management Methodology, including guidelines and working templates. Its aim is to help setting a common language and a way of working across country and organisational boundaries and across public and private sectors, as well as to increase transparency and collaboration efficiency.

Solution

PM² is a Project Management Methodology developed by the European Commission, but also used and sponsored by many EU institutions.

Its purpose is to enable project teams to manage their projects effectively and deliver solutions and benefits to their organisations and partners.

PM² has been developed to fit the needs and culture of EU and public Institutions, but also incorporates elements from a wide range of globally accepted best practices, standards and methodologies.

The result is an easy-to-implement methodology suitable for any type of project or organisation.

PM² provides:

- a project governance model
- a project lifecycle
- a set of management processes
- a set of templates
- a set of effective mindsets

The OpenPM² initiative, supported by the ISA² Programme, aims to bring the PM² Methodology and its benefits closer to partners and users beyond the original target group of European Commission Project Managers. These user groups include all European Institutions, Public Administrations in EU countries, Service Providers and EU Citizens.

OpenPM² facilitates successful implementation of projects and offers great potential to reduce cross-border and organisational collaboration barriers. It can act as a catalyst for the modernisation of European Public Administrations and increase project management maturity within the EU.

Users of OpenPM²

“OpenPM² is an easy-to-use project management methodology, both for public and private organisations. It fits the needs without being very complex and allows tailoring to different types and sizes of projects. When we settled the PMO in our IT Consulting Company, the adoption of the OpenPM² framework was a quick win in increasing the control of projects and clients’ satisfaction, as we profit from a simple but robust methodology that didn’t need a lot of tailoring and was easily understood and applied by all project managers.”

Ana Coelho, HAKKEN – PMO, Portugal

“OpenPM² is one of the rare open source standards in Project Management (PM), and among the most formal and complete. Its longevity and reach will soon span beyond the European Commission PM community, as new organizations seek to integrate its assets into new standards, such as the Business Technology Management (BTM) Body of Knowledge (BOK), to serve as professional certification and program accreditation standards.”

Stéphane Gagnon Ph.D, Université du Québec en Outaouais, Canada

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