

## Retrospective of the Volunteering Day 2018

All agile projects end with a retrospective and so does the Volunteering Day edition 2018. It definitely was agile and not waterfall otherwise we would probably still not have finished the preparations ☺. All-in-all the day went well and you can read below a summary of what happened below.

The day started at 8:30 AM with a cup of hot coffee as it is was freezing cold outside, a bit of networking and a happy reunion for some of our volunteers.

At 9 AM our president, Stéphane, kicked off the day with a warm welcome to everyone and a thank you for last year's efforts. This was immediately followed by a personal handout of the "Certificate of Volunteer Services" to all volunteers present who participated in a volunteering activity in 2017.

Three volunteers, Ioanna Stefanou, Inci Bolukbasi Dil and Michel Vanbrabant then gave a resume of their experience as a volunteer and what they got out of it.

Then it was time for the volunteering opportunities that are (still) waiting for volunteers to join: PMFair, Events (chapter and satellite), GROW and VDAB. Also some new initiatives were announced such as Community of Practice, Study Groups and NPS.

After one hour and a half of presentations, it was time for a short break, a cup of coffee and some networking. Questions were already asked, answers given and follow-up actions defined.

After the break, around 11 AM, Samuel Kinde gave a smashing presentation on the tooling that is available for the PMI Volunteers: the VRMS website and the Learning portal.

Then we split up the group in two: four registration desks were created for the different opportunities (PMFair, Events, VDAB and New Initiatives) and another group, GROW, went into a separate room for a speed dating exercise with the purpose to connect possible mentoring partners.

After lunch some practical points were recapped and all volunteers were thanked for their presence and their future involvement as a volunteer for the PMI Belgium Chapter. A special thanks was given from me to all the people who helped making this day a success. Around 2 PM the Volunteering Day ended.

For all those who were unable to attend, I would like to say you missed something, but the information is still available. The presentation of that day can be found using this link: <https://pmi-belgium.be/membership/other-documents#>. Any questions you might have on volunteering can be addressed to [volunteer@pmi-belgium.be](mailto:volunteer@pmi-belgium.be).

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