

PMI Luxembourg's September events

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Business Review has had the good fortune to be media partners with the Luxembourg section of PMI (the Project Management Institute) recently.

The Project Management Institute (PMI) is a worldwide non-profit organization aimed at professionalising project management by promoting its best practices. With more than 265,000 members in over 170 countries, PMI is the leading membership association for the project management profession. There are over 1500 PMI members in the Benelux region.



Lean Six Sigma speakers at the Sofitel 3rd September

Two well attended events; the 9th Benelux Day and a conference entitled, "Applying Lean Six Sigma to the Service Industry – a real methodology to sustain your competitive advantage," took place on the 27th & 30th September respectively.

9th Benelux Day.

"Het Godshuis", a majestic newly renovated 19th century monastery in Sint-Laureins, Belgium, hosted Benelux Day – a conference was jointly organised by the Project Management Institute (PMI) chapters in the Benelux region. The event was entitled "A Symphony of Knowledge" and gathered over 300 people in a unique learning and networking environment. The combination of sessions and leisure activities in a grand venue was a winning concept. The various sessions

focused on the 9 knowledge areas in project management advocated by the PMI (Scope, Time, Cost, Quality, Human Resources, Communication, Risk, Procurement and Integration) and for the first time, 3 distinguished speakers from Luxembourg, Hedda Pahlson-Moller, Jean Diederich and Sylvain Chery, held 4 sessions at the event providing an excellent opportunity to exchange Luxembourg's experience with their colleagues in the BeNe project management community. The 9th edition of the Benelux Day proved that good Project Management can be (and should be) successfully applied to every sector and that Project Management is a profession on the increase. Furthermore, Project Management can actually be fun, and it can be applied to your personal life!

Treat them "Lean" to keep them keen

"Applying Lean Six Sigma to the Services Industry – a real methodology to sustain your competitive advantage," was the title of the second event that took place at the Sofitel, Kirchberg on the 30th September. Not to be confused with Sigma 6, Lean Six Sigma is a business management strategy, originally developed by Motorola, which attempts to identify and remove the causes of defects and errors in manufacturing and other business processes. It does this by adhering to a set of quality management methods, including statistical methods, and sets up a specific infrastructure of people within a company, who are the designated experts in these methods. Therefore, each Six Sigma project carried out within an organisation follows a defined sequence of steps and has quanti-

fied financial target – cost reduction or profit increase (definition from Wikipedia).

The invited speakers of the event attempted to illustrate how Lean Six Sigma could benefit companies in Luxembourg. Robert Becker of the AIT Group made a presentation on, "How Lean Six Sigma accelerates your benefits," and Boris Modestus of Ulysses spoke about, "Individual capacity screening." Yves Back of Society Générale took the stand next show how Lean Six Sigma can, "Optimise the NAV process." BR hope to bring you more details of the discussions that took place following these presentations in our next issue, however, in the meantime they can be viewed by going to the PMI website mentioned below.

PMI Benelux Day:
www.pmiBeneluxday.org, PMI Luxembourg section: www.pmi.lu.