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## AGILE **SCRUM** Quick Start

Get your team sprinting  
in the right direction

*Are you considering to make the move to Agile Scrum project management, and asking yourself how to get your development team up and running with Scrum in a time- and cost-effective way?*

*The Scrum Quick Start of **ImprovementT** bundles Scrum training and coaching in a pragmatic on-site service, aiming at a fast and no-nonsense introduction of the Scrum way of working in your team under supervision of a qualified Scrum coach.*



### **Learning on the Job**

The Scrum Quick Start service will help to start the transition to the Scrum way of working in a timely and cost-effective fashion. Instead of delegating selected team members to an outdoor Scrum training, you will have an experienced Scrum master on board who will provide all the support needed for a swift and successful on-site introduction of Scrum.

Based on the principle of *learning on the job*, Scrum Quick Start is targeted at minimizing the risk for ongoing projects and maximizing the achievement of tangible results of the Scrum approach in your own environment.

### **A High Performing Scrum Team**

The Scrum Quick Start service includes all necessary support, training and coaching by the **ImprovementT** Scrum coach to turn your development team into a high-performing Scrum team within a short period of time.

Major deliverable of the Scrum Quick Start service is the empowerment of your team and the 'Agility' of the organization, achieved by:

- implementation of the Scrum practices;
- support of teammembers in their daily work;
- coaching of your candidate Scrum master;
- pointing out potential sources of waste;
- proposals for productivity improvements;
- optimized alignment with business goals;



### **Successful Adoption of Scrum**

The foundation of the Agile Scrum approach is *adaptability*, contrasting with the conventional view based on *predictability*. Hardly surprising, this change in perspective may evoke some scepticism with respect to the advantages of the Scrum approach. The combined expertise of the **ImprovementT** Scrum coach as system architect, team coach and certified Scrum master will give you an advantage for a smooth adoption of the Scrum way of working.

## Roll-Out Plan

High-performing Scrum teams don't just happen. Especially in a *non-Agile environment*, the introduction of Scrum is a venture based on careful consideration and adjustment.

The Scrum Quick Start is based on a well-balanced *roll-out plan* for the implementation of Scrum in your organization, put together under supervision of the Scrum coach. The target of this roll-out plan is to provide early visibility and feedback. Therefore, the Scrum Quick Start can be conceived as a *Scrum pilot* for your organization.

The Scrum Quick Start is designed as a time-boxed service of *4 weeks*, including preparatory activities and completion of the first sprint. The Scrum coach will gradually transfer responsibilities to the candidate Scrum master in your own organization.

During the closing *retrospective*, an annotated backlog for further adaptation of Scrum in your organization will be provided.



## Expectations and Preparations

Although a certain level of maturity in the team is an advantage, the Scrum Quick Start service doesn't require specific preparation or previous training of your staff. Actually, the only conditions are openness to adopt a challenging approach in system development, and eagerness to become more effective as an engineer and to grow as a team.

The Scrum Quick Start service comprises the workshop 'Get Going With Agile' that will have project managers and team members quickly get their mind around the essentials of Lean & Agile system/software development and the practicalities of the Scrum approach.

## Typical Activities

Although the Scrum Quick Start service is presented by a certified Scrum Master, it doesn't include a formal certification course.



With the Scrum coach as on-site supervisor, mentor and consultant, typical activities during the Scrum Quick Start include:

- Construction of the initial *product backlog* by the product owner and candidate scrum master, in consultation with stakeholders;
- Alignment of the *effort estimation* and the *prioritization* of the product backlog items with the overall project planning & requirements;
- Facilitation of planning sessions for the first *sprint*, including the setup of the taskboard;
- Daily scrums, dealing with *impediments*;
- Adjustment of Scrum practices with your business, corporate culture, type of customer contracts and/or prevailing regulations, etc.

## What is the investment?

The Scrum Quick Start service comprises the part-time involvement of the **ImprovementT** Scrum coach for period of 4 weeks. The Scrum Quick Start service is offered as a fixed-price activity, requiring an investment of € 4.950,- including the Workshop 'Get Going with Agile', hand-outs, a Scrum primer, a concise Scrum master guide and all other supporting material, excluding VAT and travel expenses.

## Are you interested?

Please contact **ImprovementT** for more information, or make an appointment for an introductory and exploratory conversation.

At your service,  
Erik Philippus