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## Workshop Get Going with Agile

Taking advantage of the Lean & Agile mindset

*You are faced with both the need for high-speed delivery and with business requirements that are rapidly changing as well. Hearing the success stories of the Agile approach, you may wonder whether a more Agile way of working would be also profitable in your situation. Perhaps you are convinced of the potential benefits of this new paradigm already, but you need to win over doubtful colleagues. Or your development team must grasp the essentials of the Agile body of thought in order to make an effective transition.*



*If you are looking for a pragmatic introduction to the fundamentals of the Agile approach and the benefits for your organization, the Workshop 'Get Going with Agile' offered by **Improvement** is the choice to consider. In order to have a maximum output, this interactive, one-day in-house workshop is tailored to give the answers you're looking for, by incorporation of relevant case history taken directly from your own domain.*

### **The essence of the Agile way of working**

The traditional software development approach is based on linear thinking, deterministic models, prescriptive (or even bureaucratic) processes and standardized, unvarying practices. The Agile approach embodies the notion of *dynamic stability* in the creation of large, highly complicated, multi-disciplinary software-intensive systems. Agile helps to create an adaptive culture in which change and uncertainty are assumed to be the natural state.

According to the Agile principles, satisfying the customer has the highest priority. This implies that active customer participation is of vital importance. Always providing best value for money is a key driver. Product growth is seen as feature growth, not as size and/or complexity growth. The Agile way of working is based on a team effort, and includes many practices to empower development teams as your major asset.

### **What is the goal of the Agile approach?**

The focus of the Agile approach is to strip away the overhead and all other non-value adding activities, in order to create quality products and do it quickly. The key business objective of Agile is to deliver customer value today *and* creating an adaptable product for tomorrow. This requires a mindset that fosters continuous innovation, in a demanding environment with reduced delivery schedules to meet market windows.

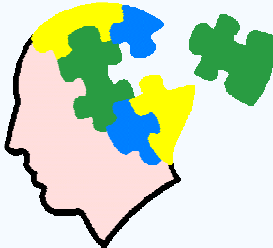
Ultimately, the measurable goal of Agile is to build change-tolerant software systems with one-third the human effort, one-third the development hours and one-third the investment as compared to what a CMM Level 3 organization would achieve.

## What is on the agenda of the workshop?

The workshop starts with an overview of relevant historical examples of Lean Manufacturing, to lay the foundation for a introduction of present-day Agile & Lean practices in the creation of software-intensive systems. The workshop comprises also an overview of the different development methodologies that are found under the Agile umbrella. The Agile Scrum project management method will be covered in detail.

As an outstanding feature, the workshop includes a number of tailor-made exercises based on a casus derived from your own work environment. The goal of these exercises is to illustrate the difference between the traditional way of working and a more lean solution for common problems.

During the workshop, many practical challenges will be covered, such as Scrum for multidisciplinary teams, potential sources of waste including non-utilized talents, combining effective software quality management and an agile way of working, the role of architecture, combining an Agile approach with traditional fixed-price/fixed-scope contracts, etc.



## What is the deliverable of the workshop?

After finishing the workshop, participants will:

- comprehend the fundamental principles of the Lean and Agile way of working;
- have a grasp of essentials and pragmatics of Agile Architecting;
- clearly understand all vital elements of the Scrum method for Agile project management;
- have the keys for a successful introduction of the Agile way of working in his/her own (non-Agile) working environment.

## Who will give the workshop?



The Workshop 'Get Going with Agile' is presented by Erik Philippus, founder of **ImprovementT** BV, member of the Agile Alliance and Certified Scrum Master/Practitioner™.

Ing. Erik Philippus combines three decades of hands-on experience in software engineering in a variety of projects and roles, with expertise in coaching techniques (TOP-coach), trainer skills (Masterclass Agile Architecting) and competences in Architecting, Quality-driven System Development, Lean Manufacturing and Agile Scrum.



## What is the investment?

The Workshop 'Get Going with Agile' is offered as an in-house, one-day interactive training. The intended audience consists of system engineers, software developers, project leaders, architects and managers. The workshop can be scaled from 10-20 persons.

The overall investment for the in-house workshop is € 1.495,- excluding VAT, but including preparatory activities such as intake and elaboration of your specific case history, a booklet with background information and hand-outs for all participants.

The Workshop 'Get Going with Agile' is also part of the *Scrum Quick Start*, another Agile-related service offered by **ImprovementT**.

## Are you interested?

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

At your service,  
Erik Philippus

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