

## **Project Management in Spain:**

### **Monthly report**

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### **PMI Madrid Chapter never stops**

I'm very proud to see how PMI Madrid Chapter is still growing (1717 members) not only about membership but in the amount of activities they do. Among those Chapter activities we can mention:

- Webinar on June 9th. "Life cycle and processes groups" delivered by José Ochoa.
- Webinar on June 23rd. "How to sell risk Management inside organizations" delivered by Isaac Olalla.
- **A Project Management Encounter** was celebrated dealing with Interim Management from different perspectives. The attendees could know in detail what is Interim Management and its trends either in Spain and the rest of Europe. The PMI Madrid Chapter thanks to the Interim Management Spanish Association (AIME) their Support making happen that event; getting more than 300 attendees, sponsors and volunteers efforts made the event possible.

The "PMI CyL Branch" has had a very intensive activity organizing the workshop "**Put your innovation's attitude on shape**" driven by Carmen Alonso Ramos (@carmengal) and Maravillas Carazo San José ([@maracarazo](https://twitter.com/maracarazo)).

In terms of outreach, the Chapter closed an agreement with the **PMI Rome Italy Chapter** to announce their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Chapter and the events that they will promote based on that:

- Webinar on July 22nd. "The importance of Performance Evaluation: A project Management perspective" delivered by Carlos González Jardón. A Spanish Chapter collaboration's initiative.
- The Chapter monthly meeting.

Please move forward!

TODAY IS A GOOD DAY! to work on the benefit of our profession.

## Summer slowdown business activities in Spain

I never found enough arguments to justify it but the truth is that from July 15<sup>th</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup> business and project activities slow down in Spain. Some years ago we could justify it because during August most of companies went on vacations. Those vacations lasting three or four weeks that never returned again, those vacations that allowed you to disconnect from your business activities and come back to work with enough energy to restart again all the needed activities.

But twenty first century changed everything, World has changed. Most of people are taking no more than one or two weeks of vacations, and along the year, so what happens? There is no money, financial crisis is still affecting us. Then, what is the cause? We need to work more, to produce more, to sell more and to manage better. We have more and more projects to manage, and many professionals do not know how to do it well. Are we closer and closer to politicians, not being able either to make agreements or make decisions?

We, as "Project Managers", can and need to do more to change that behaviors. We, as Spain, are very close to the Greek situation, we cannot fall sleep. Project Management philosophy is based on proactivity, is based on dreaming and trying to convert those dreams into reality. Let's do it is my message this month we have ended. Recharge your batteries as earliest as possible and come back to the fight because TODAY IS A GOOD DAY to change our habits, our projects, our businesses and the way in which we manage them.

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