

## Project Management Report from Belgium



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## Fall Edition – 2016

This *PM World Journal Belgium* Fall edition is full of events, information, experiences and best practices from my PM experiences in Belgium. On a great positive note, we have started an informal network called Pint of PM, with the goal of connecting Project Managers in Belgium, which is taking off and even sparked the attention of Chairman of PMI, Antonio-Nieto Rodriguez – who participated as a keynote speaker!

Now with Halloween just around the corner it's time to get out those some spooky costumes. Why not dress us up as the scary Project Manager... the one feared by all Project Team members.....



**Wishing you a HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

## Linkedin Publication Series – Project Leadership

I would like to share with you an article that I have been working on for the last few weeks about Project Leadership. Not only has leadership recently become a trendy business topic, it's also become arguably one of the most important traits for project success. But what exactly makes a good leader? Is there a standard definition of leadership? And what does it mean for us as Project Managers? Check out the following link and take the leap to Project Leadership: <http://bit.ly/2e0Mwz4>



## Being a PRINCE2 Trainer!

PRINCE2 (short for Projects in Controlled Environments) is a project management methodology. PRINCE2 is a de facto standard used extensively by the UK Government and is widely recognised and used in the private sector, both in the UK and internationally. It is with great pleasure that I would like to announce that I have been accredited to teach PRINCE2 as an official trainer via PEOPLECERT. I must say that I have really enjoyed giving my first PRINCE2 trainings in Brussels. Not only is it a meaningful experience of sharing best practices with young professionals, but a challenge to communicate the methodology in an effective and efficient manner for the students to pass the examination at the end of the course.



## Project Manager of the Year - 2016

The IPMA Young PM and PM Award is awarded annually to recognize and motivate young professional project managers around the world. It recognizes rising talent in the project and program management industries by honoring young project managers for their accomplishments early in their careers. These honorees have demonstrated invaluable impact to both their profession and their companies, and are on the fast track to becoming influential project leaders on an international scale. I was honoured with the young PM award in 2013, for a project that I delivered with the Junior Chambre International (JCI). It was a volunteer project with the objective to provide feedback, inspiration and practical tools for young people with were unemployed in the aftermaths of the global economic crisis. Since then I have also been part of the yearly Global IPMA Jury to select future winners, which has been a great honour! This year's winner will be announced at the IPMA Poland Conference in Warsaw on 17-18 November 2016.

**Achievement Awards**

Category  
Project Manager  
of the Year

**Finalists 2016**  
in alphabetical order

-  Laszlo Balaton, Hungary
-  Gert Kostermans, The Netherlands
-  Shen Minghua, China
-  Jon Riddett, Australia

Type of Award	Award for individual project management achievement.
This category recognises	3&D degree evidence of proven individual project excellence.
Potential stakeholders	Project managers.
Examples	Project manager of a successful project.
Age	no age limit.

**IPMA**  
International  
Project  
Management  
Association

## PMI Rome 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Congress (October 2016)

I had the pleasure to participate in the 20th anniversary celebration of the PMI Rome Italy Chapter in Rome on 6th and 7th of October 2016, which took place in the Frentani Conference Center. PMI Rome Italy Chapter operates in central Italy with the objective of spreading Project Management culture and helping professionals develop their careers by organizing professional events and webinars. The event was professionally organized, brought together many chapters in Italy and is an example of Project Management for other PMI Chapters!



## PMDay Kiev (September 2016)

I had the honour to participate in the Kyiv Project Management Day 2016, which is the biggest event for project managers in Ukraine. The sixth conference was on September, 24. Almost 400 IT project managers from all over the country attend the conference. More than 30 speakers shared their experience with the participants!



## PM Spring (April 2016)

I had the honour to participate in PMSpring in Lithuania, which was an exclusive day with 10 Speakers and 250 PM's. It took place on April 22, 2016 with a conference filled with current sector topics, presentations, workshop, real life case studies, discussions, fun and networking events. The core focus of the conference was to hear the voice of project management professionals. I was impressed by the caliber and energy of the Project Managers in Lithuania, not only being in touch with the latest trends and updates in project management, but also with an impressive lineup of keynote speakers and influential PM leaders – great job!



## Launch of Pint of PM Initiative in Belgium

I am delighted to announce that we have launched a one-of-a-kind networking event in Belgium called *Pint of PM*. This event brings together Project Managers and Young PM Professionals in Brussels with the goal of sharing best practices, networking and simply enjoying a pint of beer in good company! The event takes place at Beermania in Brussels located at Chaussée de Wavre 174-176 and the evening programme is the following:



**19h00 - 19h30:** Networking activities

**19h00 - 19h30:** Keynote presentation (TEDx style)

**19h30-22h00:** Networking, Beer and Frites!

We have already welcomed 5 speakers to the event, and it has been a great success! Please see below the bios and topics of the speakers who have presented:

**Pint of PM**  
Nov at 19h00  
Connecting Project Managers  
featuring  
**Laurent Kummer, PMP**  
The International Standard ISO21500 on Project Management  
Location: Beer Mania, Chaussée de Wavre 174  
Entrance: Free of Charge (limited capacity)

**Pint of PM**  
Sept 15 at 19h00  
Connecting Project Managers  
featuring  
**Antonio Nieto-Rodriguez**  
Project Management: from tactical to strategic competency  
Location: Beer Mania, Chaussée de Wavre 174  
Entrance: Free of Charge (limited capacity)

**Pint of PM**  
June 23rd at 19h00  
Connecting Project Managers  
featuring  
**Frank Turley (aka PRINCE2 Guy)**  
The Best Kept Secret for Getting Project Management Experience  
Location: Beer Mania, Chaussée de Wavre 174  
Entrance: Free of Charge (limited capacity)

**Pint of PM**  
Oct 19th at 19h00  
Connecting Project Managers  
featuring  
**Patrick Kamba, PMP**  
PMO: more than just an Office of Project Managers  
Location: Beer Mania, Chaussée de Wavre 174  
Entrance: Free of Charge (limited capacity)

**Pint of PM**  
Aug 24th at 19h00  
Connecting Project Managers  
featuring  
**Erik Leung Shun, PMP**  
Tomorrow's Project Leader: The Project Designer  
Location: Beer Mania, Chaussée de Wavre 174  
Entrance: Free of Charge (limited capacity)

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Connecting Project Managers

## About the Author



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