

## **Preparing Decision Makers for the Real Projectified World**

PM RESEARCH NEWS

### ***Southampton Graduate Student seeks participants for dissertation research***

23 July 2018 – Southampton, the UK – Ismail Kürtük, a graduate student at the University of Southampton in the UK and a research intern for the PM World Library, needs participants for a research project he is conducting in support of his dissertation. Below is information provided by Ismail. If you are a project manager with at least a year' experience in any industry in the UK, please consider helping him out. The copy of the research result will be given, if the participants will require. There is no time limit to join this research however it would be really helpful for the researcher if you can attend as soon as possible.

**Study Title:** Preparing Decision Makers for the Real Projectified World

**Researcher Name:** Ismail Can Kürtük

***Please read this information carefully before deciding to take part in this research. It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you are happy to participate you will be asked to sign a consent form.***



### **What is the research about?**

Managing a project is a complex process, so the person who wants to manage projects successfully needs soft skills that are interpersonal ability, technical competencies and cognitive ability, along with understanding the conditions and people and then dynamically combining with suitable leadership behaviours (Baroudi and Pant, 2008). Moreover, Brown and Bowen said that organizations are increasingly anticipating from the delegates who are studying project management education to cogitate developments of their soft skills (2009).

Accordingly, making decisions is one of the necessary soft skills for project managers. Virine and Trumper (2008) described that decision making is a necessary skill for project management that can be enhanced by training. Therefore, it can be provided to improve the quality of project management thanks to giving more importance to the education of decision making. *In this context, the aimed research is to explore the current state of decision making in project management education and the expectations of the business world about the decision making. The researcher aims to provide proper study for improving decision making education in*

*the PM context regarding explored necessities for improving decision making quality thanks to interviews.*

### **Why have I been asked to participate?**

The main component of this research is your experience. Because the researcher will determine potential business needs of decision making regarding your comments and insights.

### **What will happen to me if I take part?**

If you accept to take a part in the research, the researcher will carry out an online interview with you. I will ask several questions about the decision-making process that you have been facing in the business world to discover your comments and insights. In case of need, a second round of the interview will be also carried out.

### **Are there any benefits to my taking part?**

This research doesn't offer any individual benefit. However, a potential benefit of this study is that the results of the research will contribute knowledge about decision making.

### **Are there any risks involved?**

The only risk of this research is the slight possibility of psychological discomfort or distress you can feel. Please immediately inform the researcher if you feel any kind of discomfort, to avoid or to arrange relevant precaution.

### **Will my participation be confidential?**

First, this research will comply with the Data Protection Act/University policy. Accordingly, data from interviews will be stored in an encrypted cloud account provided by the university until the end of the study. Also, only the researcher will be able to access these data. That should be said that there will be no any identifiable and private information collected within this study. **Please be aware that this research would result linked anonymity due to the transaction period and so, participants can be identified through the coded data.**

### **What should I do if I want to take part?**

Please immediately contact the researcher via email (Ismail Can Kurtuk - [ick1y17@soton.ac.uk](mailto:ick1y17@soton.ac.uk) )

### **What happens if I change my mind?**

You have the right to withdraw at any time. However, please note that fully anonymous data (e.g. anonymous questionnaires) cannot be withdrawn after they

have been submitted. Please also be aware that the data collected up to the point of withdrawal will be destroyed.

**What will happen to the results of the research?**

The researcher will use the obtained data in his dissertation. Furthermore, it could be used in the further studies.

**Where can I get more information?**

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**What happens if something goes wrong?**

In case of concern or complaint, please immediately contact with Research Integrity and Governance Manager via 023 8059 5058 or [rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk](mailto:rgoinfo@soton.ac.uk).