

Project Management in Spain: Monthly report ¹

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A message of hope for the Project Manager

This summer, high temperature, COVID-19 infections, and the big amount of people being fired as project managers, are getting the uncertainty growing about our professional future. We do not know what will be happening in September. Some of us want to think positively but many daily bad news are stressing us.

From PMI Madrid Chapter, through her president (Susana Moreno), we have received a message of optimism and we need to believe in ourselves. The PMI Madrid Chapter offers job opportunities to their Project professionals. That Chapter continues to organize frequent “webinars” to keep their PMI membership informed, together and hopeful. In Spain we say that “when bad times come you need to show good face”. That means to be positive when facing tough situations. We cannot forget that if before the pandemic we had many projects to manage, during and after the pandemic have arisen and will arise more challenging

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projects to be managed. We must remind ourselves that the project manager role has been, is and will be crucial for business development and social good.

We should take advantage of this summer to rest some days in order to re-start the rest of the year with much energy, to positively infect with positive attitude our peers, colleagues, bosses, managers and customers by convincing them that together we can drive our country to a better situation. My preferred sentence "TODAY IS A GOOD DAY!" comes now reinforced by the sentence "TOMORROW WILL BE BETTER!", and even when it is not depending only from us, what is true is that we can add something to achieve a better nation, country, continent and world.

From here I want to share with you my suggestions:

1. Read a book one hour per day (preferable not PM related)
2. Change your activity during some days without thinking about your projects
3. Spend some time with your family
4. Be grateful to God, nature or whatever (Today is a Good day!)
5. Think about who you will be able to help after your vacations
6. Remember that you are excellent, you can do more for your peers, colleagues
7. Believe that TOMORROW WILL BE BETTER, and it will happen
8. Everything is temporal, this pandemic will pass
9. Try to be more and more complete as a project manager, by developing your PM skills
10. Develop your Passion, Persistence and Patience



La Puerta del Sol (Madrid downtown)

From here our best wishes of success to the PMI Madrid Chapter Board of Directors, with Susana Moreno as president, during these difficult and challenging times where maintaining the enthusiasm and proximity among membership is a challenge to address. From here my best wishes of success as a PMI Chapter.

As the “Puerta del Sol” is the Kilometer “zero”, starting point from Madrid to the different Spanish communities, I suggest all project managers to synchronize their achievement’s counter to “zero” as soon as they end their vacations and re-start with strength and energy their new dreams to be converted into real and successful projects. Please remember that excellence starts with trying to do things better than yesterday. You can do it. Go for it!...

TOMORROW WILL BE BETTER!

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