

Project Management in Spain: Monthly report¹ End of October 2020



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The Virtual Service to the PMI Madrid Spain Chapter Membership

This month I had the opportunity to contact again, virtual as mandatory now, to Susana Moreno, PMI Madrid Chapter presidente and she gave me her opinion about the current situation. Some days later I received her monthly letter to the PMI Madrid Chapter members, what I can explain you as follows.

New scenarios are influencing on the way our **TEAMS** are working, and more important, how we communicate each other. We meet our colleagues, customers, through a screen or chatting most part of our time. However this type of channels provoking that, in those days in which when we are maintaining the 10th virtual meeting of the day, for example, we are so tired that de do not take care of the forms or even of the message, and we are provoking some misunderstandings or being a victim of them. Does it sound familiar to you?

We need to be adapted as soon as possible to this new digital era where the nonverbal language decreases parttime or full time, and nevertheless is fundamental when we are getting across any message because it adds a lot of nonverbalized information that we do not perceive when we prefer switch off the camera, staying too static, or we only communicate through the chat. Because of that we need to be especially careful and guarantee a perfect messages emission and reception from all of us, by adapting our discourse to each channel, person and situation now more than ever. Because we must not

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forget that one of the main causes of team issues and problems will be bad or poor communication.

PMI Madrid Chapter carry out all their initiatives and projects through a large group of volunteers. Because of geographical dispersion and other Chapters' collaboration, our communications and activities have been adapted from some time ago to that need and demand of "growing virtuality". But "face to face" always had a big importance for all of us, because it guarantees a more complete interaction. Because of that we have provoked it in many activities, including our annual Volunteers' meeting. We want all, regardless the type of initiative they participate, being able to meet each other, sharing experiences, generating synergies and new contacts. This year we will not be able to do it face to face, as it is happening with the rest of activities like the [#VOSSE2020](#), [Agora](#), workshops, etc. that have been adapted to this extraordinary situation. But all the dynamics and activities that will be done virtually in this session, have been especially chosen to be able to know each other as that unique **TEAM** that build and push forward our Chapter. Then, if you are a volunteer you cannot miss the IV Volunteers' meeting.



Clean streets and with restrictions are affecting us in Madrid in a daily basis as in others cities over the world. But we are sure everything will pass and the face to face Project Management will come back again.

Pandemic times need the use of these tools that are allowing us to work, communicate and participate regardless the location where we are. Those tools and methods will live with face to face activities that we will re-start again, because we are now aware of its value. It is one of reason because we maintain our participation and collaboration, with the "[European Chapter Collaboration](#)", and some agreements with other allied Chapters in Latin America

such as the recently renewed agreements with [Buenos Aires](#), [Córdoba](#), [Nuevo Cuyo](#) and Uruguay [Montevideo](#) chapters. Because they will continue allowing our members, to participate virtually, and the most important, face to face, our activities, in the case of staying temporary in those countries.

We will meet back, no doubt at all. Then, from our Chapter and although it will be possible only virtually so far, as a TEAM and using the available digital means, many volunteers will continue working on promoting Project Management. Because of that I do not want to say bye but asking you that if you know any particular member that deserves our recognition because of his/her contribution, please nominate him/her before November 8th 2020 for the Best Volunteer Award.

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