

Project Management in Spain: Monthly report

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PMI Madrid Spain Chapter 2020 Summary

This year is ending. Most of us wish this year 2020 to finish because it has not been a good year for anyone. Unfortunately, bad moments have been happening almost all the time. However, our brain has the rare ability to diminish the effects of adverse events and sometimes erase those bad moments over time, to help us be less affected by them. In any case, we must focus on the positive and on the lessons learned during 2020.

We had the opportunity to read the message from the PMI Madrid Chapter's President, Susana Moreno, and I want to share it with you in this monthly report:

It has not been an easy year, absolutely not. Neither for our PMI Madrid Chapter, but I believe (Susana says) that the resulting balance has been positive. We must not be focused only on actual process results. Still, also on the positive intangible impact, they could generate because it has been a challenging year, with plenty of learning and walking together despite physical distance. This year we have added value to others in a responsible way. We did it through several activities that we could facilitate, despite difficulties and sharing knowledge, helping others be better innovative and change generators. Those actions have placed us as a referent in project management.

We are aware of Project Management to understand how to add value through projects, lead in a more inclusive, in different contexts, transform some ideas into reality, and break the "status quo" when reality drives. This year we have celebrated significant events as the "[First Women Congress of Project Management](#)," the "[XVII Annual Congress, dedicated to \"Digital Transformation Project Manager](#)," and together with all Spanish Chapters the

["Open Space Summer Edition #VOSSE2020"](#) and the ["12º Day of Social Project Management"](#).

We have facilitated [webinars](#) on subjects on [Lean Construction](#), [People Analytics](#), Eolic Energy, [Construction IPD](#), [PMI-BA](#), Virtual team management, Remote work tools, and Business models. The Super Robot 10 program told us how Project management achieved some incredible challenges during the pandemic worst moments. We also delivered other virtual events, generated and dispatched from our "branches" and interest teams.



It is essential to remind us that we could run those events because of our members' and sponsors' financial contribution. The value of each membership fee of each sponsor is much more than the services delivered and PDUs earned. It is also to know that you can contribute to the responsibility of getting our profession growing up. And I believe that, as a professional association, we all made enough contribution this year, sharing our knowledge when needed and spreading the importance of using methodologies to achieve better project management in more and more complex contexts. Because of that, we thank all the people that joined us for the first time in 2020. We also thank all members that once more years had decided to continue with us supporting our mission.

During the last days of the year, we usually reflect upon the past and the future. Please, be focused on the positive, and if you are setting up your 2021 objectives, think about being a PMI Madrid Chapter volunteer and be part of the team who moves this Chapter. But first of all, enjoy these days with your families and friends, even with masks on your faces. This year we have learned that there are other options to listening, hearing, and sharing with others despite the current circumstances. Take advantage of all resources you have available, and please do not stop enjoying the people around you.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS and HAPPY 2021!

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