

## **Project Management in Spain: Monthly report** End of June 2021



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### **The Survival of Project Management Professional Bodies**

Even when business and personal times are complicated, project management professionals stay together to move forward and support all the PM Spanish association members. Webinars, interviews, virtual coffees, and monthly presentations are some of the PMI Spanish Chapters' activities.

More and more project management professionals are becoming familiar with virtual tools because we need them to move forward. If we summarized the number of activities delivered by PMI Spanish Chapters this year, for sure, we would be filling more than one page. My observation looking at PMI Spanish Chapters events and activities is that "EVERY DAY IS A GREAT DAY" because we all inspire each other to move forward. However, it is incredible the number of companies that stopped or postponed their portfolio of projects. Through PM Spanish Chapters, we are injecting resilience, passion, persistence, and patience to survive and start new social projects and young initiatives to motivate, for instance, the University graduates who cannot find a job.

This month I had the opportunity to deliver a presentation titled "The PM Pandemic skills". It took 50 minutes, and we got the attention of more than 130 people online. And people not only listened but asked questions and shared opinions. It was delightful for me to see the people's interaction online. That's great, and people are becoming more confident with our virtual tools; even some of them shared some jokes to provoke some smiling faces. People are switching their video cameras more and more, which is a "sign of progression."

All of you perfectly know that we, as project managers, need to manage the changes, the uncertainty, the complexity, and we all are here, still together; what is great news.

PMI Madrid Spain Chapter is inviting and positively provoking the rest of the Spanish Chapters to run virtual events together and celebrate the seventh edition of the PMBOK. We are ready to receive and start using that new edition. We must begin by educating organizations in using the PM Principles, speaking to executives, and seeding the basis for creating a better and better context for the project and organizational success.



I have chosen this image to use a metaphor: Cibeles is handling the lions in a successful path. Cibeles has a crown, a project manager, and the lions are her project team and project stakeholders. Every project manager should act as they wear a peak in their head to accomplish project success.

**TOMORROW WILL BE BETTER!**

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