

On the misuse of project management discipline in the Ukraine war¹

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Dear David,

I fully second the passionate letter written by Antonio Nieto-Rodriguez just published on PMWJ and on ISIPM site, too.

Below I write my comments about that:

- **Ethics in project management discipline**

You may manage a so evil project like the subject one, but all the standards about ethics in PM clearly forbid a professional person to be responsible for that. Therefore, I ask for a mandatory and immediate dismissal from any international PM associations of everybody from invading countries, who were somehow (even slightly) involved in the PM of the war, unless they officially declare to not agree with the war purpose. I wonder whether it should be also considered applicable for any members of the other Countries that not approved (in the UNO meeting) the war: they account for more than half of world population!

- **Weapons supply to Ukraine army**

We should recall that in the II° World War the civilians from many occupied Countries, who want to rebel against Nazis, were supported by the Allied Armies, including weapons supply and intelligence info (both ways). In Italy these heroes were called “partisans of the resistance”, being main actors of large cities liberation (e.g.: Milan, Turin, Naples) and Fascist head (“duce” Mussolini) capture and shooting. Did it have a counterpart cost in terms of human lives? Yes, not only Partisans, but also many innocent people, as in Sant’Anna di Stazzema (560 persons, whole families), in Marzabotto (1.830 persons), Fosse Ardeatine in Rome (335 civilian and military Italians, political prisoners, Jews or common prisoners), and so on.

Therefore, army supplying to Ukraine people will have a cost? Awfully yes, but which is the alternative choice? A free Country must choose its destiny, and Ukraine desperately asks for effective weapons! If you recall, the song “Bella Ciao”, the hymn of Resistance, was often sang by Ukraine impromptu choirs ...

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- **Sponsor of Back to Peace Project**

According to Antonio's letter, both EU and NATO are not yet effectively acting, beside any honest intent. May the UNO organization be a more effective sponsor of a peace project? It should, but I am not so confident (see above). Therefore, especially EU and UK must act more purposefully in financial matters, as it looks in the last few days. I understand that NATO and USA have to be more prudent: an atomic war is the overwhelming deterrent! Have we to hope in China?

Please keep well!

ми всі українці !
(We are all Ukrainians!)

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