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## Project Excellence is Dead Long Live the Tailor Made PMO



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#### Welcome and Introduction

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- Why is this topic relevant?
- Important criteria to look for when tailoring your PMO
- How to do it?
- Examples of PMO activities tailored to the company
- Benefits of tailoring the PMO activities?

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#### Hans Arnbjerg

- Founder and CEO of Project Governance APS
- 25 years of experience within the P3O area
- Has held all of the following positions:
  - Functional head
  - Head of PMO
  - Steering committee chairman
  - Senior project and program manager
  - Department manager



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Founder of the PMO Manager practitioner education

# Project Excellence is Dead Long Live the Tailor Made PMO

# Relevance MUST come before excellence

## Why is this topic relevant?

#### Dilemmas observed regarding PMOs

- PMOs are developed based on literature and an academic thinking (Perry, 2009)
- Few considerations are made regarding the specific environment in which the company operates as well as company culture, company products and other company or industry specific aspects (Gartner Inc, 2008), (Perry, 2009)
- The PMO is not connected to the overall strategy (McBorrough, 2012), (Perry, 2009)
- The PMO is focusing too much on process and methods (McBorrough, 2012), (ESI, 2012), (Perry, 2009)
- The PMO attempts to solve "world hunger" (McBorrough, 2012)
- The PMO is too inwardly focused (Perry, 2009) (ESI, 2012)
- The PMO is not sufficiently measuring and making the value of its activities and services visible (ESI, 2012 +2015)
- One size does not fit all (Gartner, 2008 + 2014) (Taylor 2011)
- > PMO staff are more mature that other parts of the company and "knows" what is best for the company (Ward and Illingworth, 2013)

Little impact on the remaining part of the organisation Little or no ligitimacy of the PMO among important managers

#### Why PMO's Fail

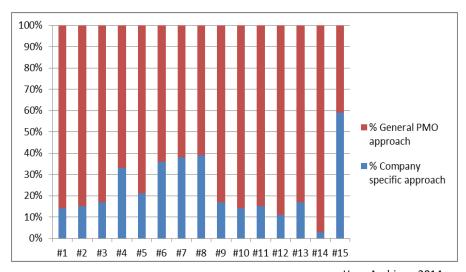
86% of (PMO) organizations under-deliver on the value of their projects by at least 25% and the main reason being that selection/evaluation criteria are not in place. (ESI, 2015)

Most PMOs are not seen to add value...?

 What has the PMO ever done for us? Senior managers are asking this in 72% of PMO cases.... What about your PMO? (ESI, 2015)

Average survival rate of PMO's are approx. 3 years (Gartner 2010, Arnbjerg 2014, + many others

#### Company Specific Approach vs General



Hans Arnbjerg, 2014

#### Does the PMO have a Strategy?

Company #	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12	#13	#14	#15	Total
Strategy paper with	5	, D	VQC	5	20	20	VQQ	2	20	no	5	2	, D	5	, D	10=no
vision and mission	2	yes	) D	2	2	2	) D	2	2	10	2	2	y	2	yes	10-110
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deliverables only	yes	110	2	yes	110	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	12=yes

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#### Time to Raise your Hand:

- How many of you are working in some kind of a PMO? Show green if yes
- How many of you have PMO strategy formally signed and agreed to by top management? Show green if yes
- How many of you have PMO charter? Show green if yes
- How many of you are in the process of developing a PMO charter? Show yellow if yes

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#### Summary: Why Tailoring your PMO Activities?

- All companies have specific characteristics
- One size does not fit all
- To be a respected partner
- You depend on your colleagues
- To facilitate implementation
- You need upper and line management support

A unique opportunity to think: OUTSIDE – IN

(from out side the PMO into the PMO)

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## Room for Improvement



# Which criteria should you look for when tailoring your PMO activities?

### Company specific approach, how?

Company specific aspect	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12	#13	#14	#15	SUM
Product specific adaptations	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	14
Industri specific aspects	1		1	1			1	1	1		1	1	1	1		10
Regulatory aspects				1			1	1			1					4
Low maturity						1				1			1	1		4
Owner and governance structure		1			1		1				1					4
Finance process	1		1								1					3
Value/supply chain aspects				1					1						1	3
Marked drivers				1		1									1	3
Public political aspects			1										1			2
Frontloading				1							1					2
Company specific culture											1		1			2
SUM	3	2	4	6	2	3	4	3	3	2	7	1	5	3	3	

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## Company specific approach, additional criteria to be considered:

Turn to the person sitting next to you and discuss briefly:

Which criteria would you consider when developing your PMO activities to fit your company?

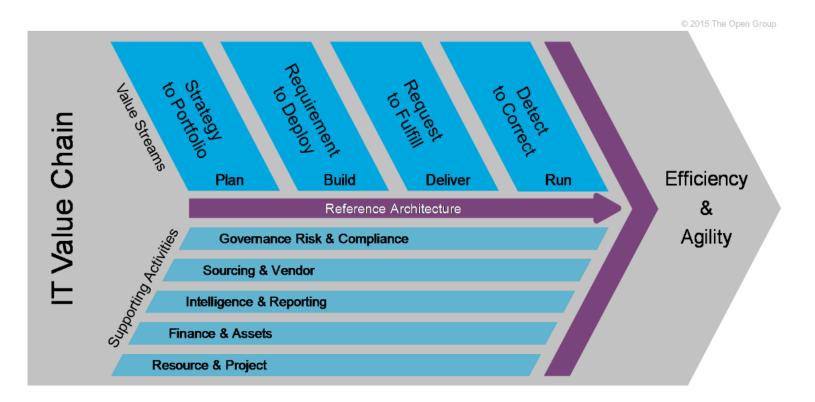
# How to tailor your PMO activities?

# Important keywords describing your company and surrounding environment

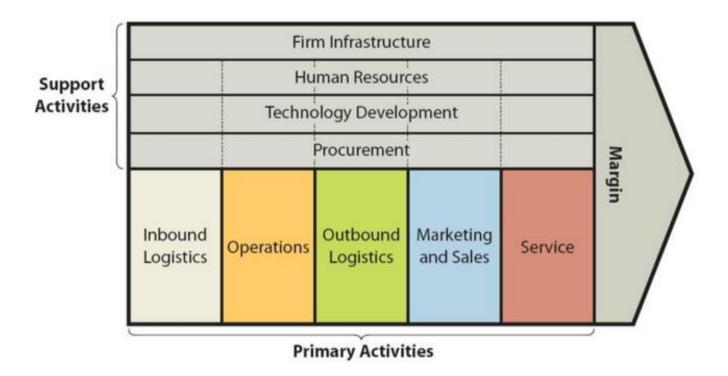
Your company (culture)	Industry
Products/services	Employees

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#### The value chain



### The value chain of your company



#### Definition of the Term PMO

- ePMO, Project Management Office, (Corporate/enterprice)
- PMO, Project management Office
- PMO, Program Management Office
- PMO, Portfolio Management Office
- PSO, Project Support Office
- PO, Project office
- PO, Portfolio office
- PTO, Project template office
- PPO, Portfolio and Program office
- Special purpose PMO (IT, Supply chain, development, etc)
- BTO, Business transformation office

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### PMO and business ownership

100%





### PMO and business contact points

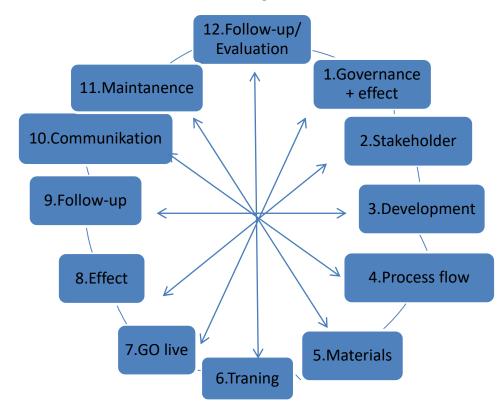
Which parts of the company are impacted by your PMO activities?

Units of the company involved/impacted	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12	#13	#14	#15	Total
Upper management	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15
IT department	1	1			1		1			1	1	1	1	1	1	10
Development				1	1	1	1	1		1	1		1	1	1	10
Quality	1		1	1		1	1		1				1		1	8
Production/manufactoring	1		1	1		1		1	1				1		1	8
Sales/marketing	1		1	1		1		1							1	6
Finance/legal/HR	1		1		1						1	1				5
Supply chain/procurement						1			1				1		1	4
Customers		1			1											2
Engeneering				1					1							2
Total Average % of the company involved or impacted	48	10	30	48	21	24	28	37	12	13	56	29	16	26	17	

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NB.NB. Only a small part of the company outside the PMO and PM department are involved/impacted, according to the Head of PMO. WHY?

## Diamond of implementation



# How to tailor your PMO activities and get business ownership?

- Massive involvement in the development process (insisting)
- Show via words and behaviour that you understand the business
- Suggest examples of how to measure the effect of any given PMO activity
- Discuss the governance of your PMO activities
- No business ownership = are you sure you want to implement this PMO activity?

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## Tailoring your PMO activities to the company: Also a matter of a mindset approach





- Think Outside IN
- Focus on PMO as a service provider
- Focus on business ownership
- Value creation and ability to measure it \$ ©
- Consider the implementation power of your company
- Check PMO manifest again

# Examples of PMO activities tailored to your company/business

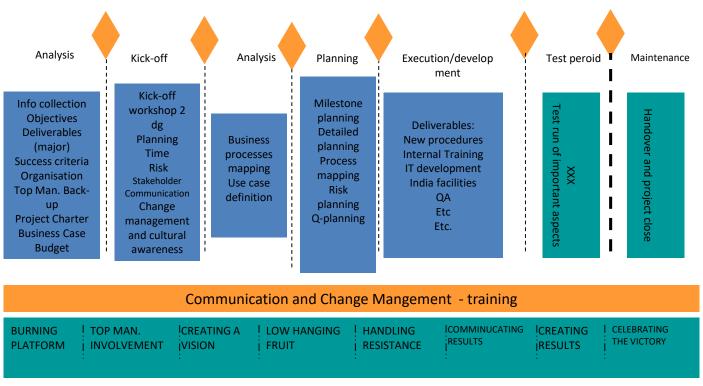
#### Project Life Cycle model – *for tender projects*



	QUOTATION PH	IASE		ORDER PHASE		
Time/Planning	Road map with timelines	Road map with activities and deadlines		Road map with activities and deadlines	Updated road map with activities and deadlines	
Risk management	High level risks	Risks incl. preventive action plan		Risks incl. preventive action plan	Updated risk management plan	
Organisation and resources	Project team and resource estimation	Detailed description of roles and responsibilities		Allocation of project resources	Follow-up on project resources	
Communication	Decision proposal	MoM from project meeting(s)	MoM from project meeting(s)	Decision proposal	MoM from project meeting(s)	MoM from project evaluation meeting
	OPPORTUNITY ASSESSMENT	QUOTATION EXECUTION	POST QUOTATION EVALUATION	ORDER ASSESSMENT	ORDER EXECUTION	POST ORDER EVALUATION
Sales	Opportunity assessment	Quotation	Quotation evaluation report	Order qualification	Order confirmation	Evaluation of sales performance
Procurement	Product and quantity assessment	Procurement budget		Procurement budget assessment	Purchase orders	Evaluation of procurement performance
Logistics/ Warehouse	Logistics requirements assessment	Freight and packing budget		Assessment of Logistics freight and packing budgetan	Execution of logistics plan	Evaluation of logistics performance
Quality/ Regulatory	Regulatory and PQ status	Document tation and PQ plan budget		PQ and regulaton status assessme QC plan	Execution of PQ and QC plan	Evaluation of QA/QC and regulate performance
Finance	Credit assessment			Credit assessment	Statement of account	Financial performance report

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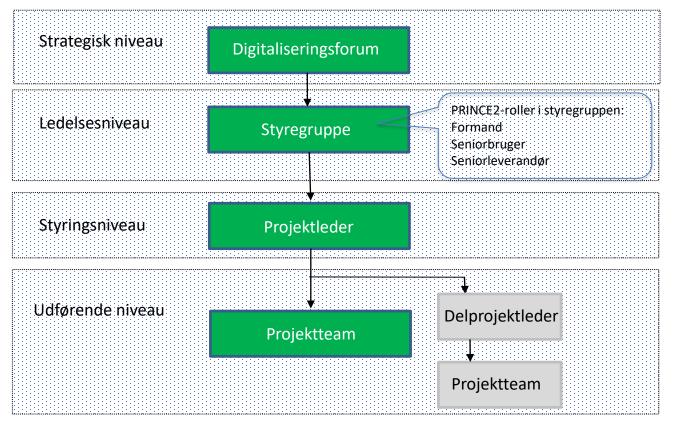
#### "The change project"



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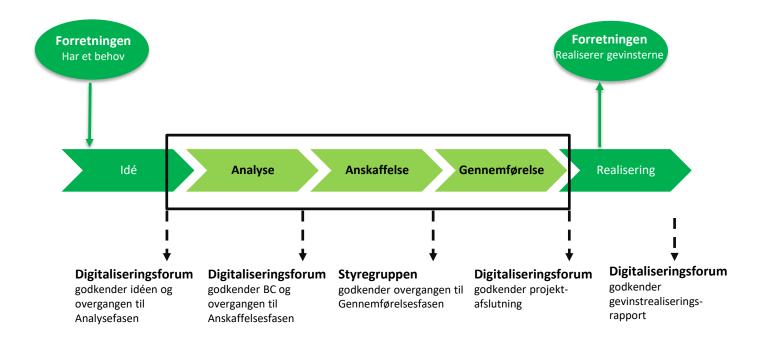
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#### Portfolio overview

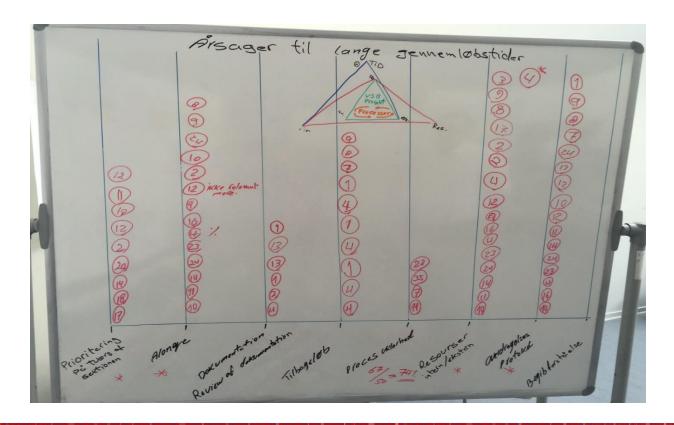


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#### White board, project overview and progress



#### Value stream board



### PMO service catalogue



#### Strategic/project evaluation

Feasibility – Appropriateness – Desirability framework



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Major takeaways and benefits of tailoring your PMO activities to your company/business

## Tailoring: Benefits and effects

- You show your colleagues that you understand the business in which the PMO operates
- You form the basis for creating real impact on project execution and the business
- You facilitate implementation
- You demonstrate a true "OUT side IN" perspective
- You will gain the respect of senior management
- You will improve attraction regarding qualified persons
- You will ensure a sustainable PMO

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