Proactive Project Management

How to make common sense common practice

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- It is common sense to be proactive – but project management often takes place reactively
- Methods for leading the project management, including planning and evaluating the effort
- Procedures for project management phases: preparation, start-up, manage execution, and close-out
- Focus on promoting a shared perception when analyzing and planning the project
- In total, a tool for the reflecting project manager – who wants to be more proactive

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We do know what it takes a project to inspire for participation and effectively lead to the requested results: It is common sense to be proactive in the management of a project!

This book claims that a kind of natural law tends to entice project managers into immersing themselves in the project content – even at crucial stages when proactive project management is needed for creation of suitable conditions for the project execution. The result is that, too often, the project management will take place reactively – after problems have occurred.

The book aims at shifting the project management from taking place reactively – to a greater extent, towards taking place proactively. To be proactive implies that the performance of management initiatives takes place where managerial challenges have not yet occurred or been recognized by the participants and parties.

To accomplish this shift from recognizing what is common sense – towards to make it applicable common practice when managing a project requires a deliberate and insistent approach by the project manager and other partners involved in the management of the project. The book supports such a shift of the management approach through the presentation of a variety of relevant mindset along with their related methods and tools.

One mindset is that even the project management process should also be lead. By planning and evaluating relevant management activities you promote a proactive style of project management. Further, the planning the management effort implies that you adapt the level and the tools suited for the project’s degree of complexity. This entire book can be considered as a tool for such planning and evaluation of project management.

Another mindset reflects the idea that project management is not only for project managers. The project owners, the participants, and other partners must be proactively involved in the management activities. Such a cooperative management style means that created analyses and plans will become more applicable – and have more impact on the project process. The general tool for such an approach, as presented in this book, is to facilitate the management activities.

The entire book offers a much-needed supplement to the existing literature on project management – promoting new thinking and methods for consideration by a project manager who can then reflect and profit even more from previous management books and from personal experience.