

## WHO IS WHO in LEAN PROJECT MANAGEMENT?



All our Dícere followers know we renew our Newsletter's theme at the start of the year. **Welcome to 2014** and to the amazing world of **LEAN PROJECT MANAGEMENT (LPM)**. Let's go for a journey into this interesting subject!

Let's start defining a project as whatever activity that uses resources (technical, human, etc.) during a period of time to achieve a reasonably well-defined objective that meets a specific need. A project must be managed to make progress.

Despite Project Management being a 5,000-year-old discipline (how the Egyptian pyramids could otherwise have been built?), today most of us continue to find difficulties, deviations, failures... during the life of most projects. Does it sound familiar?

We even experience this on projects that involve resources, environments and variables known to us, combined and used in ways known to us and with clearly defined objectives. Imagine then what will happen on innovative projects involving unknown resources, variables and processes without clear objectives! Simply impossible to manage, wouldn't they?

How should we then manage the innovation projects where, beyond risks, we must deal with uncertainty and ambiguity?

Our experience in generating a Culture of Innovation in organizations shows that a revolution in our project management habits is required. We must unlearn and erase old habits, clean up our hard disk and focus on a new way of managing projects with commitment, fun and new agility. **Lean Project Management (LPM)** methodologies are used to achieve this.

After the LPM innovation workshops with our clients, some mentoring sessions support the kick-off of the innovation projects generated. After these sessions of practice and repetition, our proposed LPM methodology – a simplified version of an already simple agile methodology - has proven to stop deviations, to generate synergies, to consume less resources and time and to have more fun among the team members.

We are not suggesting LPM is a panacea that solves all the project management issues. We will however be able to manage projects better and make the systematization of innovation possible.

During the next months we will introduce **Who Is Who in LEAN PROJECT MANAGEMENT** to help you apply it to your innovation projects. Moreover, as tends to happen with all good methodologies, you can apply LPM to any other type of projects with the same advantages.

Will you join us?