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Project Management

(in the real life)

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# Agenda

- 01** Project Basic Concepts
- 02** Project Foundation
- 03** Project Execution
- 04** Project Deployment
- 05** Training Closure



## Let me introduce myself

- 15+ years of experience in Project Management
- Different Industries
- Multinational Customers

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Who are you?

What are your learning goals?

How much experience do you have with PM?



# RULES

Ask question and Be Curious

Participate and be Involved

Bi-directional Discussion

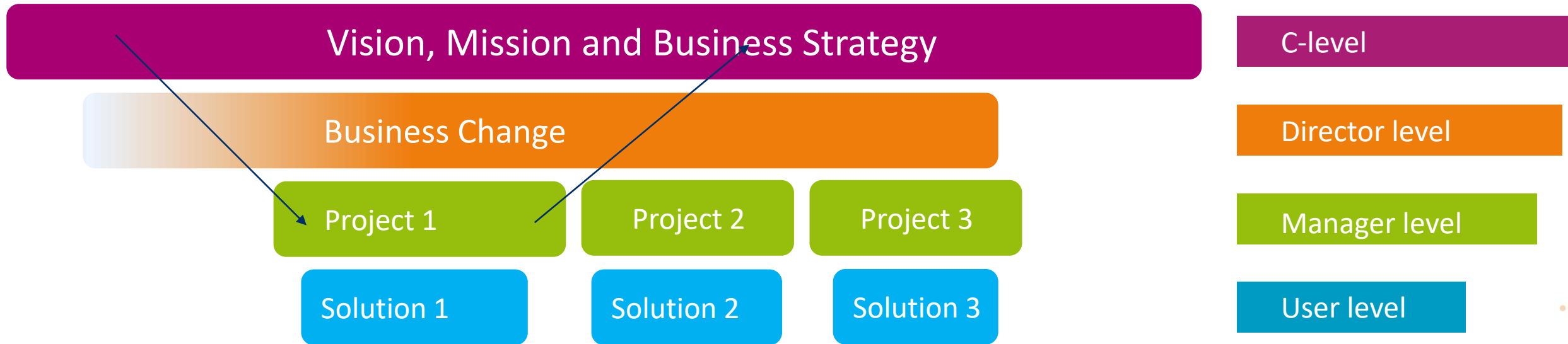


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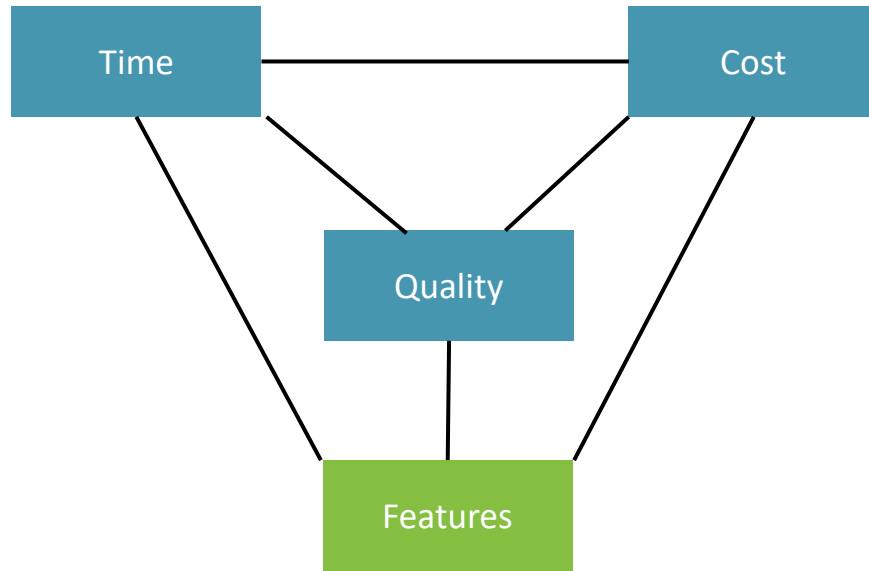
# Project Basic Concepts

Let's introduce some foundation topics

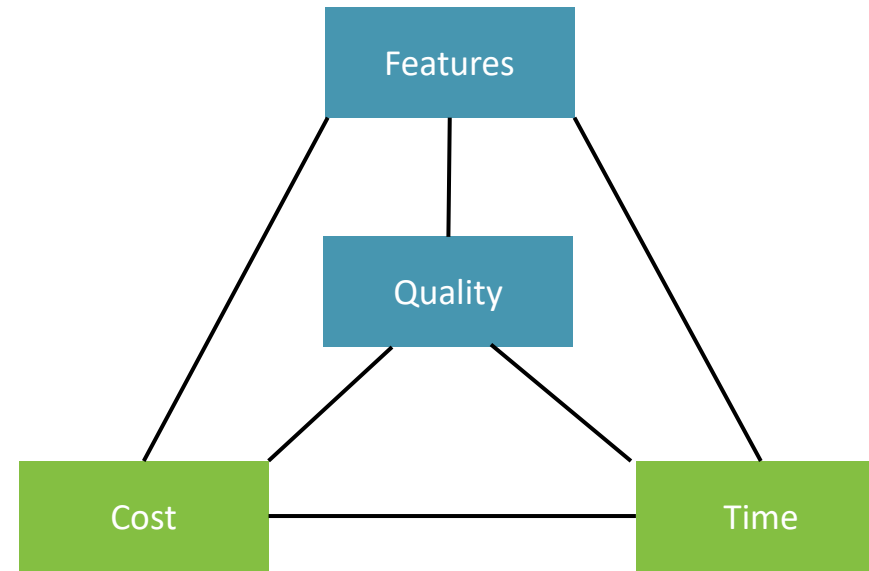
# Why do we decide to start a project?



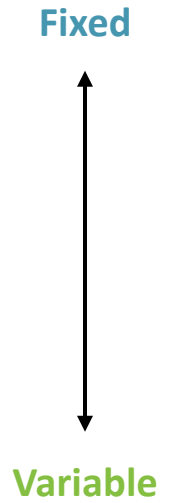
# Introduction to Projects



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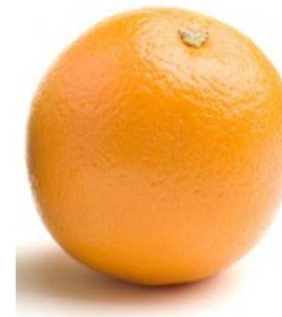
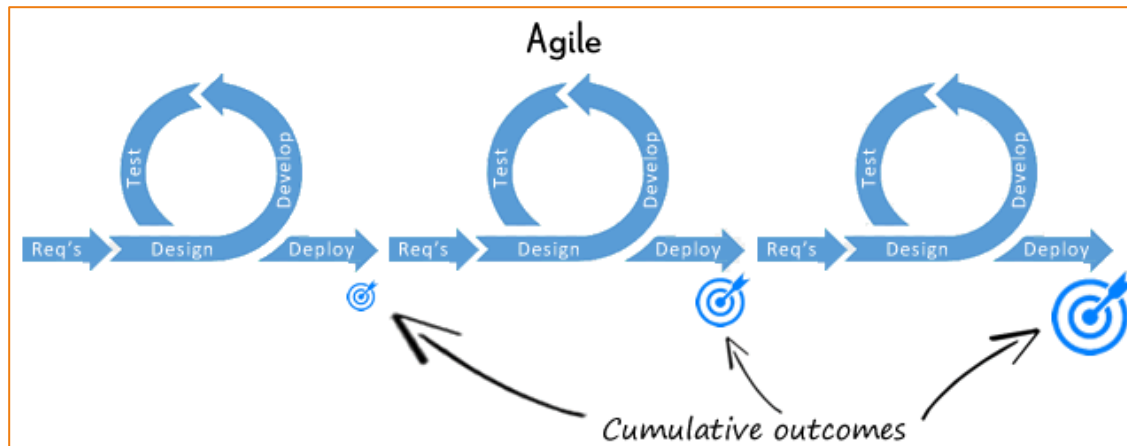
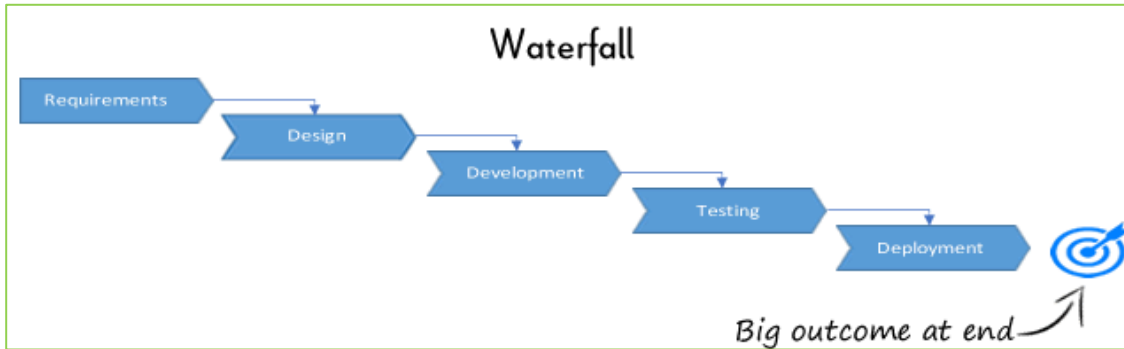


**Waterfall**





# ORTEC Project Management Methodology

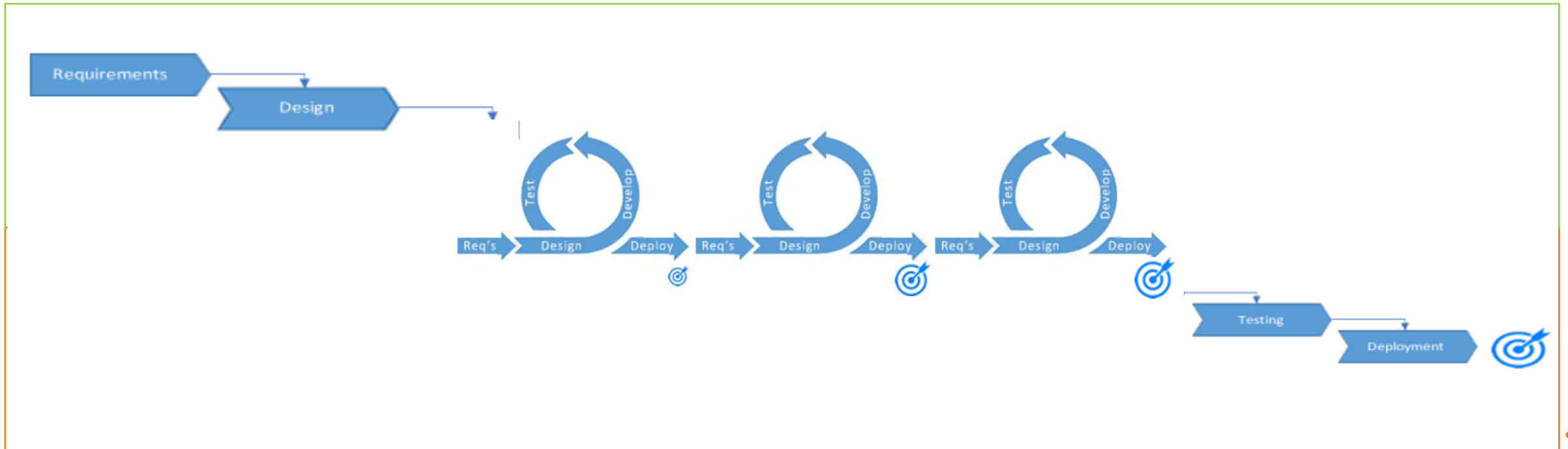


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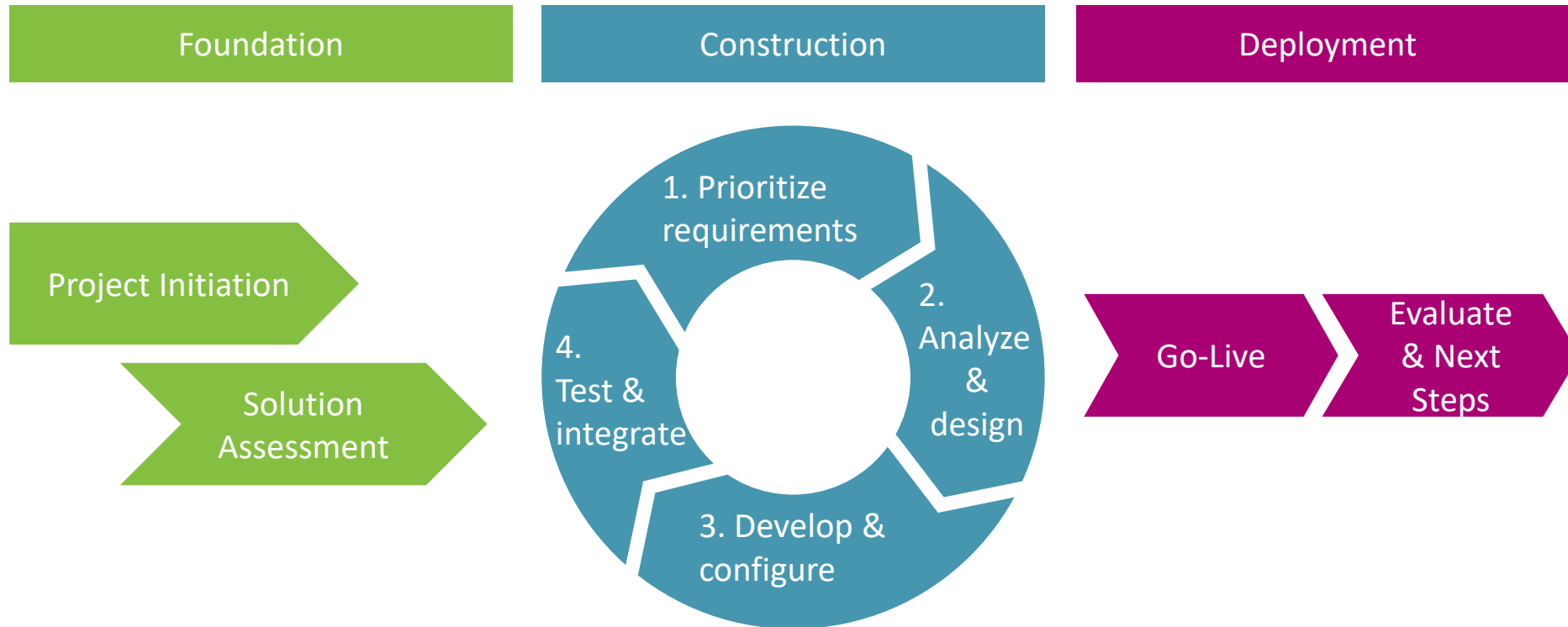
Foundation

Construction

Deployment



# ORTEC Project Management Methodology



# All kinds of Projects

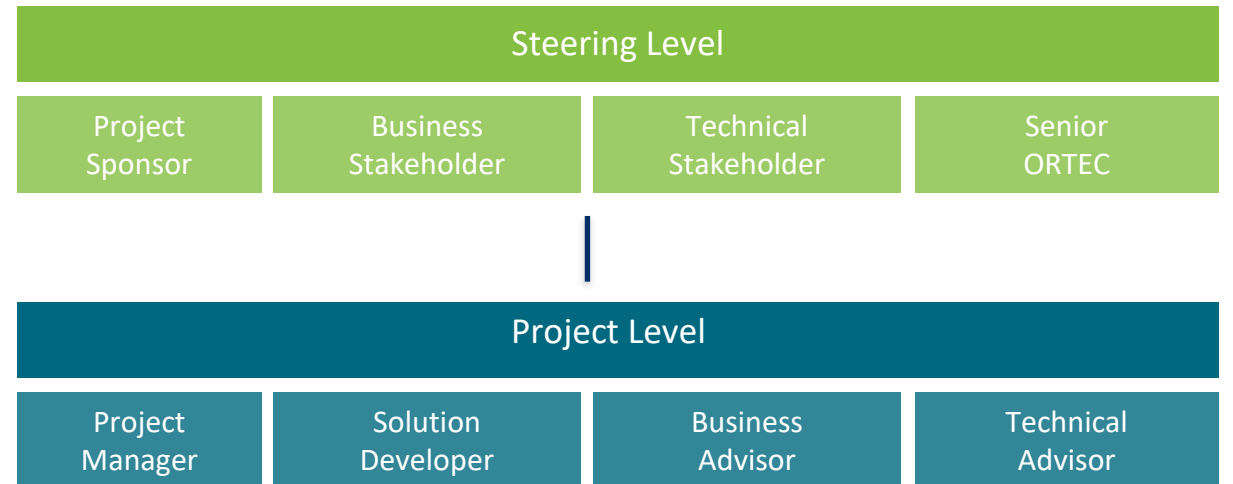
- Proof of Concept
- Study
- Implementation project
- Tailor-made solution
- Capability building
  
- Small vs. big projects
- Easy vs. complex projects



# Project Organization

- The steering group is focusing on business value and investments (budgets)
- The project level is focusing on the solution and delivery.
- Translation between levels is needed

## Different perspectives – Steering level vs. Project level



# Project Principles

## Transparency & Clarity

Transparent and open communication on status of financials, planning, scope, risks and issues



## Clear Roles & Responsibilities

Roles & responsibilities are clearly defined, the right people are assigned to these roles (by all parties)



## Deliverables for Business Value

Project deliverables are measurable and based upon business needs and processes



## Joint Adventure with Customer

Success is a joint effort, achieved by close collaboration with the customer based on trust



## Quality & Efficiency

Projects are executed efficiently and within ORTEC Quality standards



# Assignment: Draw a house (using Paint)



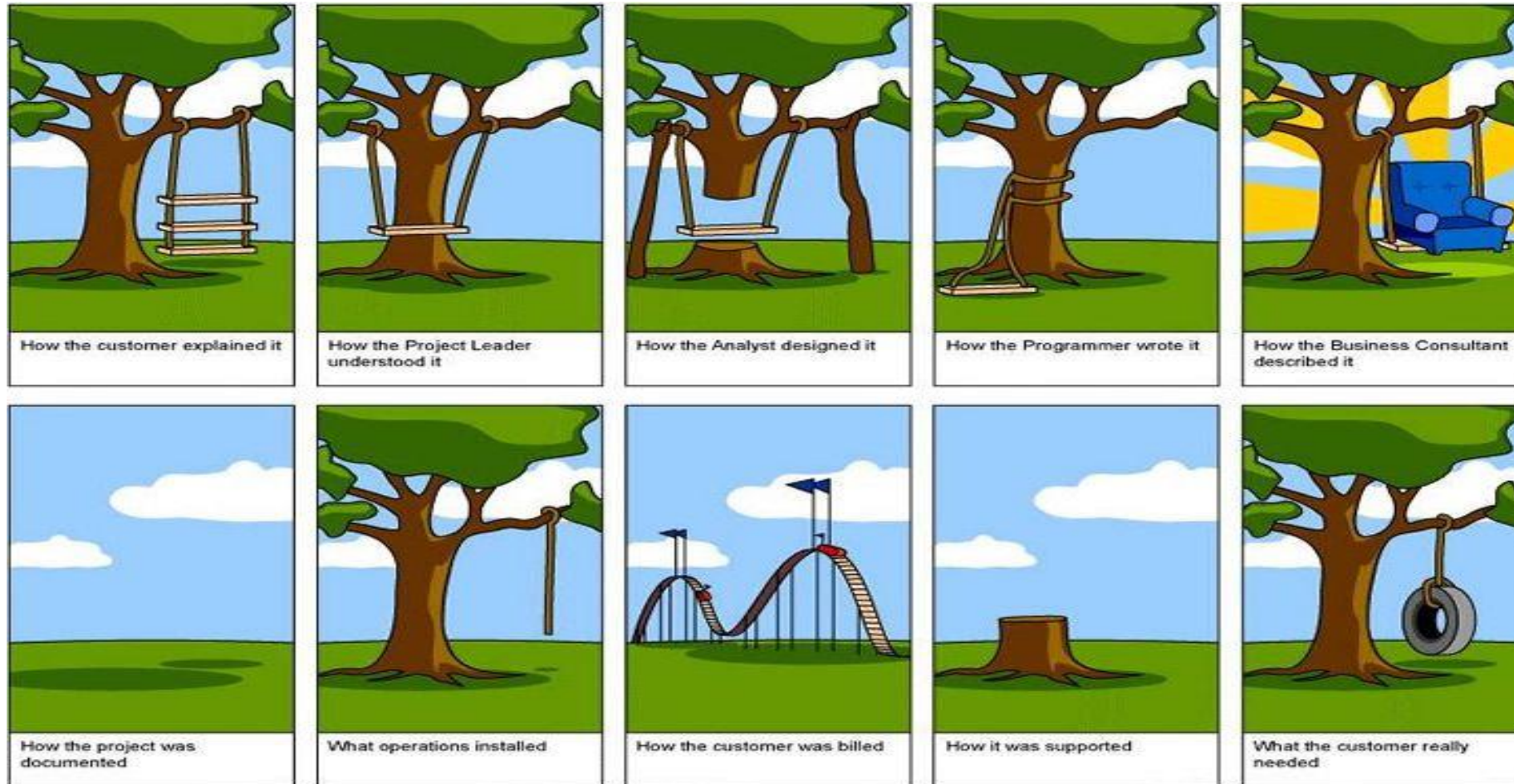


## Learnings

- Communicate clearly; are we on the same page?
- Importance of getting continuous feedback
- Alignment with internal and external stakeholders is key
- What else?



# Communication & Expectations



# Your responsibilities as a Project Manager

## Expectation management

- Customer
- Team
- ORTEC

## Administration

- Monthly report (internal & external)
- Approve hours
- Revenues & invoices

## Monitoring

- Scope, quality, timeline & budget

## Team Management

- Set project targets
- Decision maker
- Motivate and support learning goals

## Project Plan

- Planning
- Resources
- Financials

## Risk Management

- Identify and mitigate project risks



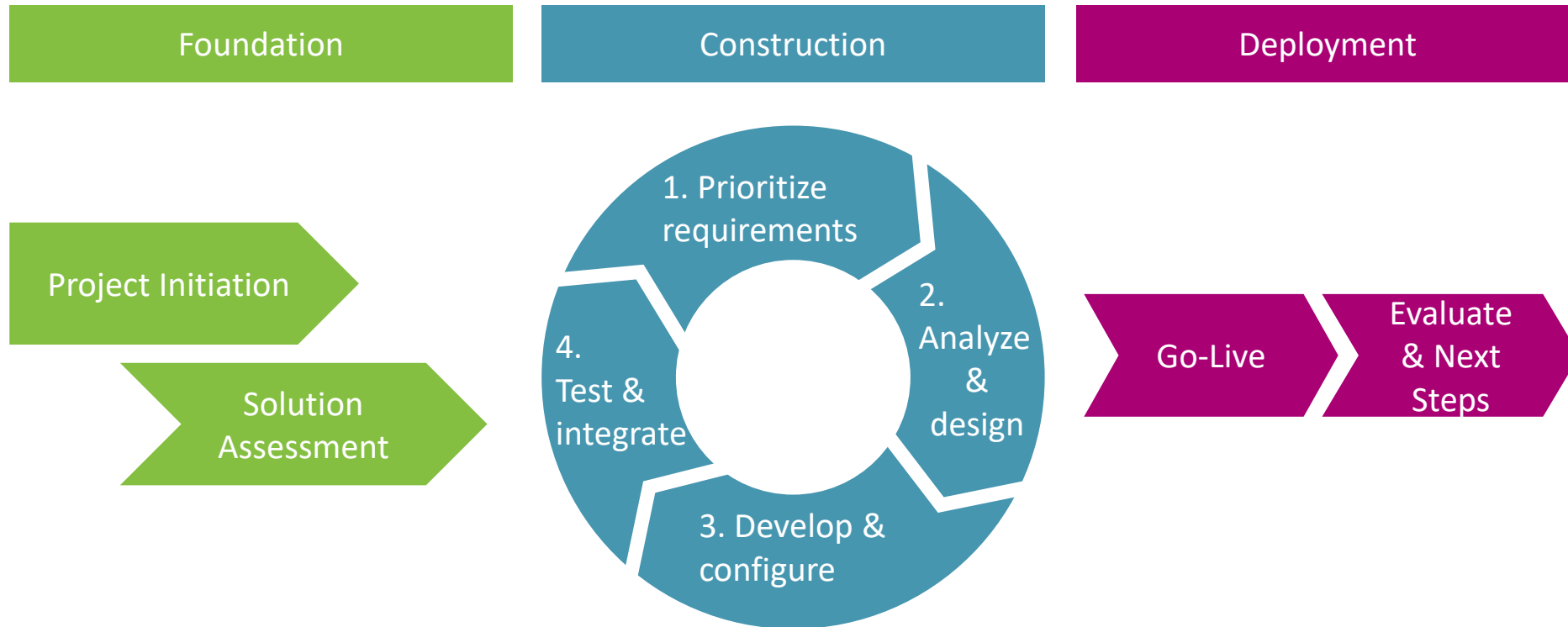
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# Project Foundation

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Let's get started!

# ORTEC Project Management Methodology





# Handover Questions

**1.** What did we actually sell?

**2.** What is the high-level approach?

**3.** What skills do we need?

**4.** What is the total amount of work?

**5.** Do we have a signed Agreement and Statement of Work?

**6.** Do we have experience with this topic/customer/industry?

**7.** Who was involved at the customer side?



## Assignment – Kick-off subjects

- What is the goal of the kick-off session?
- Which topics do you discuss in the Kick-off meeting?
- Time: 10 minutes
  
- Go to your Break-out room

# Kick-Off

## Why?

- Introduction Industry & customer
- Business Challenge
- Success Criteria

## How?

- Scope & Deliverables
- High level planning

## Who?

- Stakeholders
- Roles & Responsibilities project team

## What?

- Short intro on functional part
- Short intro on technical part

## Risks?

- Risk Assessment during the session

## Next steps

- Working agreements (project days, etc)
- Concrete actions (who is planning sprints/workshops, checks holidays, etc)

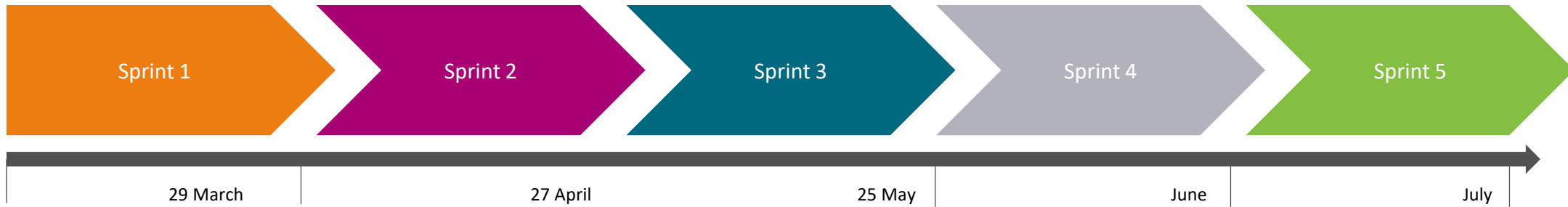
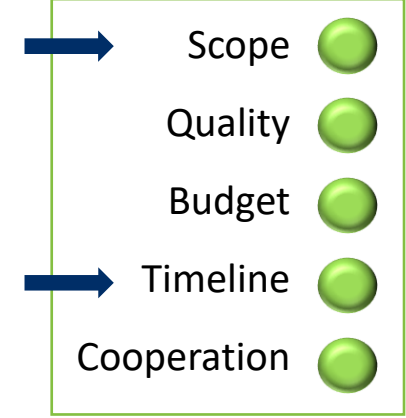


# Resourcing

- Think of which type of resources you need (PM, solution architect, functional analysis, data engineer, data scientist, OR engineer, developer, etc.)
  - Which competences do you need in your project?
- At which part(s) of the project do you need them?
- Create an overview of the resourcing needs to be able to request these people. Make sure that the overview is documented in the Resource Tool and shared with the resourcing lead.
- Note, the Resource Tool is used to make a financial forecast months



# High level Project plan – Example EPS



## ▪ Sprint 1

- Strategic Optimizer (70%):
- Full data model
- Integration forecasting
- Strategic scenarios
- 2nd Application

## ▪ Sprint 2

- Strategic Optimizer (95%)
- Tactical Optimizer (70%)
- Master Data Mng. (70%)
- Country App (70%)
- Reporting App (50%)
- Link to BI (70%)
- Setup BDP(70%)

## ▪ Sprint 3

- Strategic Optimizer (100%)
- Master Data Mng. (100%)
- Tactical Optimizer (95%)
- Country App (95%)
- Reporting App (70%)
- Link to BI (100%)
- Setup BDP(100%)
  
- Training Strategic Optimizer
- Documentation Strat. Opt.

## ▪ Sprint 4

- Tactical Optimizer (100%)
- Country App (100%)
- Reporting App (95%)
  
- Finetuning on feedback
- Training Tactical Optimizer
- Documentation Tact. Opt.

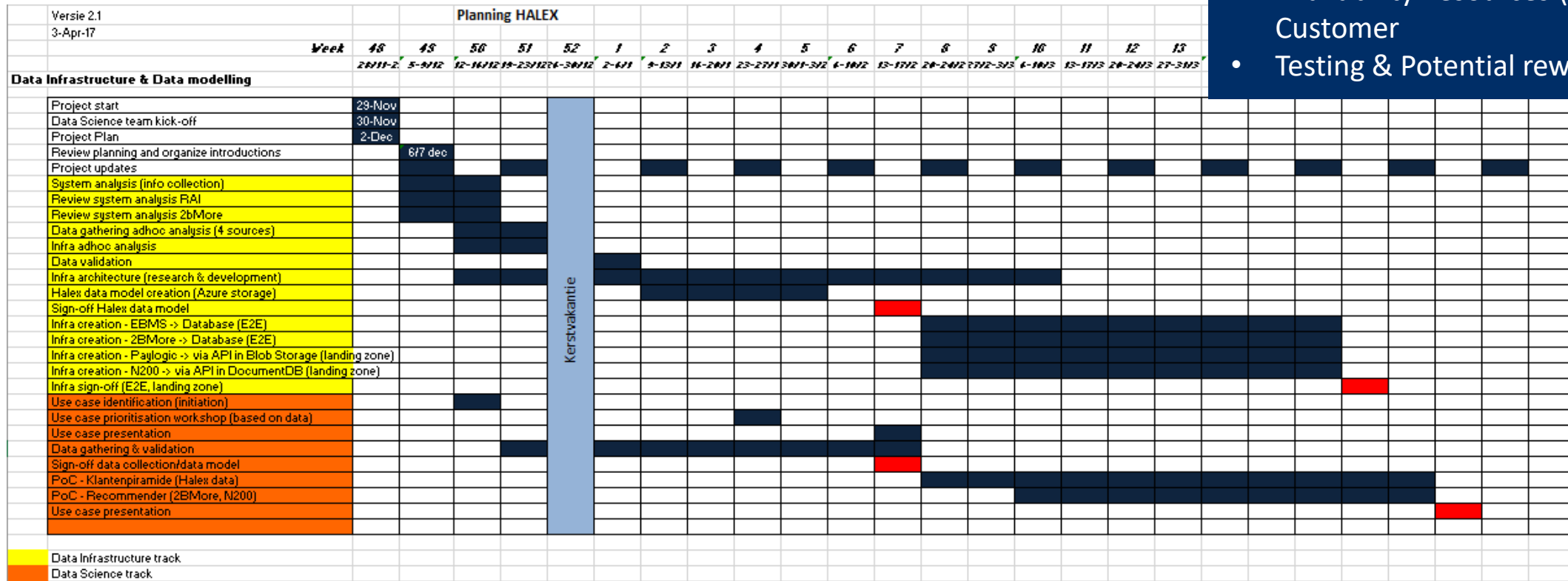
## ▪ Sprint 5

- Reporting App (100%)
  
- Hypercare
- Open items

# Project Plan & Timeline

Consider:

- Deadlines
- Dependencies topics
- Leadtime topics
- Availability Resources (ORTEC & Customer)
- Testing & Potential rework



# Project Plan & Timeline II – Small Project

- ➡ Scope ●
- Quality ●
- ➡ Budget ●
- ➡ Timeline ●
- Cooperation ●

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## Project Execution

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Let's leave the harbor and start to sail

# Daily life of a project manager

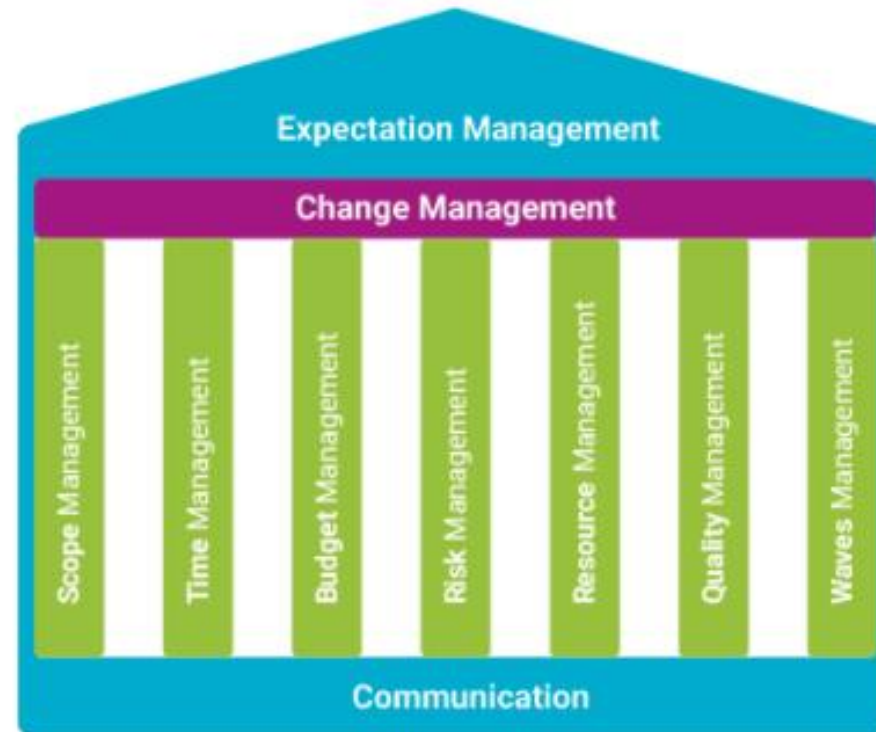
- Having initiated the project, life is good 😊.  
You're the skipper: you look ahead and make sure the journey and destination are in line with your assignment and within the capabilities of the crew.
- Everybody onboard delivers his/her tasks and feels part of the crew?
- Everybody onboard know's the next haven and final destination?
- Everybody onboard knows the schedule and when the journey will be a succes?

Happy sailing!



# How: tasks of the skipper

- Science
  - Monitoring of scope, quality, timeline & budget
  - Monthly financials
  - Planning



- Art
  - Communication on expectations
  - Supporting the customer in the change
  - Crew/team involvement
  - Signaling Risks & issues

# Daily life of a PM – the science part:

## Administration

- Monthly report (internal & external)
- Approve hours
- Revenues & invoices

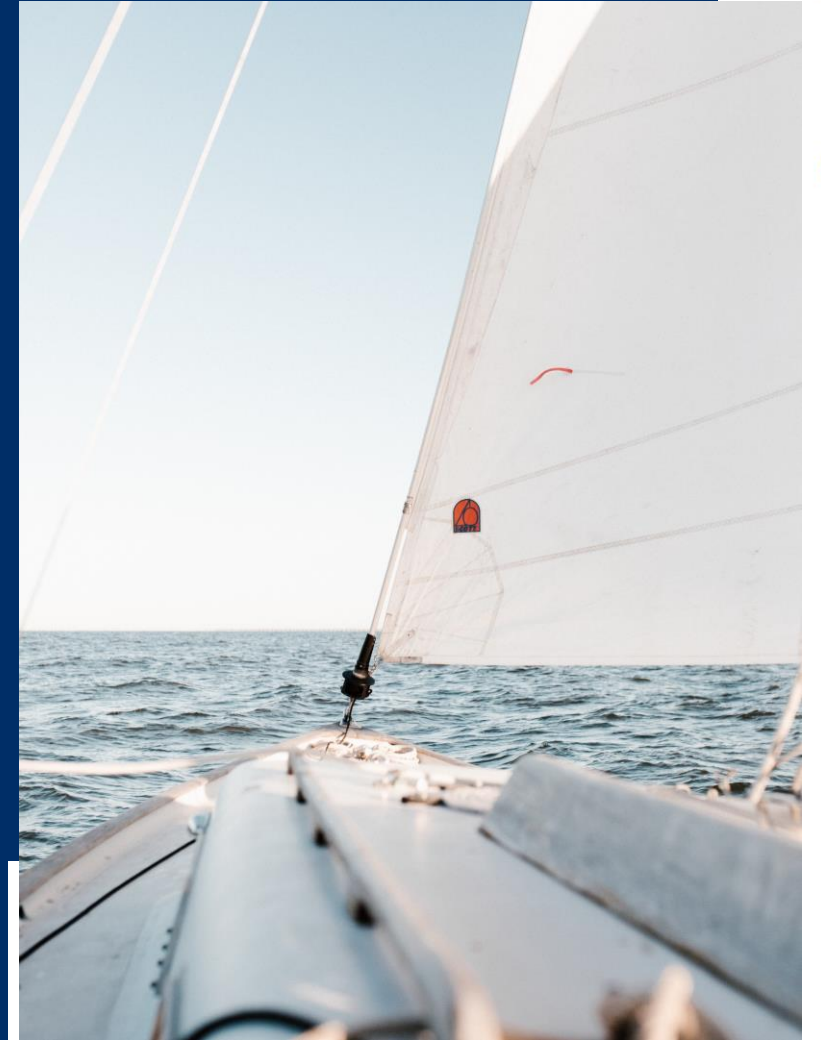
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- Planning
- Resources
- Financials

## Monitoring

- Scope, quality, timeline & budget

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# Daily life of a PM – the art part:

## Expectation management

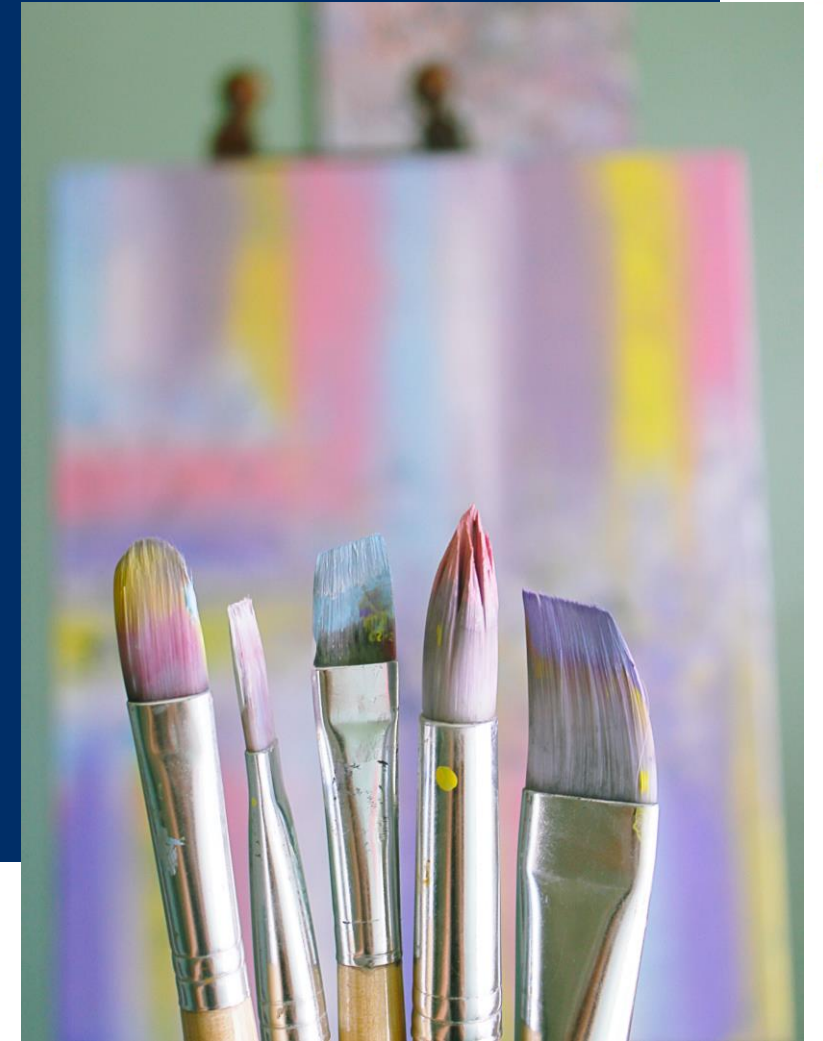
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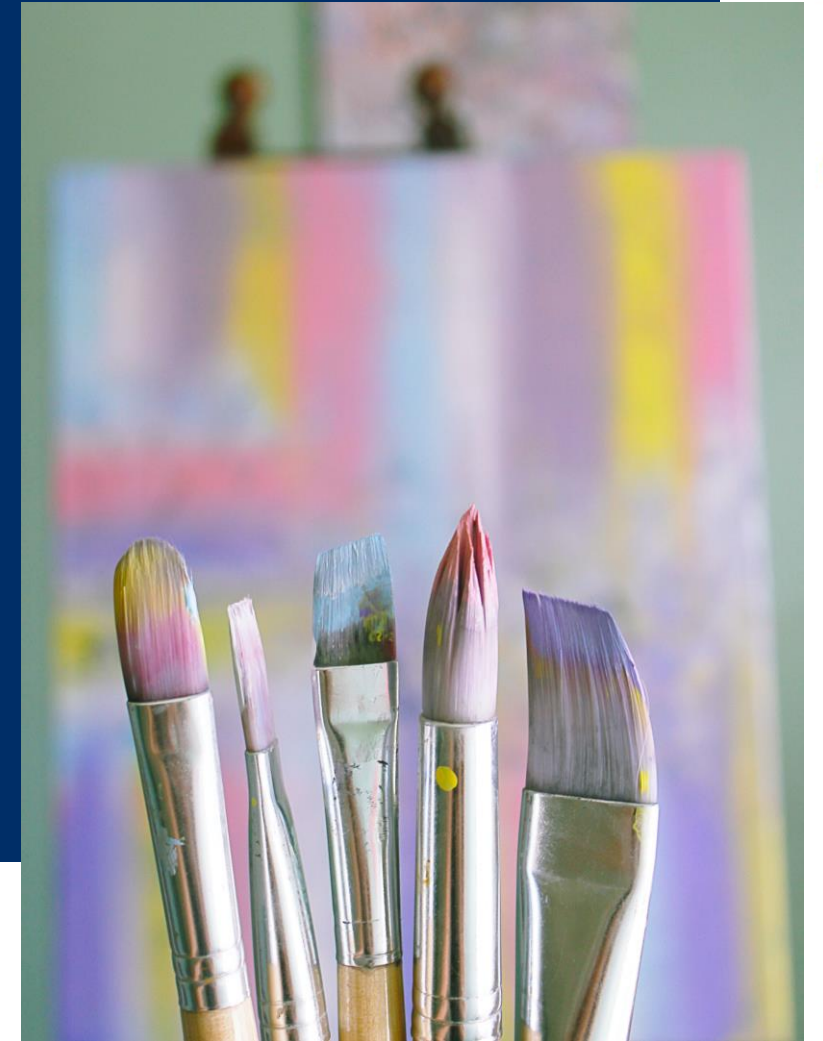
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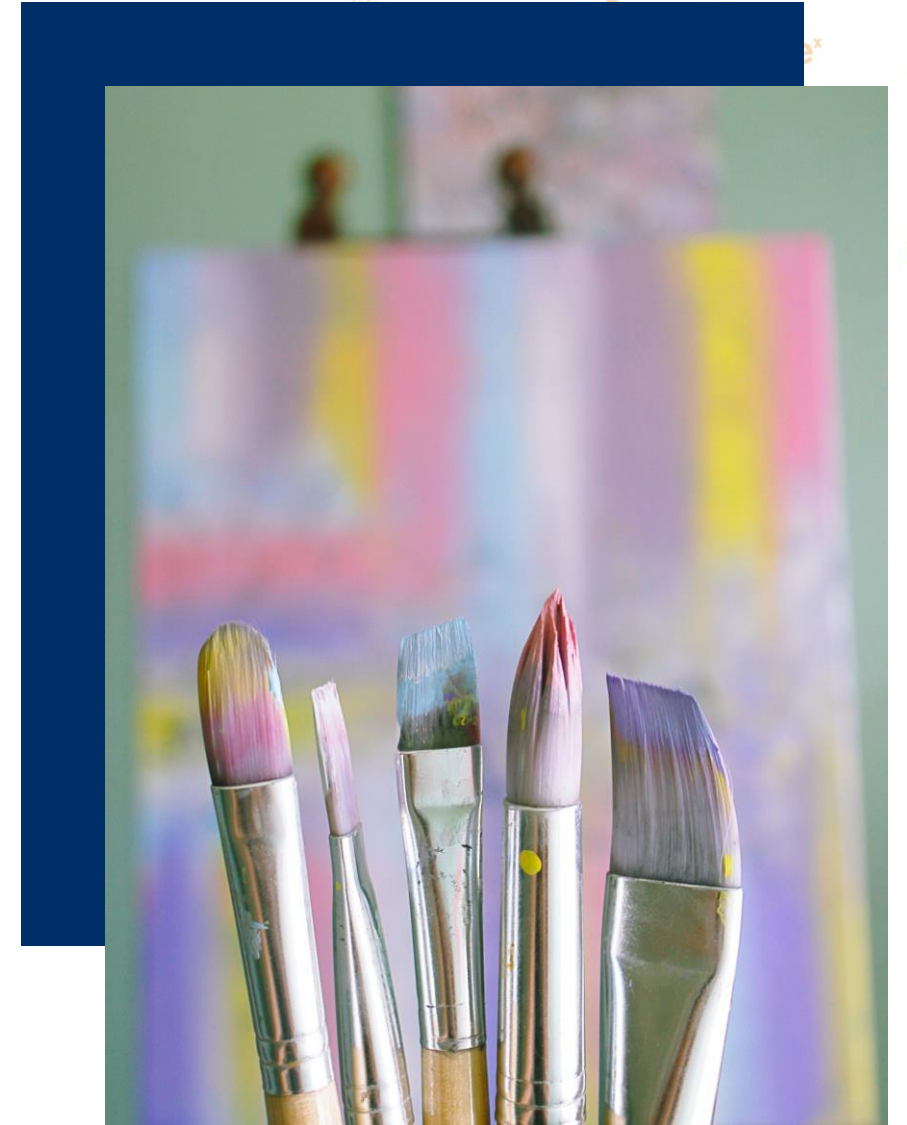
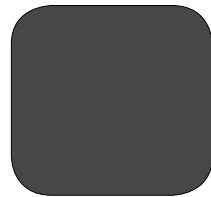
# General tips

- You don't have to do everything yourself. Use **delegation & escalation** to create time and clarity.
- Create a **healthy and cooperative working** atmosphere with your team and customer. Preferably on-site. People aren't 'resources' and generally like and deserve attention.
- Be a **leader** to your team, in good & bad times. Give the right example when issues occur.



# Daily life: communication

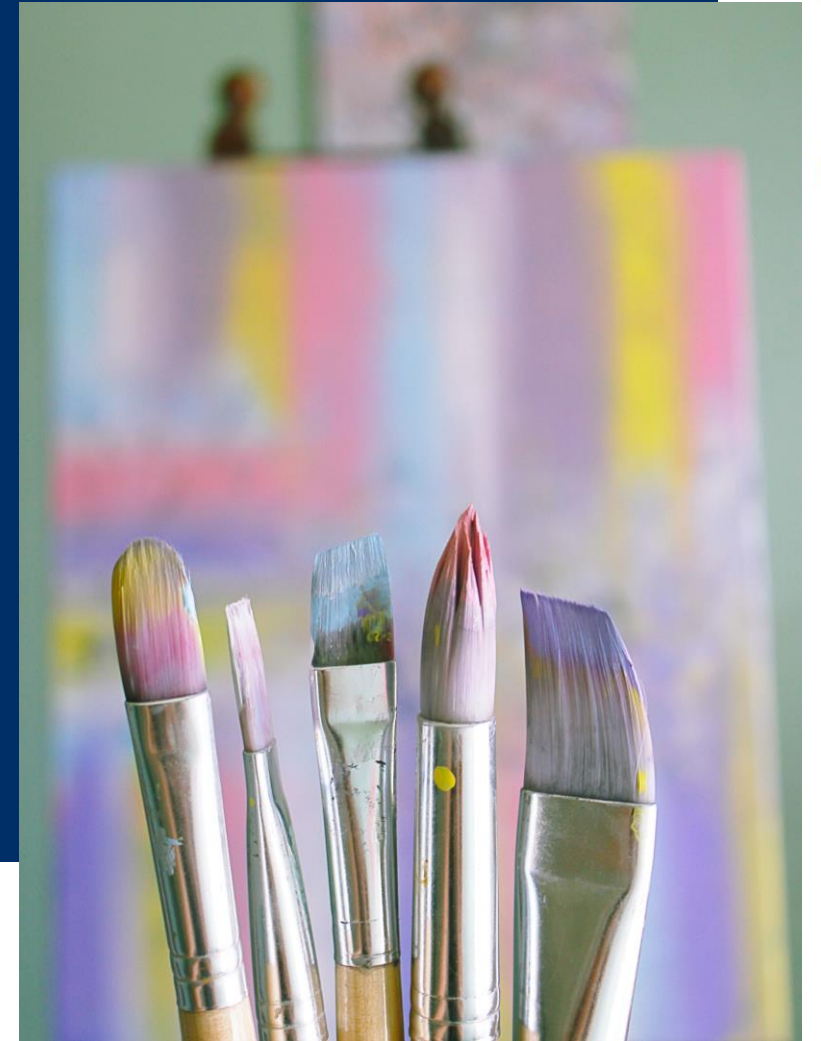
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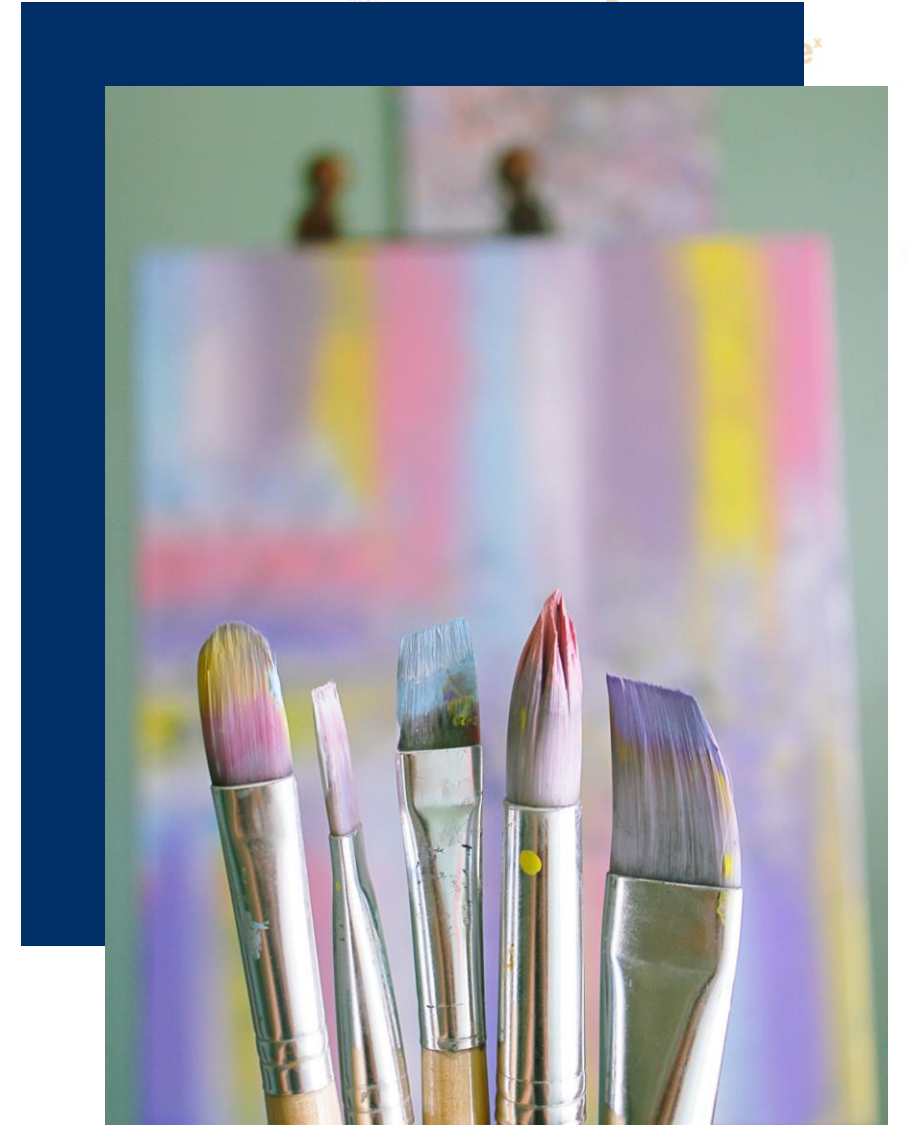


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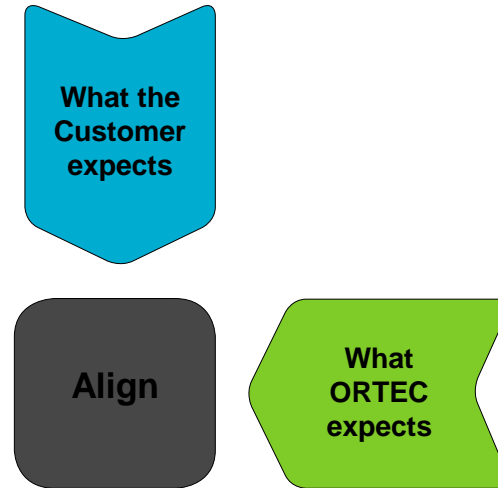
What the  
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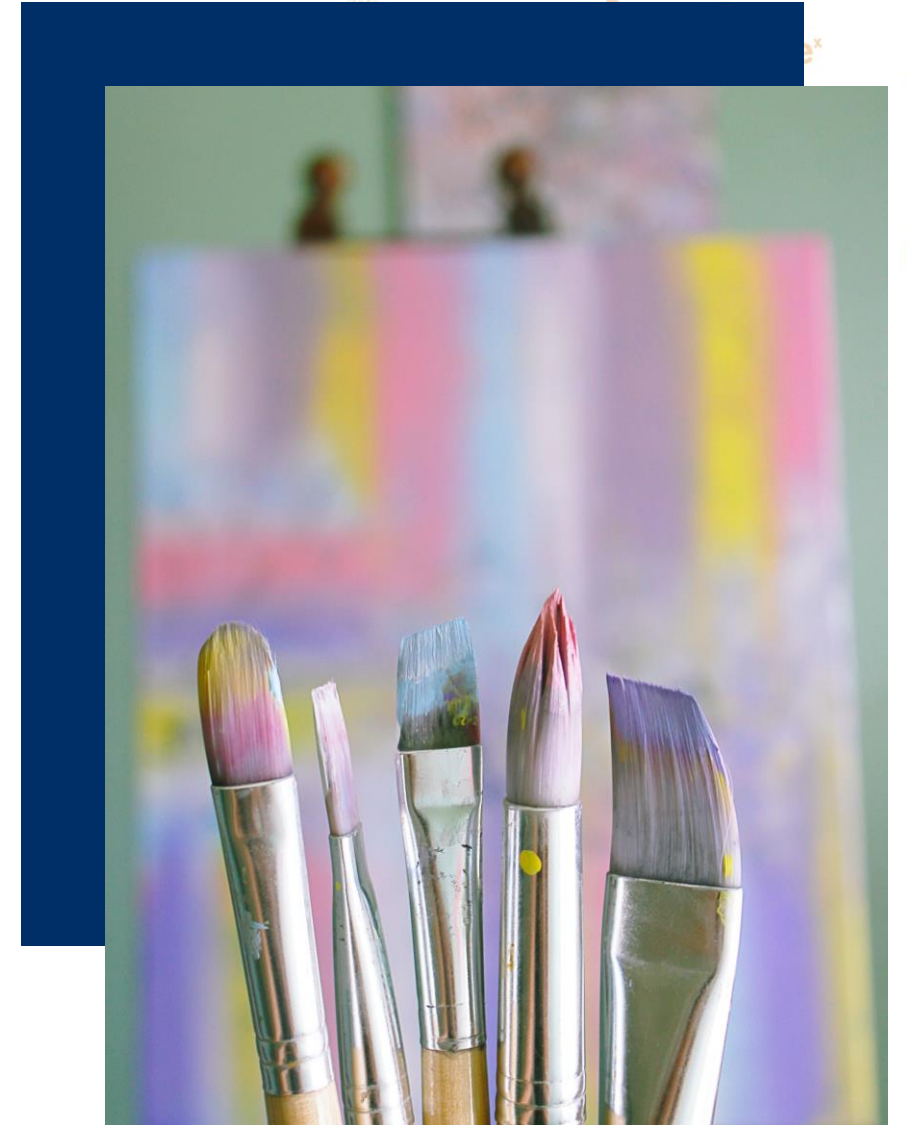
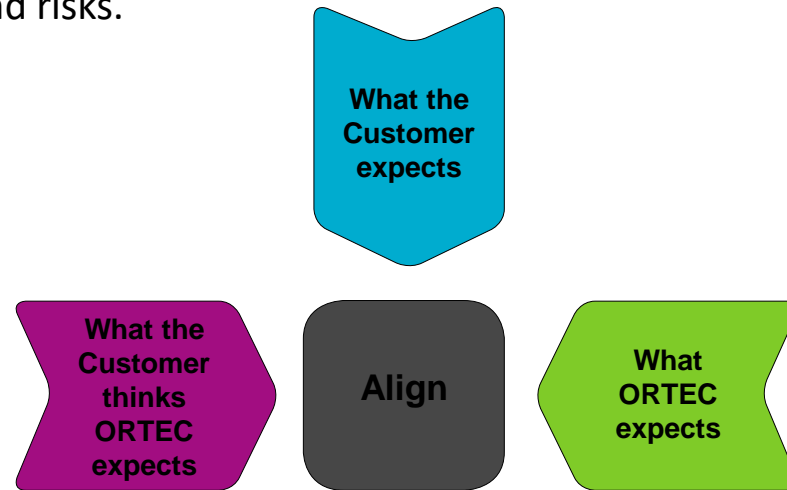
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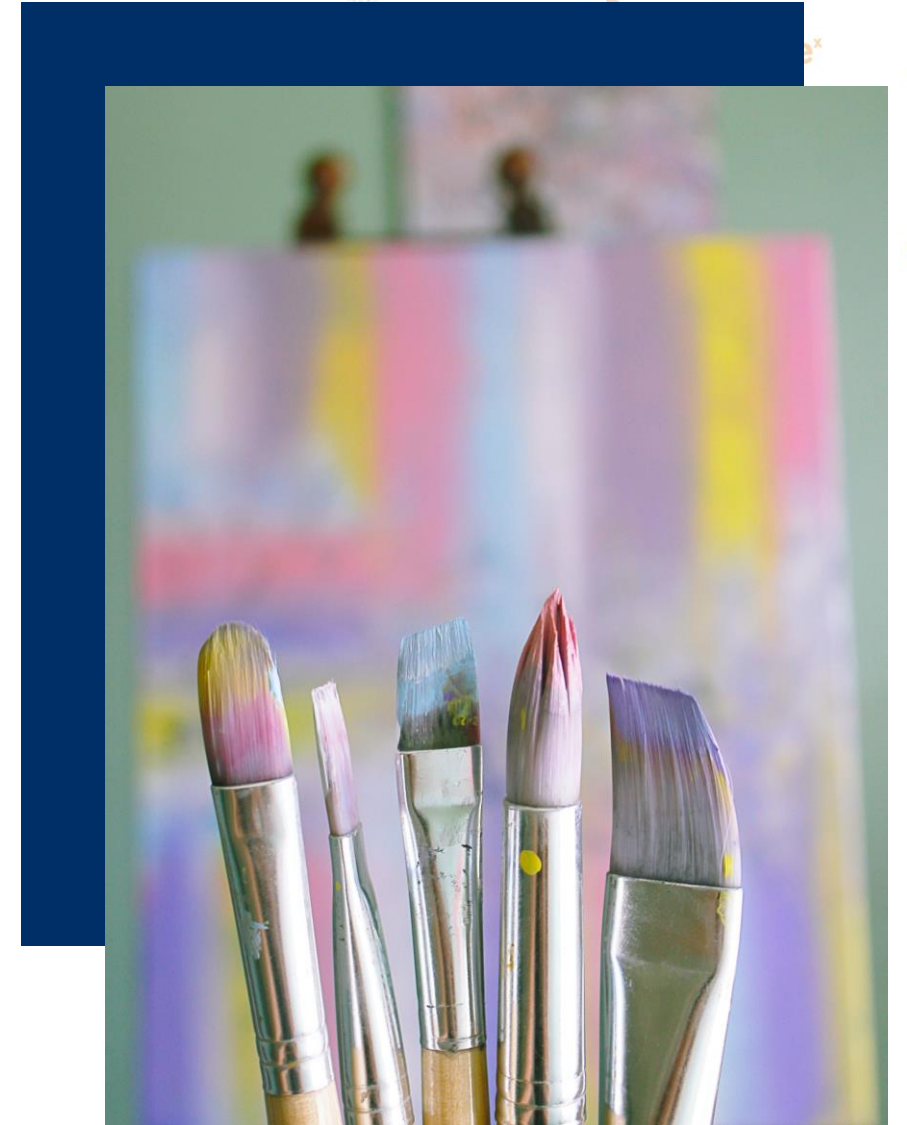
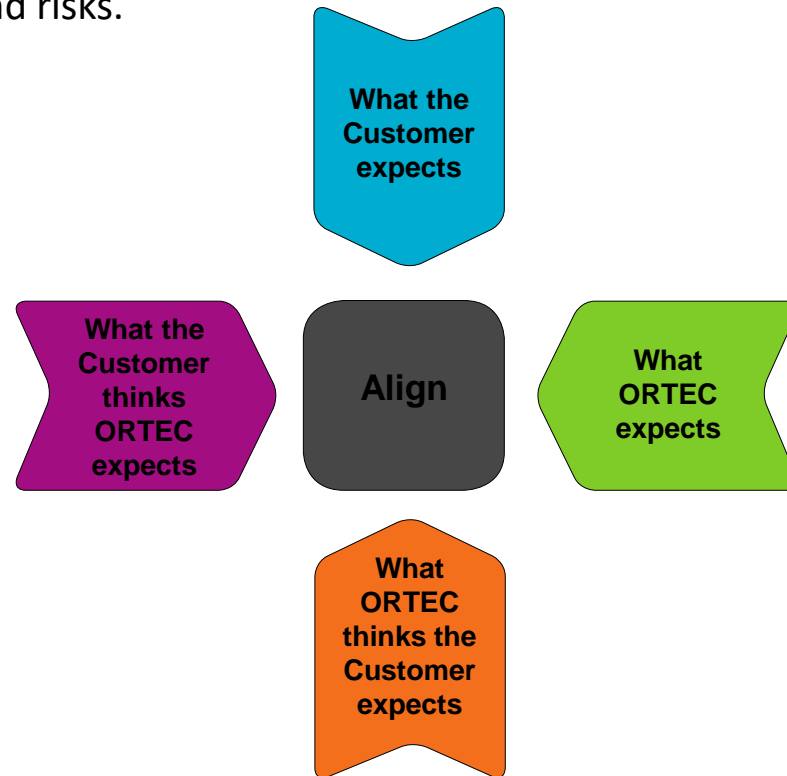
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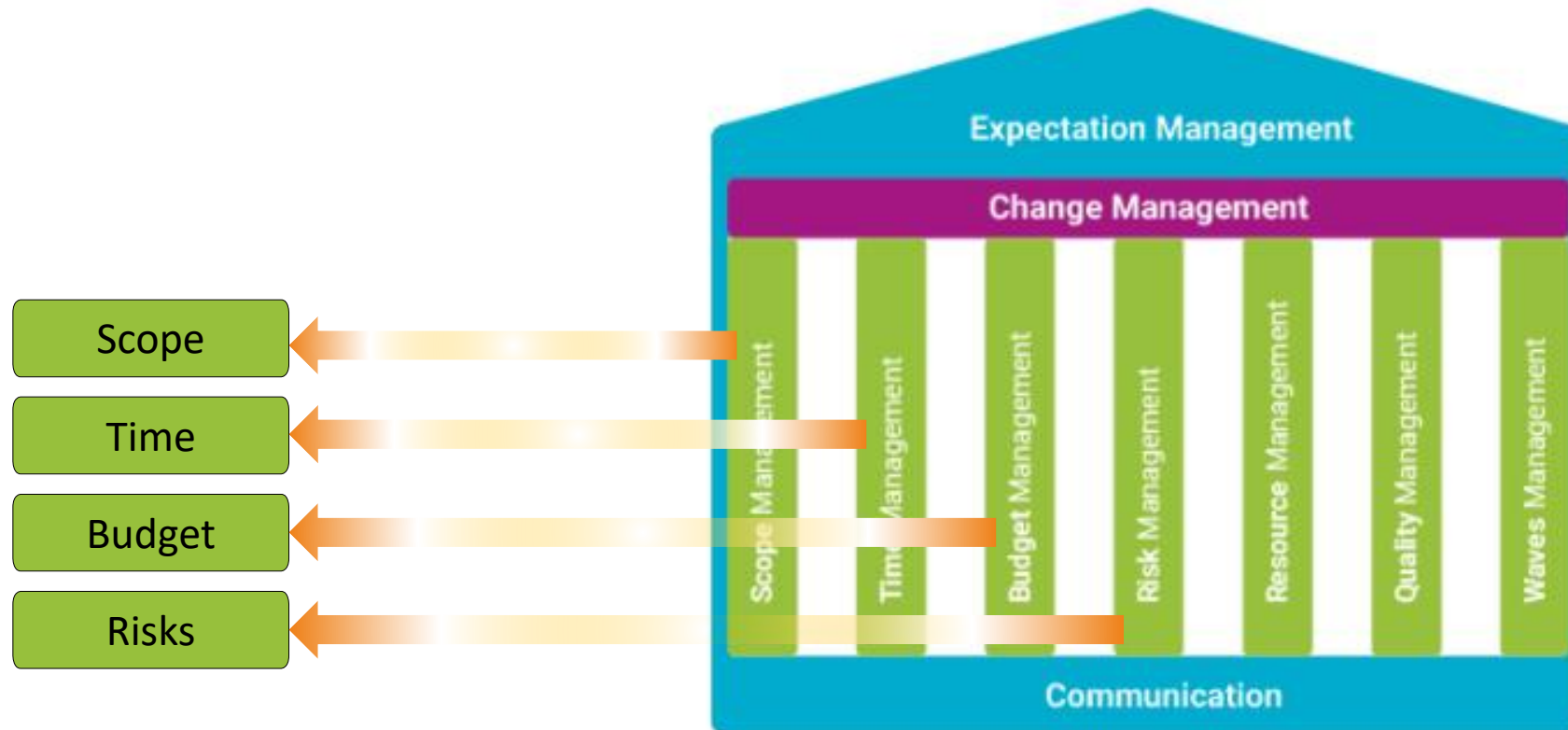
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# What to emphasize in project communication?



# Scope management

*(‘Keep an eye on the value’)*

## Definition

Managing the work agreed upon between project manager(s) and the project board.

Scope: what the project delivers and what it will not include



# Scope management ('Keep an eye on the value')

## *Working in Projects revisited*



### **Requirements**

Gather requirements and prioritize



### **Solution and deliverables**

Define solution (features and functionality), document & sign off



### **Monitor**

Monitor each (proposed) scope change



### **Out of scope**

Beneficial to the project success criteria?



### **Approval**

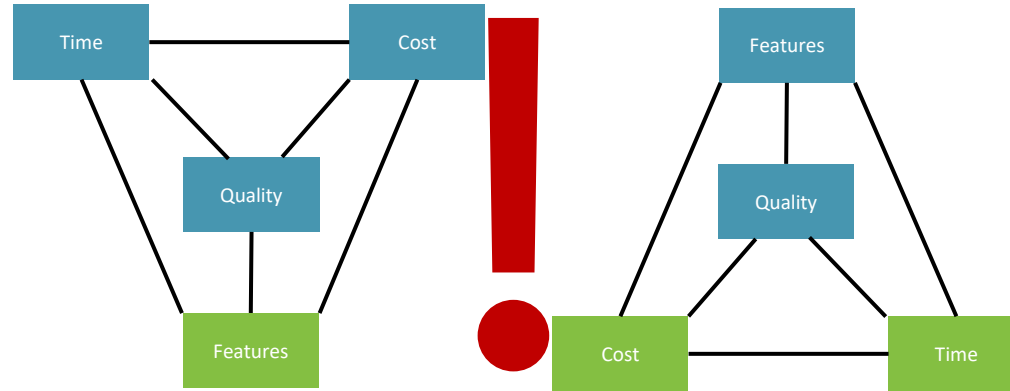
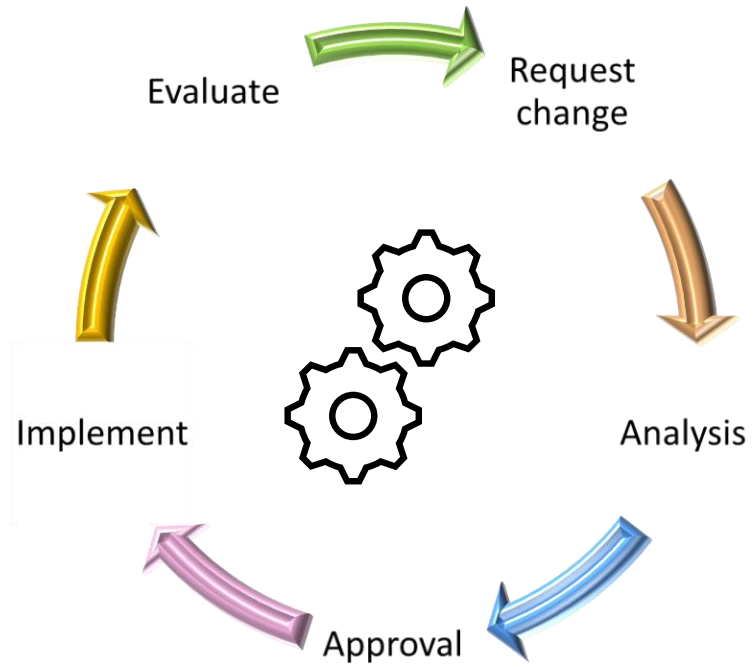
Get approval for each change



### **Completeness**

Final review of delivery against agreed scope, sign off

# Scope Management – Daily Life



Keep your project balanced  
at all time

# Time management

(*'Will Time overcome all problems?'*)

## Definition

A range of skills, tools, and techniques used to manage time when accomplishing specific activities and deliverables



# Time management ('Time will overcome all problems?')

## *Working in Projects revisited*



### **Baseline**

Create baseline: establish project plan.  
Create new baseline when your project plan changes



### **Analyze**

Analyze possible effects of changes to project plan



### **Sign off**

Sign off baseline by project board



### **Monitor**

Monitor progress and forecast against plan



### **Measure**

Create detailed plan at the start of each wave and monitor progress



### **Act**

If needed, act on any deviations

# Time Management – Daily Life

- Managing time = Managing the schedule
  - Measure progress against your baseline plan (know your schedule status)
  - Obtain status for each project deliverable (% complete)
  - Monitor at least once a month (smaller/critical projects require different frequency)
  - Ask team leads/consultants for end date of completed deliverables
  - Update your plan with the obtained status information
- Proactively inform your stakeholders. Focus on deliverables and not single activities
- Stick to the schedule whenever possible. Changes to the schedule introduce extra cost and new risks
- Consider Crashing or fast-tracking your schedule to keep on track.

Keep your project  
balanced at all time



# Budget management

*(‘It’s all about the money’)*

## Definition

Budget management is the process for establishing the total budget and monitoring and controlling the actual costs of the project against the budget.





# Budget management ('It's all about the money')

## *Working in Projects revisited*



### **Baseline**

Create baseline: establish project budget (effort, hardware, software license)



### **Analyze**

Analyze possible effects of changes to project Budget



### **Sign off**

Sign off baseline by project board



### **Monitor**

Monitor progress and forecast against budget



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# Budget Management – Daily Life

- Control your budget by controlling your Scope, Schedule and Risks. Never reduce cost by cutting down on quality

**Keep your project  
balanced at all time**



- Know cost status of your project (not only hours but also materials)

Project: .....		Current Month		To Date		Planned		Remaining	
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	Total								
0002									
	Total								
Total									

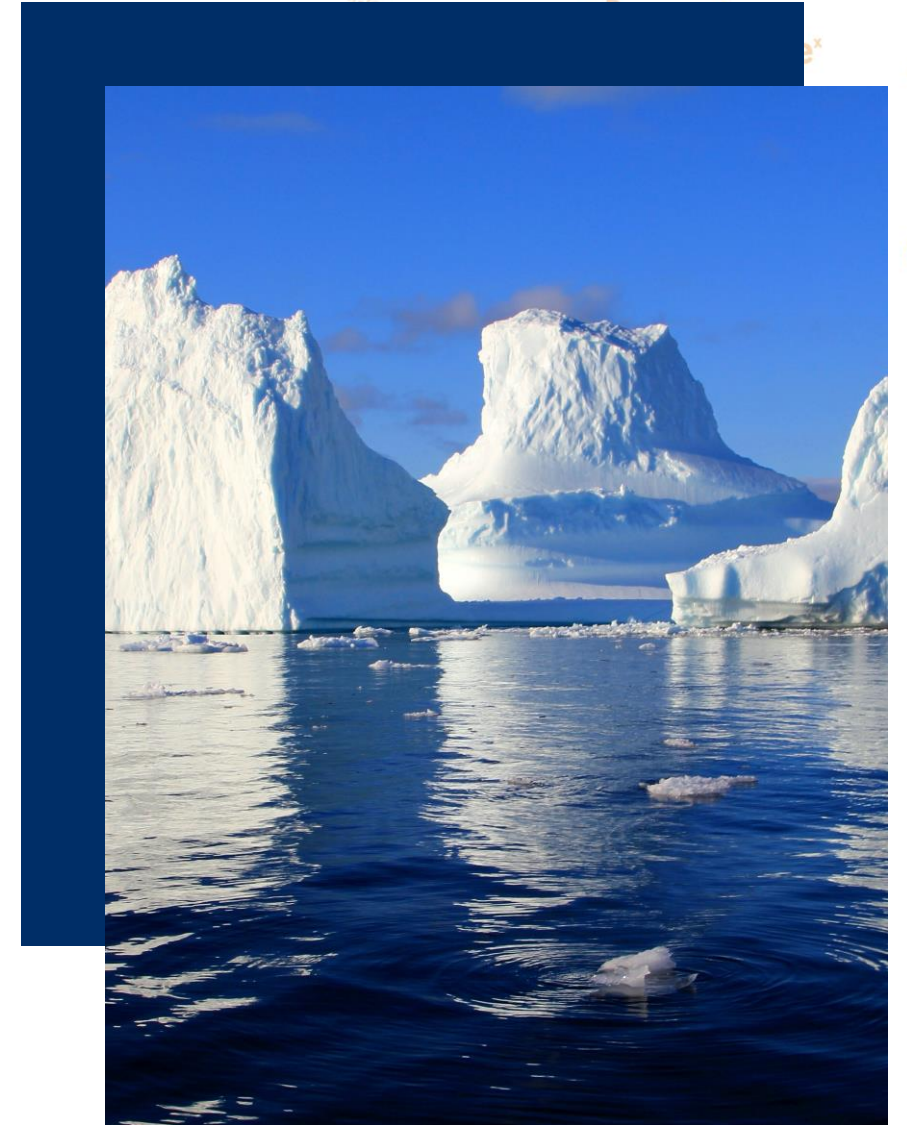
- Actively monitor project hours. Do not wait until the end of the month
- Implement timesheet procedure. Ask team members to enter their hours daily (spent & forecast). A project manager can only manage the budget when information is current.
- Communicate any deviations as soon as possible. Try to present solutions not only facts.

# Risk management

*(‘Expect the unexpected’)*

## Definition

Risk Management is the identification, evaluation and prioritization of risks followed by actions to minimize, control and monitor these potentially impacting events.



# Risk management ('Expect the unexpected')

## *Working in Projects revisited*



### **Identify**

Identify all risks throughout the project life cycle



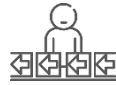
### **Quantify**

Quantify each risk  
(impact and likelihood)



### **Action**

Assign owner and determine appropriate action for each risk  
(avoid, transfer, mitigate or accept)



### **Monitor**

Continually monitor all risks



### **Log**

Create and maintain a risk log

# Risk vs. Issue

**Risk** is an uncertain event that, should it occur, will influence the outcome of your project. (positive/negative)

**Issue** is a 100% certain problem that will have a negative impact on your project.

# How to manage Issues – Daily Life

- Log all issues in your project issue log
- Check and update your issue log regularly
- Take action asap
  - Clarify
  - Assign to person
  - Adapt planning (if required)
  - Solve asap 😊
- Communicate to stakeholders
- Evaluate process

Ref#	Category	Description	Impact	Issuer	Owner	Action taken	Status

# Huston...we have a problem

- Situation: you're the PM of a FP project. There's a very complex bug in the AIMMS environment . Your team wants to solve it, but doesn't know how. Could this be an AIMMS problem?

Customer is angry, they paid bigtime, need to go live YESTERDAY, and demand this bug to be solved ASAP.

- Business Lead is very angry, because the project margin is already very low.... and doesn't want to spend more budget.
- Which are the max 4 actions you take within the following 6 domains (15 minutes):
  - Expectations Management, Team management
  - Risk, Monitoring, Administration
  - Project Plan



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# My take:

- I would:
  - 1) **Scope.** -> Who owns this problem? Do we agree that ORTEC needs to solve this? Who's responsibility for an AIMMS problem?
  - 2) **Team Management** -> Give full responsibility to the lead consultant to get it sorted, and create an positive atmosphere and facilitate problem solving.
  - 3) **Project Plan** -> Organize maximal resourcing support, including AIMMS of expertise via busines lead (also managing expectations 😊 )
  - 4) **Administration** -> Setup daily or even hourly routine to inform the customer on progress, and give them the idea that we do everything it takes.







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# Project Deployment

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It's a wrap!



## Assignment – Project Closure

- What is needed to officially close your project?
- Which actions do you need to take at the end of your project?
- Time: 10 minutes
  
- Go to your Break-out room

# Project Closure



## The last mile

- All deliverables finished? (Pay attention to special ones e.g., user training and documentation)
- Go-live period
- Hypercare period

## Closure meeting

- Official discharge from the customer
- Evaluate
- Plan follow-up meeting
- Next projects & Up/cross-sell ideas spawned

## Support

- Prepare handover to GCS (Global Customer Support) or M&S-team (Maintenance & Support)
- GCS/M&S-team informed & trained

## Administration

- Close Synergy code, MS Teams, Jira etc.

## Celebration!

- Communicate about the project
- Celebrate the closure of the project



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# Training Closure

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# Listen To Your Gut Feeling



# Involve The People Around You

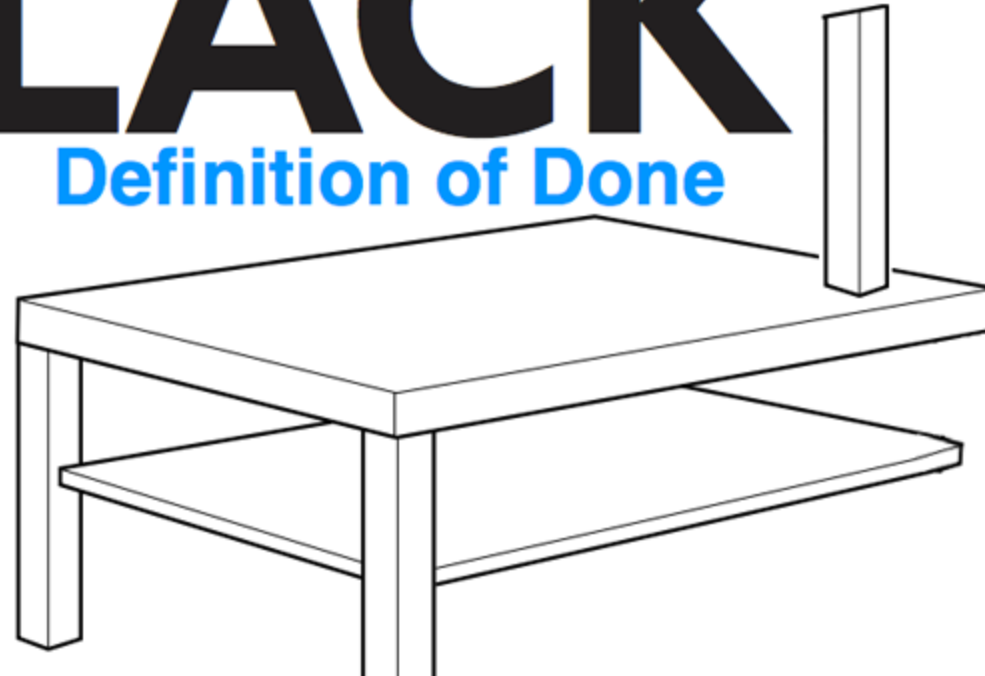


# Invest In Relationships

TRUST

## Make Clear Agreements

**LACK**ING  
Definition of Done







Have your administration in order

Your most important take-aways?

