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What inspires this topic?

- Programs fail before they start
- Leaders' mature understanding of strategic alignment
- The impact of digitalization on reinventing mindsets and ways of working
- Busy work and organizational noise do not equal value
- Future program and project managers must rethink
 their role and contribution.

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Program Management Matters





EFQM Model Competencies







Future Leading

- Importance of creating safe spaces
- Trust factor
- Nourishing team learning
- Building team diversify & connectedness
- Setting up value mindset.







The power of data

Culture: rewarding learning and collaboration

Principles: consistency, efficiency, speed, and sustainability

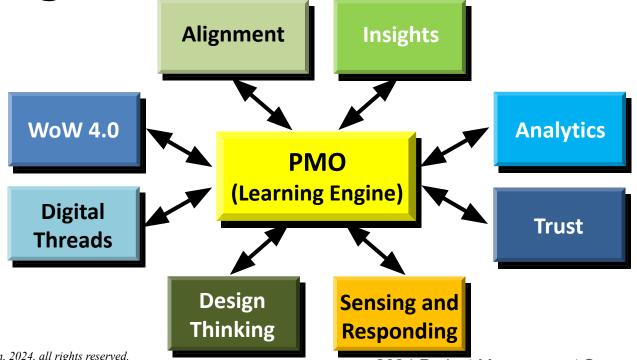
The Human: mindset shifts, agility, simplicity, and clarity

The Digital: adapting, scaling, focus, and optimization



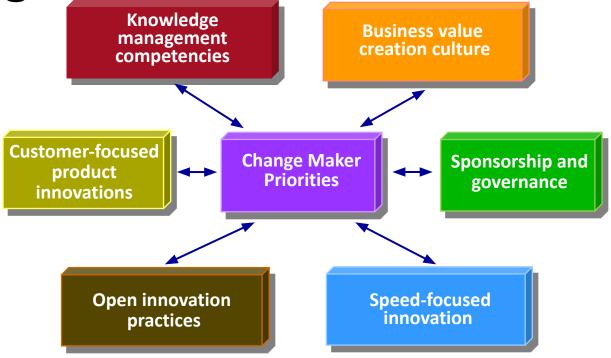


Strategic PMO Role





Change Maker







Roadmap Creation Environment



- Operating as a Coach
- Encouraging and rewarding critical conversations
- Higher risk appetite
- Collaboration focus
- Encouraging the use of feedback to grow roadmap commitment.





Progressive Elaboration Creation

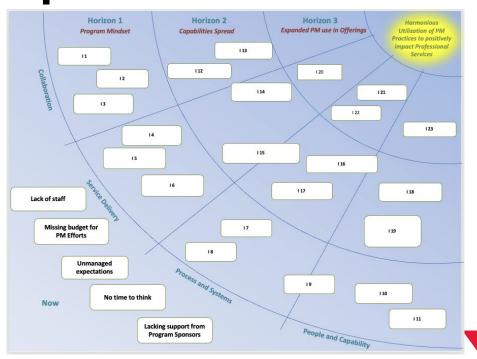
- Add more details as uncertainty decreases
- Critical way of thinking/working today:
 - Consider need for speed
 - Avoid starting programs before gaining full understanding of requirements
- Supports organizational agility principles
- Helps with customization of best-fitting initiatives' selection and delivery approach.





Powerful Roadmap Stories

- Visual Story
- Links to strategic targets
- Focusses on value
- Illustrates change management
- Crystalizes strategic pillars.





What Next

Value-Driven Change



Value focus to overcome Organizational viruses

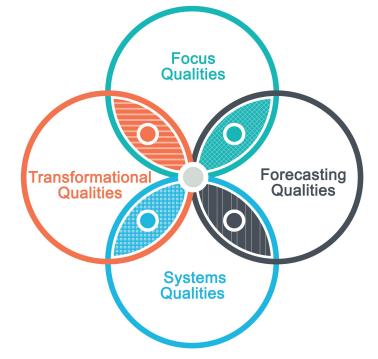
- Unhealthy politics
- Lack of accountability
- Resistance and insecurity about program created changes
- Poor sponsorship
- Gaps in engagement infrastructure
- Not invented here syndrome.





Benefits Strategists lead the Way

- Focus line-of-sights
- Forecasting risk management
- Systems holistic
- Transformational EQ





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Why the Benefits Strategist



- Critical future leader role
- Ownership of value lifecycle story
- Thinking across hats ability
- Diversity of views
 Enablement.





Slow Down to go Faster

- Rethink where we spend our time.
- Strengthen our prioritization muscles.
 - Cancel unnecessary work.
 - Create spaces to reflect/pause/progress.
 - Continuously change something.





Balance the Human and the Digital



Value-Enablement Excellence:

- Clear transformation mental focus
- Aligned Hearts around Value
- Adaptable execution





Value-Creation Muscles



Practice Start, Stop, and Continue

- Enhances the opportunity to listen to multiple views and rethink course of action
- The manufacturing company PMO failure story in practice
- A clear diversity differentiator





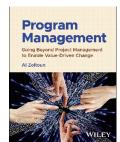
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