Going Agile

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Workshops in Heidelberg

When?

Friday, 21 September 2012
Friday, 5 October 2012
Friday, 19 October 2012
10:00 – 13:00 h

Workshops in Frankfurt a. M.

When?

Thursday, 27 September 2012
Friday, 11 October 2012
Thursday, 25 October 2012
19:00 – 21:00 h

How do you know if you are agile? Does it matter?

According to surveys from several sources (Versionone (2011), Dr. Dobb's Journal (2008), Shine Technologies (2003), the benefits of agile projects are:

- Higher productivity and lower cost,
- Improved employee engagement and job satisfaction,
- Faster time to market,
- Higher quality, and
- Improved stakeholder satisfaction.

Nevertheless, the Chief Information Officers to whom we have spoken want to be agile, but fear it can be interpreted as:

- Programming without knowing the requirements
- No documentation…ever
- No management controls on costs
- No visibility on project progress
- An impossible change to realize
- And, and, and…

Therefore, we decided to put our project management expertise together with our **"let's deliver" philosophy** and create a workshop **to discuss making IT projects Agile**. Since we know that Business Intelligence (BI) projects require a specific IT environment, we have included focus on the Agile BI.

Workshop objectives

By the end of the workshop, you should be able to:

- Explain the difference between Agile projects and Waterfall projects
- Know about some of the different Agile approaches
- Know the requirements for "Agile BI"
- Decide on the next steps you would like to take to "Go Agile"

Workshop topics

- Review of Waterfall Software Development Lifecycle
- Introduction to Manifesto for Agile Software Development
- Side-by-side comparison of Waterfall to several Agile frameworks Discussion on making IT projects agile
- Discussion on is it really worth the effort?
- Definition of agile BI
- Discussion on the requirements for Agile BI environments and organizations

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Target Audience

- Anyone interested in agile IT and BI projects,
- Executives and managers that have been involved in IT or BI projects and are considering implementing an agile process or have tried to implement an agile process will benefit most from the discussion.

Seminar Leader

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