Inside Innovation: Managing Cultural Diversity in Cross-Functional Teams

If you want to succeed, double your failure rate!

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The Purpose

- Get a grip on diversity and define the benefits
- Look at the downside
- Learn from a range of examples what transformational role diversity plays in cross-functional teams
- Get an idea of how a cross-functional innovation process should be designed in order to reach maximum results



High Performance needs...



What does diversity tell us about useful contexts?

Summary: The Key-Findings

- Do not suppose to steer through a linear development process but rather look for a certain bandwidth
- Expect turns and twists in your groups performance
- Learn to let go as the team matures
- Do not expect happiness (or depression) but be aware of the emotional tide in the process



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