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Sustainability Competences in the Project Society

It has been a while since we last met in person as IPMA Council of Delegates. I am so happy to meet you again in person in Cavtat, Croatia, where we are also attending the 15th OTMC Conference and 6th IPMA SENET Conference (September 21st to 24th).

The OTMC and SENET Conferences sponsored by the Croatian Association for Construction Management, Faculty of Civil Engineering – University of Zagreb, the Croatian Association for Project Management and IPMA have designed an ambitious program. Once again, to address the challenges imposed by the BANI world which affects all of us. Beyond specific aspects about AI, BIM, digitalisation, techniques and tools for more sustainable, safer and healthier construction and megaprojects – these events have reinforced the need to manage our teaching and learning ecosystem even more appropriately. This way, the projects and their management help to strengthen the competences needed to make our projects, programs and portfolios more sustainable.

As I shared in the previous CoD Communiqué (dated June 18th), the project society is facing many challenges in taking advantage of the current BANI challenges and coping with entropy. That is why IPMA Member Associations, with their large professional PM networks worldwide, deploy an Ecosystem with best practices. This is done in order to reflect how we can cooperate on value co-creation, project network and managing the challenges for the sustainability through competences in the era of the project society.

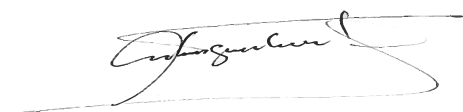
We – the IPMA – believe in the concept of sustainability competences for a sustainable project society and then the IPMA Ecosystem because the value we create with our activities directly impacts sustainable development. To protect the health of our planet and our public health, it is crucial to integrate sustainability competences into our education and training systems. Education and training enable us all to develop competences and acquire the knowledge, skills and attitudes needed to value our planet and protect it truly. This will help transition the world to a fairer project economy and project society.

As IPMA Chairman I would like to highlight the importance of taking advantages of these opportunities and challenges to develop sustainability competences and the sustainable project society. At the conferences you will get insight into developed theories, concepts and best practices. These reflect the IPMA Ecosystem as a key pillar that values the project network as well as the project management in the sustainable project society.

The most important thing is to address the level of change and transformation management required by a portfolio, which will largely depend on the amount of disruption created in individuals' and groups' day-to-day lives, plus attributes such as culture, value system and history with past changes.

The IPMA Ecosystem aims to foster a sustainability mindset by helping project, programme and portfolio managers develop the sustainability competencies needed: knowledge, skills, and attitudes to think, plan and act with empathy, responsibility, professionalism and care for our planet through our networks and society.

We will continue our work worldwide and look forward to a future that is more peaceful, free and sustainable.



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