

Sharing the burdens

Project Management in collaborative European research projects

- how to create better organisation of large projects
- better use of specialized competences
- how to professionalize the project manager role in collaborative research projects.

The challenge to run and manage the projects is increasing:

- Collaboration between university and industry is encouraged - whereas they have different aims
- Projects are often encouraged to grow large
- The set-up will subsequently increase the complexity of the projects along many lines
- The number of research project has increased

It is needed to

- agree on the complexity of the project management
- acknowledge the special competence and professionalism and the excellence of project management

How to

- Allow researchers to focus on research?
- Increase the quality of the project management?

Our solution is to provide professional project managing to research projects and divide the duties in conducting large research collaborative projects

- Each research task is given their optimal attention with regards to competence and resources (researchers and technical personnel)
- Also different management tasks are distributed in a highly specialised professional management team (project managers, communication experts, law experts)

The project managers work together on a day-to-day basis with the scientific and technical leads.

Professionalisation

- Establish a community
- Establish training, education and research in the area

Research questions

- Which are the obstacles, and which are the benefits of sharing the responsibility between the technical manager and the coordination management team?
- How can the culture and the administration in the organisations be helpful – or hamper the best practice?



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