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## Welcome to the December Edition of the PMI Luxembourg Chapter Newsletter!

This month brings a rich mix of updates and opportunities: cast your vote in the 2025 Board Elections and learn about the important upcoming changes to our membership model. Explore our next learning event with a deep dive into the PMI-CP™ certification journey, and relive the energy of the PMI BeNeLux Summit 2025 in our post-event feature. You'll also find highlights from the PMI Global Summit 2025 in Phoenix, along with insights from PMI Luxembourg Chapter's involvement in events for construction professionals and a collaboration with the University of Luxembourg. For inspiration on the go, don't miss the newest episode of the PM Untold Podcast, focused on navigating projects in large organizations!

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## Your Voice Matters. Cast Your Vote in the 2025 Board Elections

Dear Members,

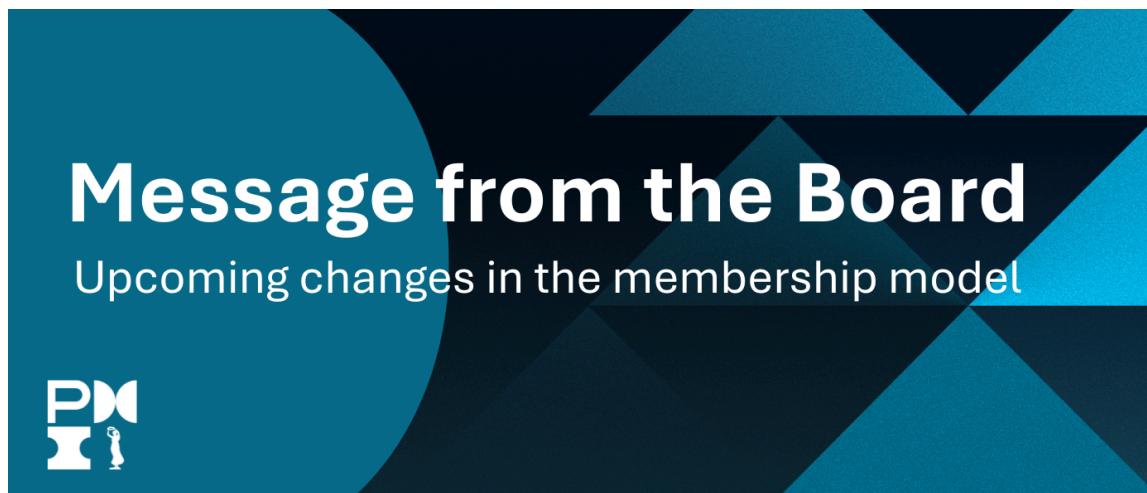
We are pleased to announce that voting is now open for the 2025 Board Elections. This year, we invite you to help shape the future of our chapter by participating in the selection of leaders for the following open positions:

- **Chapter President**
- **Event Director**
- **Director of Marketing and Communication**
- **Finance Director**

Make your voice count - vote now and help shape the future of our chapter. The deadline to cast your vote is December 28, 2025.

Thank you for your continued commitment and support.

In case you didn't receive your ballot or you have questions please contact: [president@pmi.lu](mailto:president@pmi.lu) and [elections@pmi.lu](mailto:elections@pmi.lu).



Dear Chapter Members **with the residence out of Luxembourg**,

With the **new PMI membership model**, all PMI members will automatically become Chapter members based on their address of residence. That is PMI's decision that we cannot oppose. That means that you, whose residence is out of Luxembourg, shall be automatically assigned to their local Chapter (France, Germany, Belgium - most of you are in these 3 countries) and will lose PMI Luxembourg Chapter membership.

These changes will start on **Feb 1 2026** and will affect all those whose membership renewal falls on this date or later. Members who renew their membership in January 2026 shall be affected in January 2027.

Those of you who had double Chapter membership (say, France and Luxembourg) paying for 2 Chapters will continue to do so. Your assigned Chapter will be France and you can select Luxembourg as another Chapter you want to be a member of. So for you, nothing changes substantially.

Those of you for whom the Luxembourg Chapter was the only choice will be affected. Obviously, you can opt to pay 2 Chapter memberships - your local and Luxembourg. However, if you don't want to do it - as you were not doing it all these years - you still may have a few options.

1. The cleanest way is to **change your residence address** to the one in Luxembourg. If you have a Luxembourg residence, you may declare that one in your PMI profile.

2. If you don't have a Luxembourg residence but work for a company in Luxembourg, you may **give the company's address** in your PMI profile - if your employer agrees with that.
3. If you don't have either of the above you may wait until the membership renewal and then, if nothing changes, **call the PMI Customer Service**, explain to them your situation and ask them to "geolocalise" you in Luxembourg. You may also reinforce that request by telling that you were always a member of the Luxembourg Chapter only and nothing else - the statement they can easily verify.

**Customer Service** can be reached from your dashboard ([my.pmi.org](http://my.pmi.org)), bottom right of the page.

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### 📣 Upcoming Webinar - save the date!

Mastering the Built Environment: Your Blueprint for PMI Construction Professional PMI-CP™ Certification Success.

Elevate your career in construction project management. Join this essential webinar to learn about PMI Construction Professional (PMI-CP)™ Certification roadmap, master construction-specific risk and contract strategies, and future-proof your leadership skills in the built environment.

[Register here >>](#)

 **Date: 4 December 2025**

- **Time : 6 PM to 7:15 PM**
- **Where: Online**

Agenda:

20 min: Introduction about Project Management Institute (PMI)

45 min: Presenting (PMI-CP)™

15 min: Q/A

We're looking forward to seeing you at this event!

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# PMI BeNeLux Summit 2025

## Connecting Minds, Inspiring Change: The Power of the PMI Benelux Community

by [Richard Woodham](#), President PMI Luxembourg Chapter

As we look back on the PMI BeNeLux Summit 2025, I feel a great sense of pride and gratitude. This outstanding event - marked a series of firsts for our community. With nearly 400 project professionals in attendance and a record number of sponsoring partners, it was our largest and most ambitious summit to date. The event was powered by over 35 passionate volunteers from across the Benelux and beyond working tirelessly behind the scenes to bring this vision to life. Their professionalism, energy, and teamwork reflected everything that makes our PMI community so special.



## A Day of Ideas and Insights

The theme — “**Project Management in the AI Era: Bridging Precision, Creativity, and Innovation**” — perfectly captured the conversations and insights that defined the day. Together, we explored how artificial intelligence is reshaping the world of projects, while reaffirming that human leadership, empathy, and creativity remain at the core of success without forgetting the environmental and sustainability aspects. All the speakers were truly inspiring and some nuggets:

- Emotional Intelligence plays a key role in preparing for massive technological disruption. **Christian Kromme** – covering From AI and exponential technologies.
- **AI and Sustainability** can unlock untapped benefits for organizations. For example, 52% of organizations that have fully integrated AI into their sustainability strategy report improved cost savings, compared with 32% of those still in the exploration stage.
- The future of project management is hybrid. There are no purely predictive or adaptive approaches anymore. True value comes from tailoring the best elements of each to be fit for purpose - **Bart Briers**

## Partners in Success

The success of the summit would not have been possible without the generous support of our **sponsors**, who share our belief in the power of AI professional project management and provided many practical demonstrations of the power of their tools. Their partnership enabled us to create an event that inspired, educated, and connected practitioners across the region.

## Strength in Community

Beyond the presentations, the day was a true celebration of the BeNeLux project management community. Attendees from diverse industries - finance, technology, government, pharmaceuticals and beyond - came together to exchange experiences and forge new professional connections. The energy and engagement throughout the event reflected the collaborative spirit and shared purpose that make our community so strong.

# BIMLUX and Sustainable Construction for Resilient Cities



Last month, on 12-13 November, our **PMI Luxembourg Chapter** proudly took part in the conference **BIMLUX and Sustainable Construction for Resilient Cities**, with great success.

We were excited to engage with professionals from across the construction industry and explore the vital intersection of technology and project delivery. Thank you to **Francesco Fabbricatore, PMP®** and **Chukri ABOURJEILY, MEng, PMP®** for their support and dedicated representation of **Project Management Institute** at our stand.

Our key highlight was the insightful presentation delivered by Chukri ABOURJEILY, PMI Europe Construction Ambassador in Luxembourg. It drew a full house and sparked strong interest from the audience, as he spoke about the pivotal role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in modern project management.

Thank you to the BIMLUX and Sustainable Construction for Resilient Cities organizers - **CRTI-B, Luxembourg Institute of Science and Technology (LIST), Neobuild GIE** and the OAI - for two productive days and excellent collaboration on such a timely event.

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## Highlights from PMI Global Summit 2025 – Phoenix



We are thrilled to share some of the most important announcements from PMI's Global Summit in Phoenix (Nov 12–15, 2025). As always, this event was a powerful reminder of what happens when the project management community comes together under the theme "MORE, Together." Our Director of Volunteers, **Saulius Kavoliunas**, was part of the PMI Global Summit this year to represent **PMI Luxembourg Chapter**.

Here are key takeaways and what's next for all of us in the profession:

### Key Announcements

#### *PMP Certification Exam Refresh (Launching July 2026)*

PMI announced a major refresh of the PMP® exam to better reflect current and future project management realities - including AI, sustainability, value delivery, and more adaptive (agile/hybrid) approaches.

- The exam content outline has been updated.
- A pilot for the new exam will be launched, giving early adopters a chance to test the new format.

#### *PMBOK® Guide – 8th Edition Released*

PMI released the 8th Edition of the PMBOK® Guide, shaped by extensive practitioner input. This is positioned as their most community-informed edition yet.

#### *PMI Infinity™ (AI Tool) – New Version*

The next iteration of PMI Infinity is now available — powered by multiple leading AI models, firmly grounded in PMI standards, and accessible via the PMI website and the mobile app.

#### *Advanced Certification Pilot (2026)*

PMI is launching a new advanced certification in 2026 (pilot phase) for high-complexity, high-stakes project professionals.

- This path begins with an active PMP, then goes through peer review and proctored exam.
- It's being piloted now in select organizations.

#### *Salary Survey Insight*

PMI released the new Earning Power: Project Management Salary Survey, showing that PMP-certified professionals earn a significant premium over non-certified peers.

- Survey respondents with a PMP® certification report higher median salaries than those without PMP certification - 33% higher on average across the 21 countries surveyed.

- This underscores how valuable continuous professional development and certification remain - especially in a changing world shaped by AI and hybrid work.

These announcements demonstrate PMI's commitment to modernizing project management - making it more relevant, future-proof, and aligned with pressing global trends like AI, sustainability and project success.

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## PMI Luxembourg and University of Luxembourg Partner on PhD Project Management Training

The PMI Luxembourg Chapter is honored to share about "Project Management for Your PhD" training program, a collaboration with University of Luxembourg designed to equip first-year doctoral candidates with essential project management skills for academic and professional success. Centered around the PMBOK framework, the course integrates modern techniques such as Artificial Intelligence (AI) for workflow optimization and Emotional Intelligence (EI) for leadership and collaboration. Delivered online over six sessions from late 2025 to early 2026, the program blends theory with practical applications, including group projects and presentations, fostering critical skills like stakeholder engagement, integration, and leadership.

Led by expert facilitators Mrs. **Aurora Gualtieri** and Dr. Claire Godet, participants gain confidence in managing their doctoral theses. Top-performing students will be rewarded with complimentary PMI memberships, opportunity to attend European PMI event, and platforms to showcase their skills via podcasts and webinars. This initiative reflects the PMI Luxembourg Chapter's commitment to supporting academic communities and advancing project management capabilities among emerging professionals.

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## PM Untold Podcast: Navigating Projects in Large Organizations with Fernando Fernandez Rodriguez

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# NAVIGATING PROJECTS IN LARGE ORGANIZATIONS

with

**Fernando Fernandez  
Rodriguez**

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In this episode, **Fernando Fernandez Rodriguez, MBA, PMP**, a senior global transformation manager at Amazon and the Vice President at PMI Luxembourg chapter, discusses his extensive experience in project management across various industries. He shares insights on different project management practices in different-sized organizations, and some significant Amazon working methods.

In this episode, we explore:

- 💡 Different Project Management methodologies: Agile or Waterfall
- 💡 Stakeholder and Risk Management strategies in different organizations
- 💡 Aligning Project Goals with Company Objectives
- 💡 Cross-departmental Collaboration Strategies
- 💡 Practical tools and systems for different phases and purposes in project management
- 💡 Some unique Amazon's ways of working, such as Working Backwards and more
- 💡 Continuous learning and adapting

Whether you're leading a cross-functional team in a global organization or managing projects for startups, this episode is packed with real-world insights, learnings from personal stories, practical advice, and plenty of inspiration.

Stay curious. Stay grounded. Tune in now!

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## Ask us anything

Some of you asked us for a “questions & answers” column and so here it is! You can submit your questions using the below button (anonymously, if you wish). We will answer your questions in the upcoming newsletter issues.

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