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Message from the President




Dear PMI Members, Partners, and Friends,

As I begin my tenure as President of our chapter, I want to express my sincere appreciation to the 2022-2023 board, including Eloise, Paul, Lynn, Maria, Aurora, and Laila, as well as the Executive Committee, volunteers, and members for their multiple achievements. The growth and support of our community, the innovative events we have held, and the embedding of the core PMI cultural values are all testaments to your dedication and hard work. PMI Luxembourg 2024 is off to a great start. I'm excited with the speed with which our three new board members, Jamison, Guzel, and Alexandros, have joined the Board and taken on their responsibilities.

The PMI Next Strategy, launched in January 2024, offers us new opportunities to benefit our members and partners, and we will share more information on this in our February 2024 newsletter. As a community of experts, we will leverage PMI's unique strengths and community-generated knowledge platforms and resources, such as PMI Infinity and PMI's first PMP Exam Simulator backed by the power of AI. We look forward to hosting an event during the first few months of 2024 to discuss these topics with our members and the wider community. Finally, I would like to thank you all for your confidence in me as your President for 2024-2025. I am looking forward to collaborating with you to "Maximize our project successes in 2024 and 2025 – one responsible project at a time".

Thank you.

Richard – President PMI Luxembourg Chapter.

 PMI Luxembourg Be the Ripple of Change		 Project Management Institute. Benefits of PMI membership Global & Europe Strategy	 Project Management Institute. What we could do? What do you think?
Make It Easy Be Welcoming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to deal with; • Prioritize the impact that matters; • Support Career Journey/Trajectory; • Learning Opportunities; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revamped Volunteer Resources; • Up to \$9000 for Chapter Support; • Grow membership by volume across Europe; Focus PMP CAPM; • Improve the learning journey; • Leverage the Community; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular member feedback sessions; • Building LinkedIn; Newsletter; Regular Mailings; Podcast; • New Member On boarding; • Support to students and young professionals; • Support to mature professionals; • Enhance the Campfires & Mentoring, to support Professional Development;
Aim Higher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage top quality work which has impact on the professional development of our members and the wider project management community; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generative AI for Project Managers; • Project Infinity Tool; • AI Community & Thought Leadership resources; • PMI Board Members & Executive Leaders as speakers in Events; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events focused around developing thought-leadership on Digital Transformation of Manufacturing Generative AI for Project Management; Academic Sector; • Partnering with the Education Sector: LSB; University of Luxembourg;
Embrace Curiosity Together We Can	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always looking for better ways to serve PMI and the Project Management Community; • Look beyond PMI to look to improve; • Community provides huge support, knowledge sharing and benefits from the latest tools and techniques. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Global PM Organisation; • Virtual Experience – Empowering Your Future; • Quarterly regional community newsletter; • Launched PMI Community in Times of Need; • PMI Global Summits; • Chapter Leader Onboarding; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closer cooperation between the BE / NL & LU Chapters including the Benelux Summits; • Reach out to the Project Management Community in Luxembourg beyond our 267 Members; • Make it easier for non-members to participate in our events; • Reconnect with the PM2 community to look at equivalence of qualifications;

We are already working towards our key objectives and strategy for 2024, and some of our new initiatives have already kicked off in January.

- Starting our engagement with the Youth and Academic Sector with our program of support for the Luxembourg School of Business to integrate Project Management Education into the new Bachelors in International Management; If you are an academic institution and would like to partner with us please contact president@pmi.lu (00 352 621 150795) for further information;
- As part of closer integration with the Belgium and Netherlands chapters we are working together support our members and partners organization to participate in a Benelux wide Summit in June in the Netherlands focusing on “Synergizing Project Management & Manufacturing Systems to enable Excellence in the Digital Age”; Please contact president@pmi.lu (00 352 621 150795) if you would like further information on this event as we are offering a number of interesting participation packages;
- Publishing of our 2024 Annual Plan which was presented to around forty of our members Kick-Off Event on the 25th January 2024 and agreed by the Board of Directors at our Board Planning session on the 27th January 2024;

Chapter News

Welcome New Board members



Richard Woodham, MBA, PMP, DASSM is a senior project manager supporting with over thirty years' experience delivering across the public sector; financial services and manufacturing industry. With eight years of volunteering experience within PMI; passionate about educating; coaching; and mentoring on the benefits of project management education for youth and young professionals; the impacts of AI on our profession; and supporting our seasoned members.

Key projects include a contract to support a global financial organization in readying their European FX and Treasury business for the MIFID II regulation and multiple mergers and integrations in the financial services industry. Richard is a registered IT Consulting Engineer, and a Certified Public Accountant. Richard has taken up the role of **Chapter President from January 2024**.

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Jamison Mize, MBA, PMP, CAMP with extensive experience in sales, business development, and project management. He has a strong academic background, holding an MBA from Rome Business School, a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences from Southern Illinois University, and several certifications from Project Management Institute (PMI) and Amazon Web Services (AWS).

Jamison has worked for a variety of companies in the United States and Europe, including Armstrong & Associates and Anton Paar. He is skilled in managing multiple technical product lines, coaching sales teams, and developing sales strategies. Jamison has taken up the role of **Director Finance starting from January 2024**.

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Guzel Afanaseva PMP, PMI-ACP, PhD in chemistry, Lead scientist in DuPont de Nemours SARL company, project manager and Agile coach with proven record in successful innovation, product development and customer relationships. Supporting project teams with strategy in development from ideation to launch. Collaborating with talented global cross functional teams and driving initiatives to support Agile mindset and innovations.

Guzel has experience in marketing and new business development, within the frame of open innovation in collaboration with customers, including work in start-up teams. Guzel has taken up the role **Director Marketing&Communication starting from January 2024.**

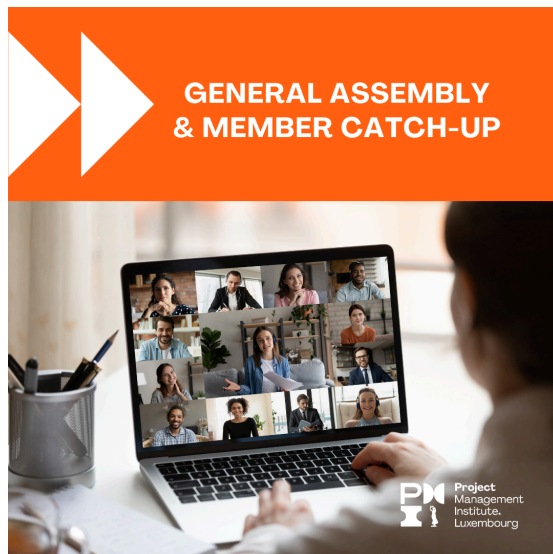
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Alexandros Milionis, Revenue Management Professional with dedicated experience in refining sales strategies and optimizing pricing models for Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company within EMEA. He has acquired a solid educational background, including an engineering degree in Computer Science and a Master of Science in Supply Chain & Logistics.

His leadership in cross-functional projects leverages a strong skill set deeply rooted in analytics, business acumen, and negotiation to boost corporate EBIT, reduce financial risks, empower sales teams, and create impactful sales incentive plans and battle-cards. Alexandros has taken up the role of **Director Events starting from January 2024.**

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General Assembly Update

Dear Friends of PMI Luxembourg Chapter, we are excited to share with you an update on our recent General Assembly, which took place online in December. During the assembly, several key areas were reviewed, including financials, marketing and communication, membership, volunteering and events.

We are proud to report that in 2023 we continued to connect with other chapters in several countries, creating more opportunities to collaborate around the world. As a closely-knit and dynamic chapter, we are committed to offer engaging events and networking opportunities for all members. This past year, we hosted a number of successful events, including in-person meetings and workshop with Guy Benzeno, as well as collaboration event with House of Startups. Looking ahead to 2024, we are committed to strongly connect our community through in-person events featuring speakers from Luxembourg and greater networking opportunities through collaboration with our partners and other chapters. Thank you for your continued support and interest in **PMI Luxembourg Chapter**. Presentation will be available soon in members' area.

[Members' Area](#)

Upcoming events

PMI Chapter Xchange Event Tomorrow's Project Managers Today !

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**TOMORROW'S
PROJECT MANAGER TODAY !**

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COLLABORATION

PIERRE LE MANH	KIRON BONDALE	JAMNA JABBAR	WILLIAM CHEN	LUIS EDUARDO REYES PLASENCIA	MIGUEL CASTANDEDA	KONDWANI W. BANDA
Guest Speaker USA, North America	Session Moderator USA, North America	UAE, Middle East	Taiwan, Asia	Spain, Europe	Mexico, Latin America	South Africa, Africa

FEB 16, 2024

THIS EVENT IS OPEN FOR BOTH MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS.

As the world transforms, our projects are shifting with disruptive innovation and relentless change, organizations are increasingly reliant on nimble, adaptable project teams to spearhead growth and navigate uncharted territory.

But who are the architects of these high-performing endeavors? The answer lies in understanding tomorrow's project managers – pioneers shaping the present.

Join us for a thought-provoking panel discussion as we explore the critical question: who are tomorrow's project managers, and how can we cultivate them today?



16th February 2024 15:00 – 17:00 CET (GMT + 1:00).

Location: Online

This event open for both members and non-members.

[Register here](#)

PM Untold: Call for Speakers!

PM Untold Podcast is a collaboration of the Benelux chapters of the PMI and one of our objective is to unravel the hidden stories behind exceptional leadership, delve into the minds of successful leaders, exploring their journeys, triumphs, and the invaluable lessons they've learned along the way.

PM Untold is a platform for **EVERYONE**. If there is anything relevant to project management you want to share with a broader audience, come to be the guest!




- 💡 To share a tough or fun project experience
- 💡 To share an insightful book or helpful training programme
- 💡 And more ...

Please reach out to us: fu.communication@pmi.lu. We'd also like to hear your feedback!

  **Coming soon!**
PM Untold: New podcast episode in February!

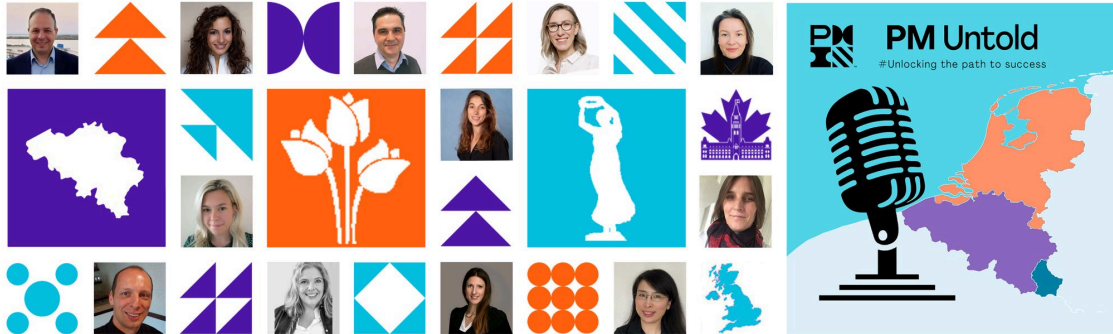


PM Untold Podcast Library

-  Pilot episode: Project Sustainability with Olivier Lazar
-  Episode #01: Emotional Intelligence with Natalie Boudou
-  Episode #02: Project Management in Young Generation with Chris F. Kindermans



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We are looking for several volunteers to join our **Communications team** and help us with our newsletter, social media, podcast production and website maintenance. If you're interested, please contact volunteers@pmi.lu.

- ☒ **Webmaster / Website Editor**
- ☒ **Podcast host**
- ☒ **Digital marketing**

What's in it for you?

- Professional growth and experience in the field of project management, event organization, marketing, communication but also working with various online tools
- Hours spent volunteering on a project are qualified for the PMI certification (earn PDUs)
- The role may lead to other leadership roles within the Luxembourg Chapter, if you're interested
- Being part of an amazing and diverse team
- Lots of fun!

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Ask us anything

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