

Business Improvement Projects

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Excelling in Gantt Chart use

Case Study

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Implementing successful Business Improvement Projects depends highly on good planning. At Learning Hub Friesland we realized: no matter how well thought and detailed our project planning might be, the world changes, stakeholders shift and team members get replaced.

These are all matters that might affect the initial planning. The most important aspect of project management is the way you monitor your planning.

In this case study, we will illustrate how we improve our business performance by keeping our initial planning up-to-date and alive by frequently updating the Gantt Chart at fixed moments.

Summary

Why?

Proper project planning secures and monitors the use of the manpower, finances, time and other resources needed to implement a project plan. To plan all the activities you want to accomplish with a team, thorough project planning helps.

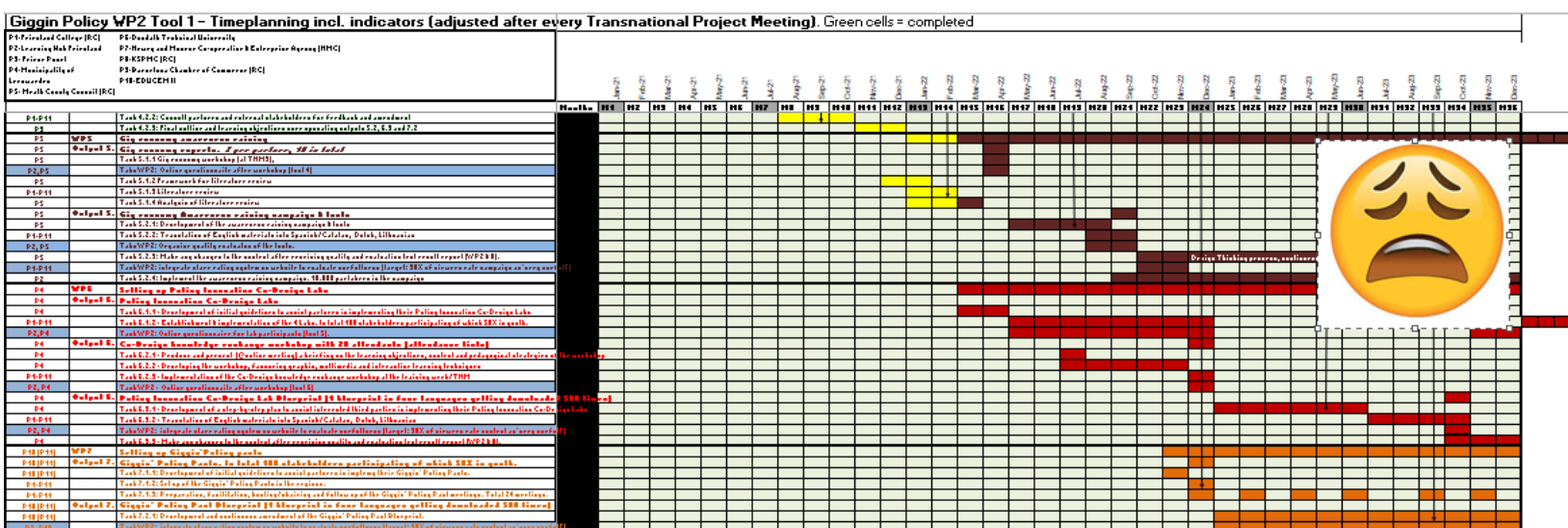
Who?

Learning Hub Friesland aims to stimulate education which keeps up with the latest developments in society. How? By actively tackling the challenges which the educational sector faces in the coming years. We work with partners all over Europe and our projects tend to have a lifespan of 3 years. During those years we work with primary and secondary schools, colleges and universities on solutions to create education which is truly ready for 21st century realities.

What?

A Gantt Chart is a timeline that is used as a project management tool to oversee every aspect of the project while keeping track of its progress. You will easily know who is responsible for what, how long each task will take and other problems that a team will encounter during the progress of the project.

“Gantt Charts might seem a little intimidating when a project manager shares it for the first time”

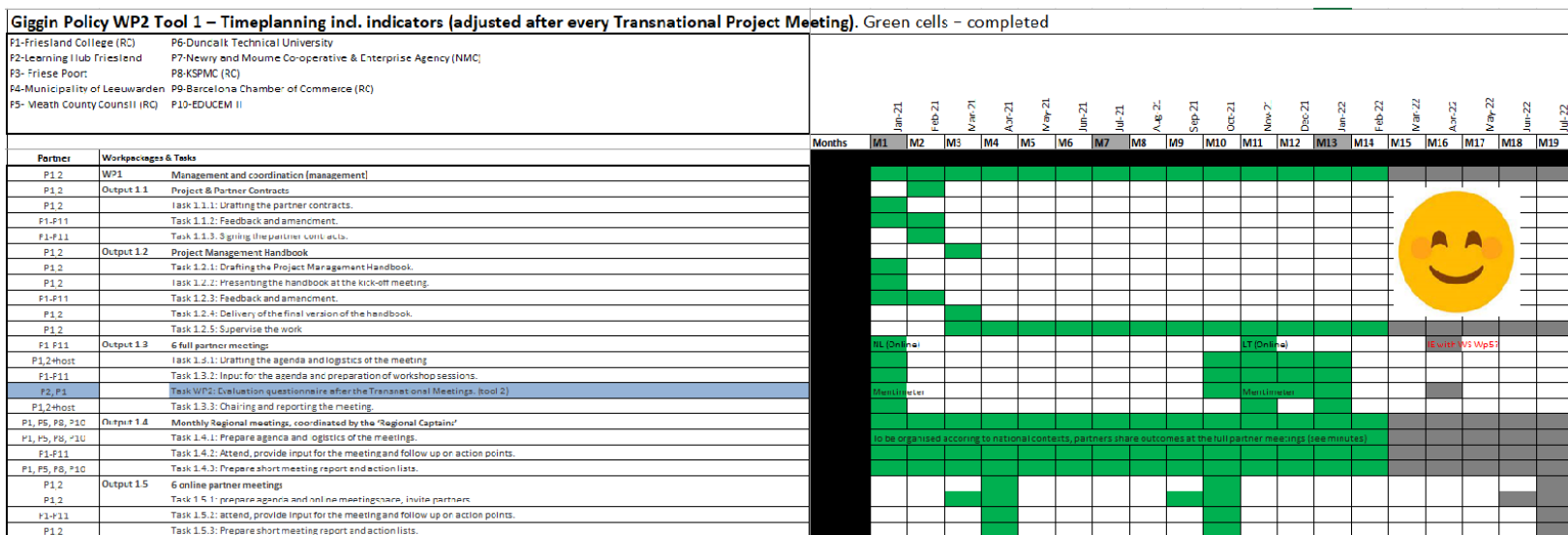


Gantt Charts are useful for planning and scheduling projects. They help you assess how long a project should take, determine the resources needed, and plan the order in which you'll complete tasks. They are also helpful for managing the dependencies between tasks.

Our Business Improvement Project

By starting with a project plan at the beginning of a project, the Learning Hub project manager can carefully monitor the progress of the project during partner meetings and monthly online meetings. During these meetings, partners discuss the progress in development, planning of activities etc. and share between the partners if problems occur, so activities can be adjusted. The Learning Hub project manager adjusts the Gant Chart after every meeting.

“But when team members recognise the overview it provides, they are keen to use it”



The Gant Chart is now one of our main tools to evaluate whether the project is effective, on track and executed according to the initial project plan. At every partner meeting, the Gantt Chart is updated by indicating completed activities in green. Activities that are lacking or are behind in the planning are indicated in red. Learning Hub then contacts the coordinating partner individually when activities are behind and supports them in getting back on track.

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