9th International Scientific Conference on Project Management in the Baltic States

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The 9th International Scientific Conference on Project Management in the Baltic States will be held in Riga, Latvia during 23-24 April 2020. Under the theme “Project Management Development – Practice and Perspectives”, the conference will be held at the University of Latvia.

The Call for Papers remains open, with abstract submission until January 15th and full paper submission accepted through 10 February 2020. However if you are interested to present or publish your paper you can contact conference coordinators by e-mail Silvija.Bruna@lu.lv or Emils.Pulmanis@lu.lv.

By the end of March 2019 registration for listeners and those who wish to present their reports without publication still remain. More information can be found at http://www.balticpmconference.eu/.

The aim of the conference is to discuss results of scientific research in project management issues, to establish new contacts and networking between professionals involved in project management as well as enhance the capacity of project managers.

In 2020 we will have 9th anniversary that the Research Institute of the Project Management of the Faculty of Business, Management and Economics, University of Latvia in cooperation with the Professional Association of Project Managers organize an international conference on project management, gathering professionals from a number of countries.

So far more than twenty countries were represented (Latvia, Estonia, Germany, Spain, Sweden, Iran, United Kingdom, Poland, Australia, Italy, Malaysia, Palestine, Iceland, The Netherlands, Turkey, Russia, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Norway, Singapore, China, France, Finland, Romania, Ukraine, USA, Portugal, Hungary, Bulgaria and others ), and this year several others have joined in. The conference aims to host a vast exchange of ideas, thoughts, and experience in the benefits of applying project management to resolving practical problems.
Conference language is English. Project management researchers, educators and experts are invited to submit an abstract for paper and presentation on one or more of the following topics:

1. Project management in public administration,
2. Problems and solutions in EU funds project management (implementation),
3. Public-Private-Partnership project management,
4. Investment project management,
5. Culture project management,
6. IT project management,
7. Construction project management,
8. Renewable Energy Projects,
9. Social project management,
10. Standards on project management,
11. Professional education and science in project management,
12. Capacity of organization in project management,
13. Project Accounting and Auditing,
14. New directions and findings in project management theory,
15. Project controlling,
16. Project Risk Management,
17. Project finance,
18. Social aspects in Project management,
19. Marketing, innovation, creativity in project management.

Sections will be designed according to themes of accepted abstracts. The conference programme will include opening plenary session, parallel sessions and concluding plenary session. Scientific papers presented at the conference will be published in the conference proceedings and on the conference website. All abstracts before the conference will be double blind reviewed and materials included in the conference proceedings are double blind reviewed.

**Important dates**

**November 30, 2019**
Applications for participation at the conference and submission of paper abstract (see requirements)

**December 15, 2019**
Notification of acceptance

**Until December 30, 2019**
Payment of reduced conference fee

**February 10, 2020**
Submission of full paper for the conference proceedings

**March 15, 2020**
Information on paper acceptance, feedback from reviewers

**April 1, 2020**
Deadline for revised papers. Detailed conference programme
Benefits and reasons for joining the conference:

1. Meet the professionals, scientists and Ph.D. students in Project Management and listen to their experience from different countries all over the world
2. As PMP, PMI-ACP or other PMI certified professionals you could earn PDU’s to be claim for maintaining your certification
3. Publish your research paper in conference proceeding book with ISBN number and direct indexing with EBSCO.
4. Selected papers will be considered to publish on Project Management World Journal (PMWJ). The PMWJ (ISSN 2330-4480), a non-refereed electronic publication registered with the US Library of Congress, is indexed by EBSCO, the world’s largest intermediary between publishers and libraries. Contents of the PMWJ will be included in EBSCO’s Business Source Complete databases.
5. Enlarge your network with new professional peers
6. Widen your knowledge from European top Project Management speakers
7. Stand up from the crowd and make your voice heard in interactive discussions
8. Increase your sociability by gaining new friends who share the same ideas as yours
9. Get the latest information about growing your professional career
10. Help the Project Management community to grow and to have a stronger voice
This is a particularly important aspect for Latvia, since the coming years will bring many large-scale projects both in railway reconstruction and big construction objects, such as the new concert hall, as well as various sizeable event organization.

Project management is currently one of the most topical forms of task organization. The necessity for its application is dictated by several factors. The most important among them are the ever increasing complexity of products and services, and market competition. The complexity of products and services causes higher requirements for interdisciplinary knowledge, and the growing competition in markets forces businesses to make better use of their resources, become better and quicker than their competitors, and make swifter changes in their organizations, pursuing their clients' interests. In such conditions, project management opens new opportunities for businesses.

The Professional Project Managers Association (PVPA) together with the University of Latvia are organizing already the eighth international conference on project management, giving practical and theoretical specialists from various countries the opportunity to exchange their opinions on practical and theoretical aspects of project management. Such exchange of knowledge and opinions enables us to develop project management as a professional activity not only within an individual country, but on an international level as well.

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Conference is organized by the Research Institute of the Project Management of the Faculty of Business, Management and Economics, University of Latvia in cooperation with the Professional Association of Project Managers.

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