

STUPIDITY: A MAJOR OBSTACLE TO LEAN

For High and Middle Level Managers of Private (all Sectors) and Public Organisations

13 July 2012 - The Palace - Sliema - Malta

WORKSHOP TIMETABLE

This event is a very interactive workshop, an open conference, and a continuous round-table debate, aiming at transmitting basic LEAN PRINCIPLES in respect of HUMAN STUPIDITY to attending managers in a practical, hands-on, result-oriented fashion. Effective ways of progressing rapidly from principles to implementation will be illustrated.

The main Lean Topics covered in this event are:

MORNING

- The basic **Laws** governing human stupidity.
- Why all of us sometimes act stupidly. Why stupidity is diffused at incredible levels among the human race.
- Individual, group, and corporate stupidity.
- **Lean Management** and **Stupidity**: the connection. Why stupidity may represent a major obstacle when attempting to implement improvement – especially Lean improvement.
- Scientific explanation of human behaviour: the **intelligent** – the **stupid** – the **bandit** – the **helpless**. Lean principles and stupidity: illustrating loss, value-loss, gain, value-gain, waste generation, value generation. Case studies.

AFTERNOON

- Basic hints and tips for identifying and classifying human behaviour: understanding as rapidly as possible stupidity in action may be the only way to prevent catastrophic consequences.
- **Team-effects**: from opposing or mitigating stupidity to actually magnifying it! New duties for the **Lean Team Leader**.
- Stupidity at management-level: what can be done from below to counteract or at least mitigate its detrimental effects?
- Overview and classification of the *most stupid initiatives* that Organisations undertake in **recession time** – or, *how to kill the goose laying golden eggs...*

Fighting Stupidity: a lean, cultural revolution!

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