

How regulated organisations are capitalising on Agile.



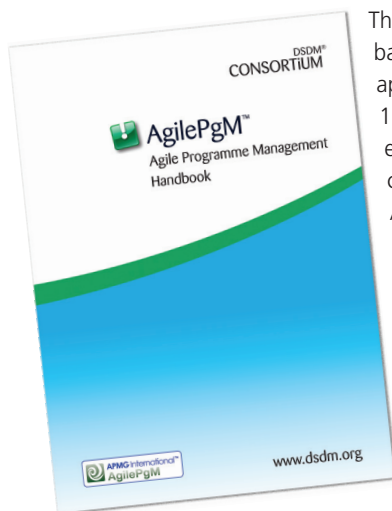
Many organisations needing to comply with strict governance and regulatory requirements have been rather wary of undertaking projects, particularly large projects and programmes, using Agile. Despite its clear benefits of more focused, swifter, efficient delivery of solutions targeted more tightly to the needs of the business, there has been strong concern; not only about how such projects remain in control, but how that control is demonstrated. How can those not directly involved in the project be confident that the right things are being done? Their concerns are raised by hearing that documentation isn't produced, no planning needs to take place, and that the development teams are empowered and self-organised, giving rise to the thought they are doing what they like.

to support Agile programmes. The framework encompasses guidance for multiple teams and the governance required for larger, complex and/or regulated projects.

Programmes have a very different approach and focus from projects, often concentrating on creating sustainable organisational change with a horizon more distant in the future. The wider vision of a programme stretches an organisation, taking years to be fully realised. Programmes typically contain projects which are very diverse and careful consideration should be given to how they are conducted.

Within the DSDM Agile Programme Management framework, capabilities to handle such a wide range of project approaches (not exclusively Agile) can be found. It follows that the framework itself incorporates many Agile practices from its sister frameworks, such as iterative planning and frequent light review points. In addition, its governance model ensures the programme enables progress towards the vision while empowering teams to work without undue interference. Built on firm foundations, the programme evolves and reacts to a dynamically changing business while maintaining control.

Running successful programmes with an Agile focus will be greatly supported by the introduction of this framework.



The already scalable AgilePM® approach is based on DSDM, which has offered an Agile approach to projects since its inception in 1994. It provides a structure for planning, establishing project organisation and controls, while maintaining the strengths Agile offers. The approach integrates fully with major project management methods, such as PRINCE2, as it does with ITIL and major Agile development approaches. Guidance on these integrations is available from www.dsdm.org.

Building on its 20-year success story, DSDM has recently launched its Agile Programme Management framework

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DSDM has been at the forefront of Agile projects since its inception in 1994. Our AgilePM® has gained worldwide success since its launch in 2010, supported in larger organisations by our very successful Agile PMO pocketbook for those working closely with any type of Agile project.

Similarly our equally popular pocketbook, Agile Project Management and Scrum, not only offers much needed project support for Scrum environments, but underlines the flexibility within the overall DSDM approach. The guide shows how, if desired, different Agile development approaches can be used in place of DSDM's own guidance for that part of project.

Our new release of AgilePM® will be available this month.

Whatever your Agile project and programme needs, particularly in larger or regulated organisations, check out DSDM. www.dsdm.org

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