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Managing Risks in Public Sector Projects and Programmes

Course content

1. Why do so many projects and programmes fail in the public sector?
 - Is just the public sector
 - Don't the typical control measures work?
 - Risk registers
 - Audit reviews
 - Use of PRINCE2, MSP and other methodologies
2. Do we not learn from previous projects – the good and the bad?
3. Are there deep rooted problems that are not tackled or is it simply that we are too unrealistic?
4. So what can be done
 - Learn from mistakes from within and from peers across the sector
 - Assess and improve the quality of project and programme managers being used
 - Assess and update the project and programme management and risk management methods being used
 - Assess and update the risk management framework in place to ensure that project and programme risks are reported and escalated effectively within the organisation
 - Set up an effective risk management process
5. How to set up and use the management process
 - Basics of the process
 - Tools and techniques
 - Case study with a programme from policy idea to post implementation review
6. Summary – five key points for success:
 - Apply lessons from the past
 - Assess the risks from the start
 - Challenge assumptions
 - Map out dependencies/ impacts on the other project/ programmes/ initiatives
 - Integrate reporting of risks from the project/ programme into the corporate risk management reporting framework

Benefits of attending

The course will provide delegates with a practical insight into how they can improve the way that they can manage the risks associated with projects and programmes.

Facilitator

Bob Ellison is a highly experienced risk management professional who has worked extensively in the public sector and can illustrate the good and the not so good of how to drive risk management forward.