Integrating Six Sigma and Lean for better results

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Continuous Improvements





Satisfied customers

Effective processes





Continuous improvements





Important management tasks

- Identify needs for improvement
- Select and give priority to important improvements
- Plan, give resources and start projects
- Follow up on-going projects and ask for results
- Deal with attitudes and resistance to change
- Lead implementation and focus on results
- Final reporting, replication and communication of success stories
- Develop an improvement culture in the organization
- Organize, lead and give priority to continuous improvements







Six Sigma is a systematic improvement concept based on a defined role structure, a common project model (DMAIC) and deep competence about many powerful problem solving tools





Six Sigma roles

	BB-projects	GB-projects	Daily improvements
Sponsor/ Champion	Principal	Principal	Principal
Master Black Belt	Coach	-	-
Black Belt	Project manager	Coach	-
Green Belt	-	Project manager	Coach
Employees	Project member	Project member	Project manager/member



DMAIC

THE DMAIC METHODOLOGY						
DEFINE	MEASURE	ANALYZE	IMPROVE	CONTROL		
Define the project goals and scoop	Define information need	Identify all possible causes	Generate possible solutions	Identify need for control		
Define financial impact and business case	Identify Critical to Quality (y) and all inputs (x)	Identify root causes	Prioritize solutions	Standardize the process and new way of working		
Develop high level process map (SIPOC)	Define and analyze demands and specifications	Analyze root causes and develop understanding	Validate and test solutions	Implement control and follow up		
Identify customers and define voice of the customers	Develop a suitable data collection method	Validate results	Develop execution plan	Analyze results and benefits		
Create project charter	Analyze and test measurement system		Implement solutions	Share experiences		
	Establish baseline and collect data		Check results and effects	Finalize project report and presentation		



Lean is a new way to see, run and manage a business based on effective, fast and flexible processes that delivers nothing but a continuous flow of value controlled by the customers needs





The way to a Lean



- 1. Specify the **customer value** of the product
- Identify and analyze the value adding process and remove waste
- 3. Create a process with a **balanced continuous flow**
- 4. Let the demands of the customer "pull" the flow
- 5. Mistake-proof and standardize the process
- 6. Continuous improvements towards excellence



Similarities



- Management focus
- Process focus
- Customer focus
- Elimination of waste and failures
- Continuous improvements
- Development of competence and learning



Strong sides of Lean and Six Sigma

Lean

- + Flow and process development
- + Employee participation
- + Cultural change
- + Strong philosophy with resolute principles
- + Focus on quality
- + Local improvement teams

Six Sigma

- + Problem solving
- + Distinct leadership
- + Strategic result focus
- + Clear role structure, common methodology and many tools
- + Financial focus
- + Cross-functional improvements







Inspired by Ronald Snee



What does Lean give Six Sigma?

- Improvements based on a cross functional perspective
- Value stream mapping for process development
- Process thinking and focus on lead time
- Fool-proofing
- 5S and standard work
- Focus on cultural change and participation



What does Six Sigma give Lean?

- An infrastructure for problem solving and improvements
- Focus on results
- Focus on verifying results
- Problem solving based on facts
- Tools for problem solving
- Management perspective on improvements
- Process stability and control of variation



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