



# Project Management Methodology PM<sup>2</sup> available to the EU Member States

Nominated for the European Ombudsman Award  
Category: Excellence in Open Administration 2023 (#14)

*Period: 2021-2022*

# Category

Excellence in open administration

# Description of the Project

## Four publications on Publications Office of the EU in 2021-2022

- [PM<sup>2</sup> Project Management guide v3.0.1](#)
- [PM<sup>2</sup>-Agile v3.0.1](#)
- [PM<sup>2</sup>- Programme Management v1.0](#)
- [PM<sup>2</sup>- Portfolio Management v1.5](#)

## PM<sup>2</sup> portal

- [New portal](#) launched in September 2022

2021-  
2022

Inclusion of PM<sup>2</sup> in the [EIF Toolbox](#) in 2021

## European multilingual classification of Skills, Competences and Occupations (ESCO)

- [PM<sup>2</sup> classified as 'essential knowledge'](#) in 2022

## Interoperable Europe

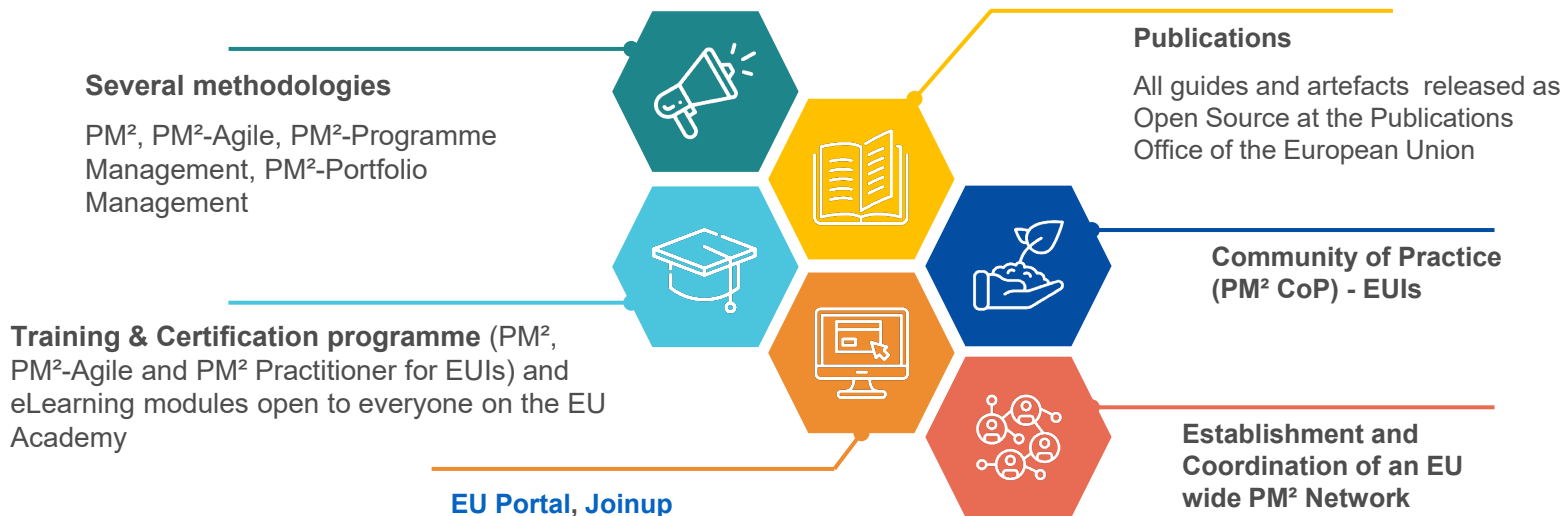
- Provision of eLearning modules on [PM<sup>2</sup>](#) and [PM<sup>2</sup>-Agile](#) essentials since 2021

# Supporting Information

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# Who we are

The purpose of **Centre of Excellence in PM<sup>2</sup>** is to provide the European Commission and EU Institutions (EUIs) with high-quality Project Management framework, support and consulting services. The CoEPM<sup>2</sup> supports the implementation of PM<sup>2</sup> internally, coordinates an inter-institutional Project Support Network (PSN) and **promotes the use of PM<sup>2</sup> to the European Member States**.



# The Methodologies

Originally based on promoting and supporting the adoption of the PM<sup>2</sup> Methodology, the **CoEPM<sup>2</sup>** has expanded its scope

- PM<sup>2</sup> ([EN](#)/[FR](#)/[ES](#)/[IT](#))
- PM<sup>2</sup>-Agile ([EN](#)/[FR](#))
- [PM<sup>2</sup> Programme Management](#)
- [PM<sup>2</sup> Portfolio Management](#)



# The Challenge



Efficiently manage significant investments in internal projects

Manage external providers running outsourced projects



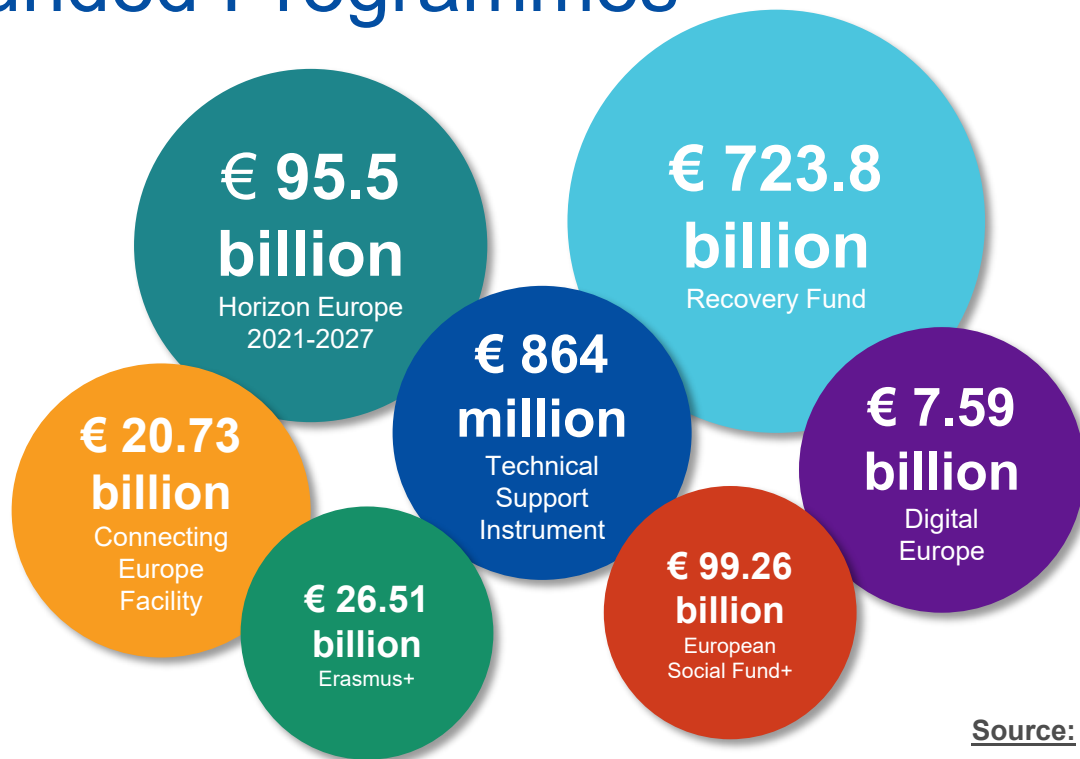
Effective collaboration between different European Institutions

Work closely with Member States & ensure grants deliver maximum value for Europe



Respect the specificities of the public sector (risk adversity, audit, procedural, hierarchical, forms/templates etc.)

# EU Funded Programmes



Source: [EU Funding Programme](#)



# Project Management Methodology Goals



**Improved  
governance**



**Improved project  
management**



**Delivery  
of project outcomes**

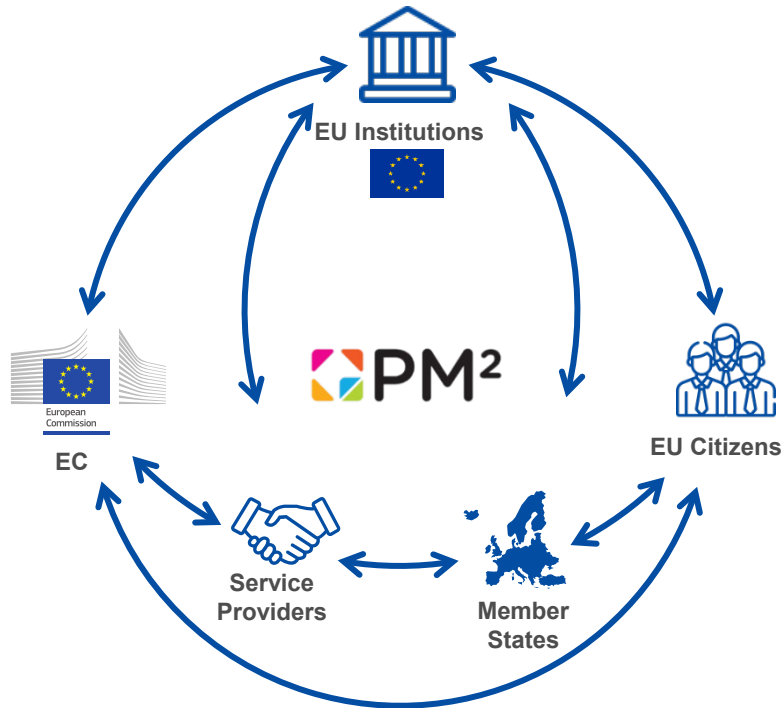


**Consistent  
reporting**



**Reduced risks**

# The PM<sup>2</sup> Initiative



*One common project management methodology open to all EU Institutions, Member States, Service Providers, and EU Citizens*

# Who uses PM<sup>2</sup>?

10,000+ employees at the European Commission alone!

## EU Institutions, Agencies & Bodies



## Public Authorities



## Academia



# Why PM<sup>2</sup>?



**Open** – available to download and use immediately



**Complete** – Guide, Artefacts, Wikis, pan-European community, sponsored by the EC



**Mature** – 15+ years of successful use in diverse environments



**Inclusive** – incorporates globally accepted best PM practices



**Holistic** – with Agile, Programme, Portfolio Extensions & powerful Mindsets



**Common** – Same vocabulary for cross-institutional and cross-regional initiatives



**Lean** (not simplistic) – which ensures easy adoption, two-level tailoring & roll-out



**Scalable** – has been used in thousands of projects of different size, complexity & type



**Adaptive** – standardisation and harmonisation while remaining adaptive in a smart way

# PM<sup>2</sup> as a Solution in the EIF Toolbox



## EIF Toolbox

In 2021, PM<sup>2</sup> is included as a solution on the [European Interoperability Framework Toolbox](#), a guidance for **national public administrations** to equip them with the tools necessary to align their National Interoperability Frameworks (NIFs) with the European Interoperability Framework (EIF) in order to **promote interoperability** at national and European level.

# PM<sup>2</sup> as Essential Knowledge at ESCO



In 2022, PM<sup>2</sup> is classified as **Essential Project Management Knowledge** in ESCO, the European multilingual classification of Skills, Competences and Occupations.

ESCO works as a dictionary, describing, identifying, and classifying professional occupations and skills relevant for the EU labour market and education and training. ESCO [Project Manager](#) & [Project Support Officer](#) descriptions are modelled against those of PM<sup>2</sup>.

# Newsletters 2021-2022

## December 2021 – Recap of the year



Dear Project Management enthusiasts,  
As the winter holidays are approaching and this challenging year is coming to an end, we would like to give you a brief update of what was made available for you during 2021.

- [PM<sup>2</sup> & the European Interoperability Framework Toolbox](#)
- [First PM<sup>2</sup> Programme Management Guide](#)
- [First publicly available PM<sup>2</sup>-Agile Guide](#)
- [Introduction to PM<sup>2</sup> e-learning Module!](#)
- [PM<sup>2</sup> Guide in Spanish](#)
- [PM<sup>2</sup> Guide in Italian](#)
- [PM<sup>2</sup> Guide in French](#)
- [Commission's PM<sup>2</sup> ambassador](#)

### Methodology Guides



#### Publication PM<sup>2</sup> Programme Management Guide

The Centre of Excellence in PM<sup>2</sup> (CoEPM<sup>2</sup>), in cooperation with GSC-SMART-Digital Services (General Secretariat of the Council) is delighted to announce the release of the first 'Programme Management Methodology' Guide and an Italian version of the PM<sup>2</sup> Guide.

[more](#)



#### Publication PM<sup>2</sup>-Agile Guide

In the context of our PM<sup>2</sup> solution, the Centre of Excellence in PM<sup>2</sup> (CoEPM<sup>2</sup>) has released the first-ever publicly available PM<sup>2</sup>-Agile Guide. The new guide replaces the internal version and incorporates extensive feedback, making its approach highly relevant not only to the European institutions but also to the external community.

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## July 2022 – Recap first semester

Q1 2022

### Welcome to the PM<sup>2</sup> Summer Newsletter

We share with you news, updates and insights on what's happened at the Centre of Excellence in PM<sup>2</sup> (CoEPM<sup>2</sup>) during the first half of 2022.

### Publications

#### Spanish PM<sup>2</sup>-Agile guide has now been published

Following the translation of the PM<sup>2</sup>-Agile in French earlier this year, the Spanish translation is now available for download from the Publications Office of the European Union.

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#### The Commission and the Council of the EU launch the PM<sup>2</sup>-Portfolio Management Guide

Following the successful partnership in the development of the PM<sup>2</sup>-Programme Management guide, the two institutions collaborated on a new guide aimed at supporting the implementation of Portfolio Management (PM) in organisations.

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## December 2022 – Recap second semester

December 2022

### END-OF-YEAR NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our end-of-year newsletter, where we share with you latest news and updates for the past six months from the **European Commission's Centre of Excellence in PM<sup>2</sup> (CoEPM<sup>2</sup>)**.

**Enjoy the reading and happy holidays!**

*If you are interested in discovering what happened during the first semester, see our [summer newsletter](#).*

### A word from DIGIT Director-General

Veronica Gaffey, Director-General for Informatics (DIGIT), European Commission, 8 December 2022

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*I am convinced of the importance of having this Project Management methodology, which is a common methodology and language that is crucial for us to efficiently manage significant investment in projects. I commit that DIGIT will continue to promote and support this initiative (PM<sup>2</sup>), which is very important for European digitalisation.*

# Thank you

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