

Target audience

- Managers in charge of cross-functional, functional or operational processes

Pre-requisites

- There are no pre-requisites for this course

Objectives

- Understand and fill your role as expert in your field
- Position your role as cross-functional manager and fine-tune your strategy
- Develop your influence without hierarchical authority
- Coordinate functions
- Nurture a cooperative approach among stakeholders and their managers

On-the-job benefits

- Find the right position to fill your specific role as cross-functional manager
- Find the right bearings to play your role effectively and efficiently in a complex organisation
- Blend your role into other management modes
- Involve players in efforts to achieve shared objectives or further shared interests
- Improve interpersonal issues in functional relationships

Benefits for the company

- Position cross-functional missions more clearly to enhance management efficiency across the board
- Greater cross-functional mission efficiency
- Connect interfaces and use them more efficiently
- Better cooperation between hierarchical ties and cross-functional units

Special features of this course

The keys to cross-functional management efficiency



- 1] The expert: understanding and filling your role as expert in your field**
- 2] The strategist: understanding where your role as cross-functional manager creates value and adjusting your strategy accordingly**
- 3] The leader: leveraging influence without statutory authority**
- 4] The manager: coordinating cross-functional efforts in matrix units**
- 5] The communicator: creating the conditions that enable cross-functional cooperation**

Our angle:

Hierarchical and project management methods do not work in cross-functional management situations. Cross-functional management takes more than influence and communication techniques. A cross-functional manager has to be an expert, strategist, leader, manager and communicator.

Role-play: the Southern case

'Stepping into a cross-functional manager's shoes'

Case study:

- > David Martin has just been appointed quality manager at Southern, a group based in the south of Europe. Southern's corporate culture is top-down and staff have a habit of punctiliously following orders from senior management and HQ support functions
- > Andersen, a Scandinavian company with a much more democratic and consensus-based management culture, has just bought out Southern
- > David's job scope has grown, he has started working with new units, using the methods he has always used, and he is having a lot of trouble ...

Programme



Two 30' e-learning modules +

Two-day classroom course +

Three 30' e-learning modules



Positioning the cross-functional manager

- ❑ The difference between cross-functional management and other forms of management.
- ❑ Positioning the cross-functional manager in his own context.
- ❑ Positioning yourself in your role as a cross-functional manager.



Lobbying strategy of the cross-functional manager

- ❑ Drawing a map of relevant actors.
- ❑ Assessing the resources you require for your transversal role.
- ❑ Developing your influence with a suitable action plan.

1_ The strategist

- Why companies use cross-functional missions
- Positioning your role as cross-functional manager
- Positioning yourself as cross-functional manager
- Rolling out a strategy to approach stakeholders

2_ The leader

- Exerting your influence over people who have different frames of reference
- Leveraging influence without statutory authority

3_ The manager

- Identifying the different coordination mechanisms at work in the organisation
- Cross-functional management and coordination mechanisms
- How to use the different coordination tools

4_ The communicator

- Fostering cross-functional cooperation
- Dealing with stakeholder resistance



Ensuring cross-functional coordination

- ❑ Understanding coordination mechanisms.
- ❑ Knowing how to use the different coordination mechanisms.
- ❑ Managing the impact of coordination mechanisms on stakeholders.



Effective cross-functional manager communication

- ❑ Introducing a relations system that encourages cooperation.
- ❑ Understanding the different frames of reference of other people.
- ❑ Adapting your communication to suit these frames of reference.
- ❑ Managing resistance caused by different frames of reference.



Leadership of the cross-functional manager

- ❑ Using levers of influence as a cross-functional manager.
- ❑ Exercising your leadership through persuasive techniques.
- ❑ Dealing with resistance from stakeholders.

Key points

- > Assessments both before and after the course
- > E-learning modules accessible for 1 year
- > Personalised support throughout your course