Guidelines for the handling of third-party activities via the PMI Germany Chapter platform

The purpose of the PMI Germany Chapter is to promote the application of professional project management in all areas of society in Germany.

The association pursues its purpose through, among other things:

- regular meetings and events for the exchange of experience and further training in project management,
- organizing events such as training courses, seminars, symposia, and conferences on the subject of project management,
- providing information on developments, experiences, tools, and training opportunities in the field of project management,
- providing a platform for its members to exchange ideas and solutions for the application of project management.

Since the project management environment is strongly influenced by economically active players, it can happen at events or in working groups that companies present their concepts and products—sometimes with the aim of marketing them. In such cases, the PMI Germany Chapter needs clear guidelines to serve as guidance. It should be noted that these guidelines do not provide blanket yes-no answers, but must be applied and weighed up in the respective context.

Guidelines

1. Content design of events and communities

- Events and communities under the "PMI Germany Chapter" brand should be based on PMI guidelines, methods, and standards in terms of content. Where there are no PMI guidelines, they should be designed to be neutral.

- Communities within the chapter, such as communities of practice, must not primarily serve the commercial interests of individual actors.

- Communities may develop generally accessible models, methods, and tools. These must be usable without being tied to individual providers.

- Sponsorship is permitted, but should not influence content; sponsors receive visibility, not content design power.

- Product presentations or consulting services, e.g., by hosts or sponsors, are permitted within the scope of the respective agreements, but must be clearly identified as such.

- Events and communities in which concepts and/or products are presented and promoted that contradict the concepts and/or products of the PMI Germany Chapter or PMI in general are not permitted.

2. Transparency regarding interests

- Members who are involved in the chapter and contribute their own products or services are required to disclose this.

- The disclosure must be visible to members and other interested parties, such as chapter sponsors, and must be made clear at events or in publications.

3. Separation of roles and functions

- Persons with a financial interest may not participate in evaluation or selection processes for solutions.

4. Open access

- Participation in communities or events must be possible for all members.

5. Neutrality and equal treatment

- The association does not make recommendations for individual products or providers.

- Comparisons of solutions must be based on an objective, documented list of criteria.

- Rankings should be avoided; instead, overviews with strength/weakness profiles are preferable.

6. Feedback

- Members can report conflicts of interest or violations, e.g., to info@pmi-gc.de, even anonymously.

7. Scope

- These guidelines are part of the governance of PMI Germany Chapter e.V. and are published on the association's website.

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