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### A strong support capacity for Complex Projects



#### **Covering all Project Management missions**



400

Consultants



52 M€ 2024 turnover



Subsidiary of setec (>4000 pers)



















#### **Setec IPMC ID CARD**



#### > 20 Years

of benchmarks in support of bids & projects

## > 1200 collaborative workshops

Performed with complex project teams

## > 15 000 PM & Engineers

Trained to product & services development best practices

#### > 10 Large scale transformations

Successfully achieved



We help our customers win bids and deliver projects with optimal sustainable value



Combine **Project Management and Systems Engineering** expertise to support the delivery of optimal solutions



Foster teamwork and collective intelligence



Achieve sustainable **transformations** dealing with both culture and process

## A wide experience in competitive industries



#### **Defence**

- Analyze project complexity
- Define development strategies
- Deploy Systems Engineering
- Train project directors and







#### **Transportation**

- Implement the System Engineering and project management articulation
- Promote standardization and re-use









#### **Aerospace**

- Align project teams in a common dynamic
- Deploy an efficient matrix operating mode





**AIRBUS** 





#### Energy

- Transform engineering team mindset serving overall performance
- Lead project and engineering audits and progress roadmap

























## Letter of acceptance

This letter of acceptance into the IPMA REG System is presented to

SETEC IPMC

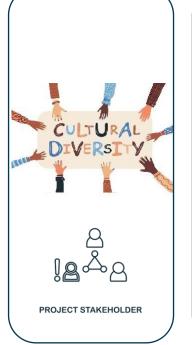
#### Bid Management



## Complex Project Management



#### Multicultural Management

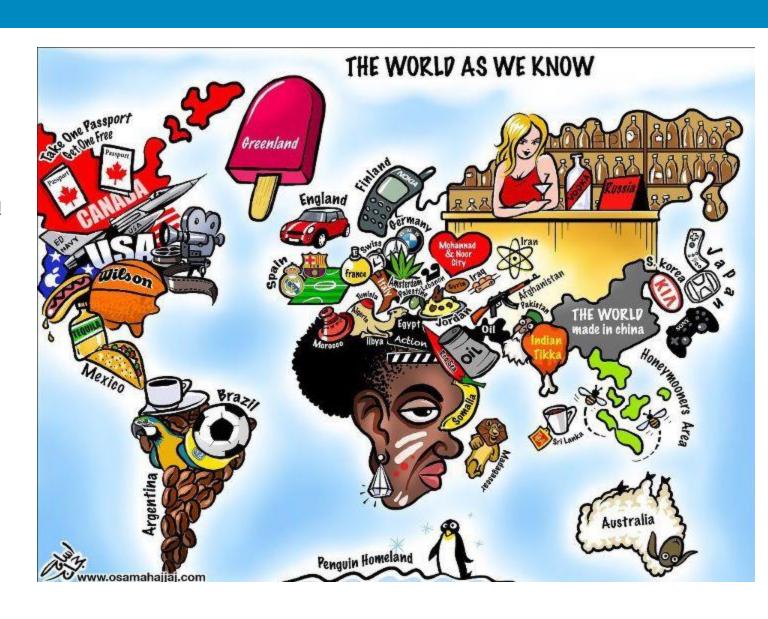


## Customer relations



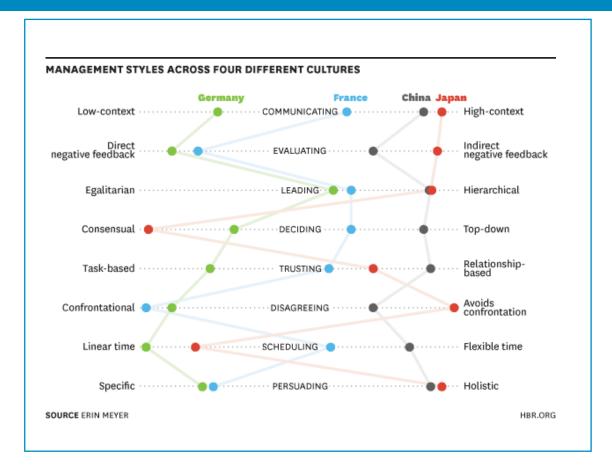


- It's common to rely on clichés, stereotyping people from different cultures on just one or two dimensions
  - Japanese are hierarchical, or
  - the French communicate in subtle ways!
- This can lead to oversimplified and erroneous assumptions
  - Japanese always make top-down decisions, or
  - the French are indirect when giving negative feedback.
- This can lead managers to have faulty expectations about how people from other cultures operate!









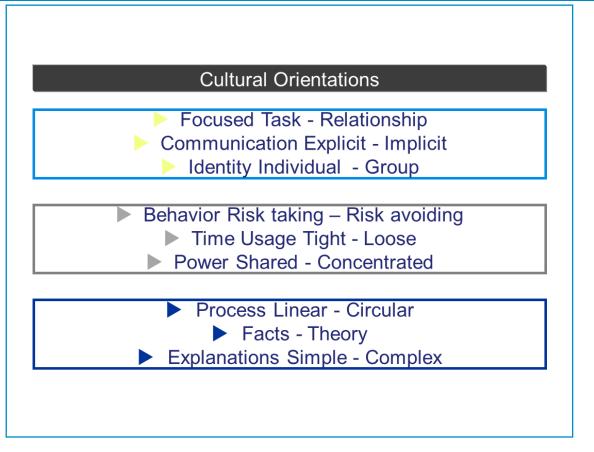
Hofstede's cultural dimensions theory

Mapping out Cultural Differences - Erin Meyer

## **2** Existing models on Cultures







Trompenaars' 7 Cultural Dimensions

Country Navigator Model



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Open-mind - no judgment

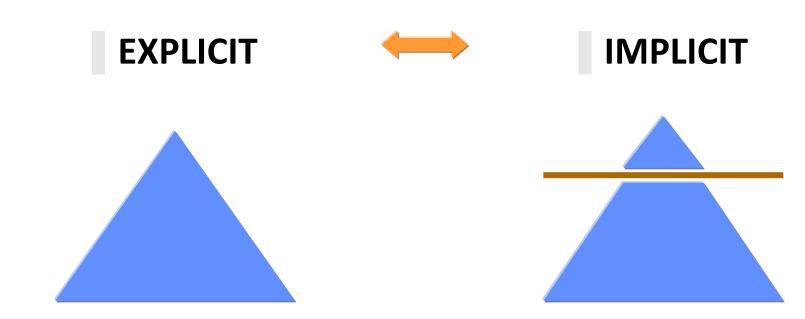
Modesty - no culture is better than others

Curiosity - all cultures represent originalities

Listening - to really understand our counterpart

## **RELATING: Communication Explicit – Implicit**





"The thought is on the surface. We mean what we say and say what we think."

"The thought is under the surface. We imply that we think and do not say it directly."

## 3 And you, what is your tendency?



IMPLICIT

**EXPLICIT** 

#### **Implicit Cultures**

Chinese

**South Korean** 

Brazilian

**Arabic** 

Qatari

**English** 

India / French

Italian

**Spanish** 

**Sweden** 

Hungary

U.S.

Scandinavian

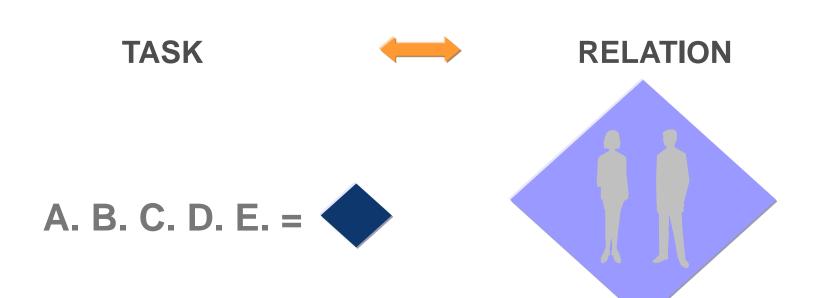
German

**Swiss German** 

#### **Explicit Cultures**

## **RELATING: Focus on Task - Relation**





"Things happen when planned processes are in place."

"Things happen when relationships are in place."





#### Learn How the Other Cultures Builds "Trust"

#### **Cognitive: Competence**

**Cognitive** trust is based on the confidence you feel in someone's accomplishments, skills, and reliability. This trust comes from the **head**.



American culture has a long tradition of separating the emotional from the practical. Mixing the two risks conflict of interest and is viewed as **unprofessional**.

#### **Affective: Relationship**

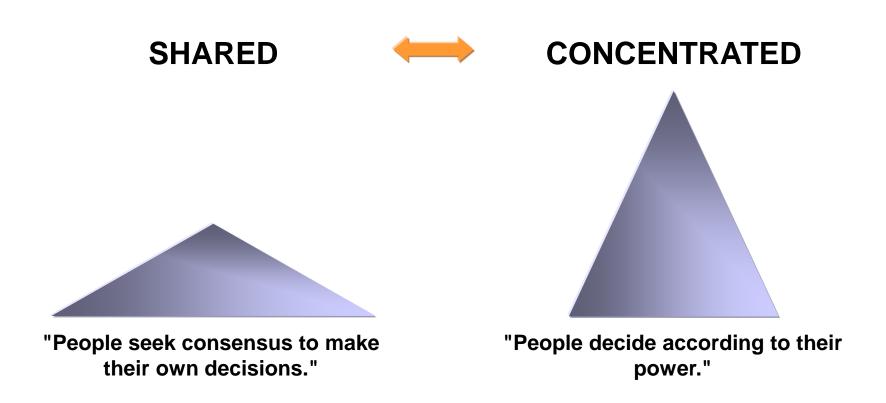
**Affective** trust arises from feelings of emotional closeness, empathy, or friendship. It comes from the **heart**.





Chinese managers, however, connect the two, and the interplay between cognitive and affective trust is much stronger. They are quite likely to develop **personal bonds** where they have financial or business ties







# SHARED

# CONCENTRATED

#### **Shared**

Israel Scandinavia, Netherlands Ireland, UK, Australia **North America Switzerland** 

Germany

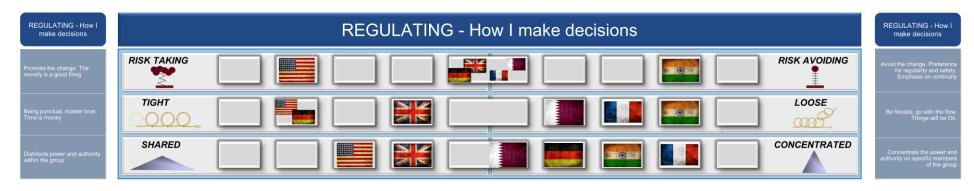
**Qatari, South Africa, Italy** Spain **Portugal** India France, South Korea Brazilian China, Japan **Arab countries** Malaysia **Concentrated** 

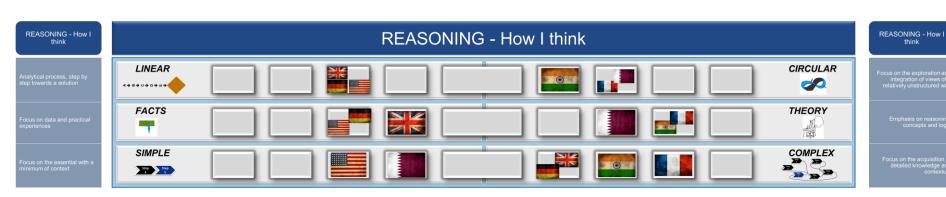
Source: Country navigator

## **Big Picture of profiles**









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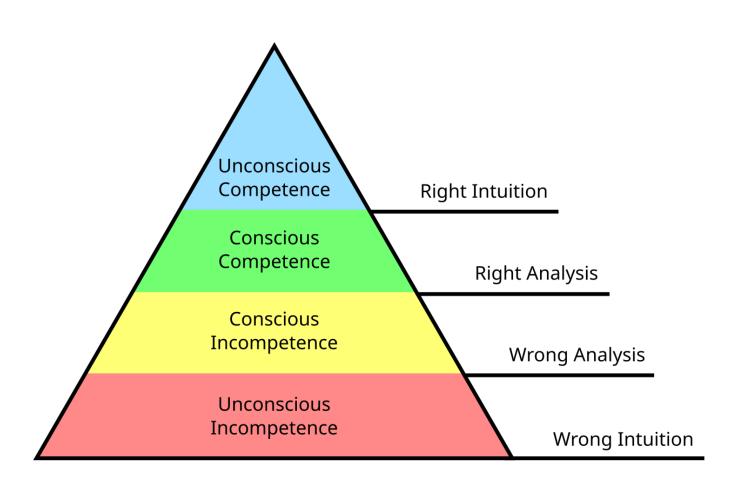
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## (active)

- Project marketing

Communication

- Meetings
- Collaboration tools
- Myths
- Networking

#### **Actions** (active)

**Project Culture** 

- Behaviors
- Rituals
- Manners
- Decisions
- Conflict resolution

#### **Artifacts** (passive)

- Clothing
- Status symbols
- Technology
- Premises
- Balance of power
- ...

#### Level 2

partially unconscious

#### Value & norms

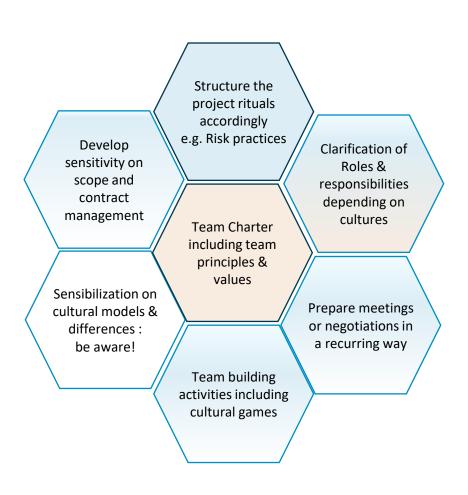
Standards, Guidelines, team charter, project rules, principles, morale

#### Level 3

unconscious

#### Basic Assumptions & thought patterns

Relation with the project environment, perception of reality and truth, time and space, image of man, beliefs, social relations





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## Which IPMA ICB4 competencies are directly impacted by Cultural differences?

- Strategy
- 2. Governance, structures and processes
- 3. Compliance, standards and regulations

4.

7.

10.

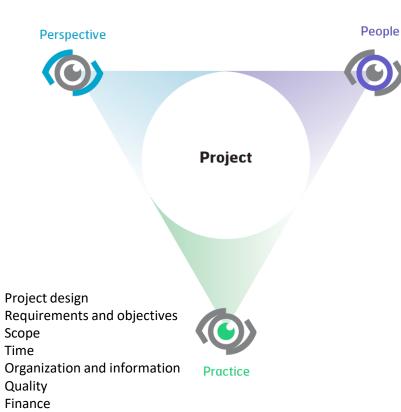
Resources Procurement

Plan and control
Risk and opportunity

Change and transformation

Stakeholders

- 4. Power and interest
- Culture and values



- Self-reflection and self-management
- 2. Personal integrity and reliability
- 3. Personal communication
- 4. Relationships and engagement
- 5. Leadership
- 6. Teamwork
- 7. Conflict and crisis
- 8. Resourcefulness
- 9. Negotiation
- 10. Results orientation







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