

# Fundamentals of Business Process Management

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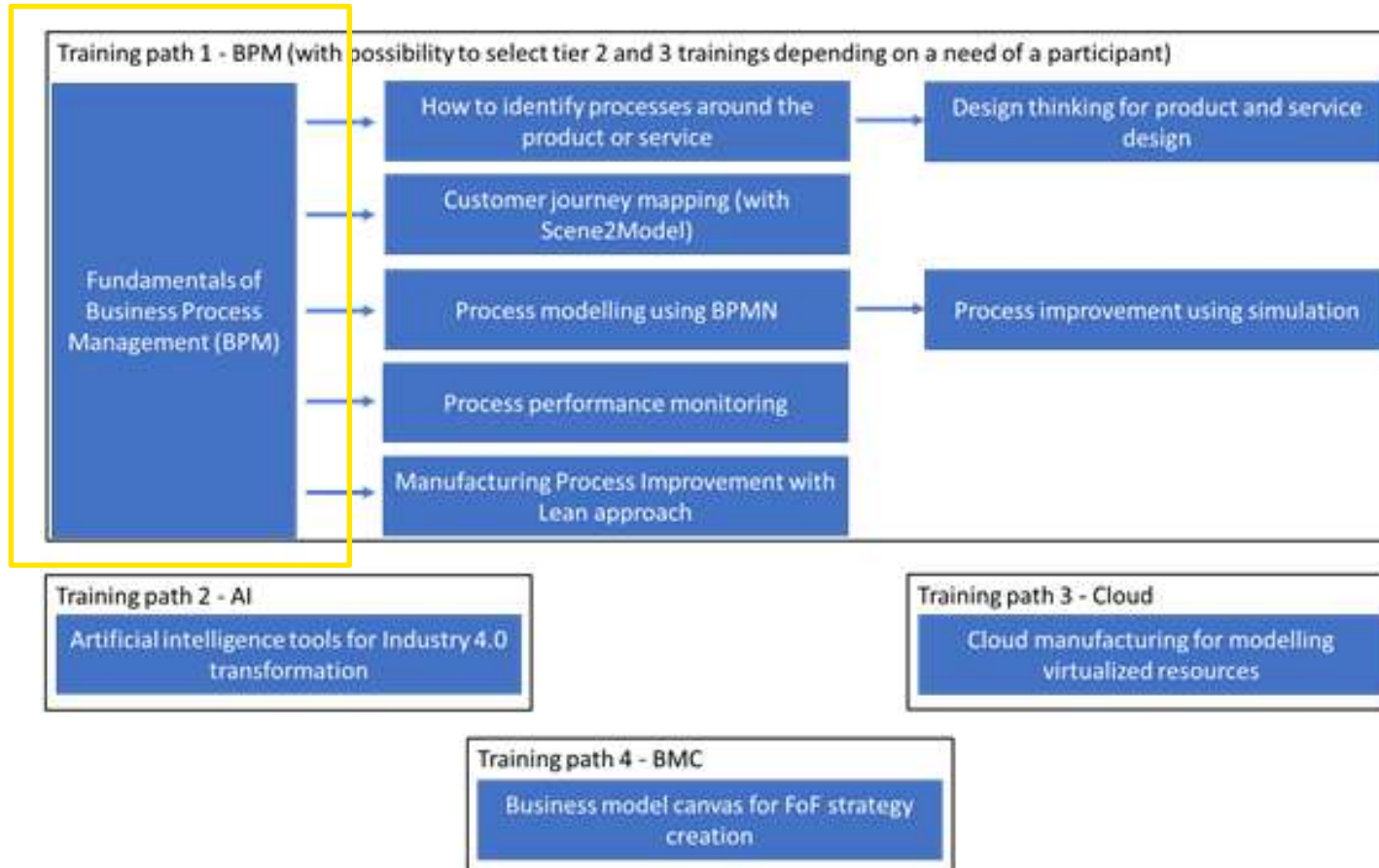


# Content and aim of the course



- What does a process-oriented approach mean?
- What a process management is?
- How the BPM Life cycle works?
- What to do/what not to do to succeed?

# The course context – a training path/options



# What is the big deal about process management?



# Manufacturing and .... manufacturing



Source: Reuters, BBC News



Source: <https://www.roboticsbusinessreview.com/>

Good process does not necessarily develop quality car, but...



## What is a difference?

- We need **predictable** and **high quality** processes, delivering for **customers required** goods and services.
- So, we would rather buy and drive a car from a well-known company than a small street garage.
- But, as always... there are exceptions

Service calls: Audi - 7, BMW – 9, Citroen – 16, Mercedes – 27

(Source: Auto Bild, [www.auto-swiat.pl](http://www.auto-swiat.pl), 2019)

# When to start...?

Triggers of changes



# Triggers of change (1)

## *From functions to processes*

- Dissatisfied customers
- Too long procedures
- The need to improve work
- No process measures and defined requirements
- Too many signatures under "one case"
- "Investing", adding people does not eliminate the problem
- Shifting responsibility between people
- It is not known who is responsible for achieving the goal
- Fire-fighting instead of prevention
- Frustration of employees
- Decision-making uncertainty





# Triggers of changes (2)

## *BPM implementation*



- Products/services don't meet customer expectations
- Lack of reliable or conflicting management information
- Competitors are getting ahead on price/product/service
- Long lead times to meet requests
- Downward price pressure
- Initiatives are poorly linked (strategic/operational level)
- Lack of communications...

More details: Jurczuk A., *Identification and Tracking of Process Inconsistencies in Manufacturing Enterprises*, w: *8th International Conference on Engineering, Project, and Product Management (EPPM 2017)*. *Lecture Notes in Mechanical Engineering*, S. Sahin (red.), Springer, Cham, 2018, s. 129-138

# How to attain it...?

What does Business Process Orientation mean?





## Silo structure versus process oriented

Functional View		Process View
Which products or services are delivered	→	Emphasis on improving “how work is done”
Frequent “hand-offs” among functions which remain largely uncoordinated	→	Cross-functional coordination, teamwork stressed
Pieces of the process are managed	→	“Systems view,” i.e., entire process is managed
Internal/company orientation	→	Customer orientation

(McCormack and Johnson, 2001)



<b>Functional</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ mass production</li><li>▶ long product life cycle</li><li>▶ low variability (market/requirements)</li></ul>
<b>Process oriented</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ mass product customization</li><li>▶ high variability (market/requirements)</li></ul>
<b>Hybrid</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▶ process oriented Front office</li><li>▶ functional Back Office</li></ul>

**Predictable, high quality processes**  
**Satisfied customers**

**What  
decides?**

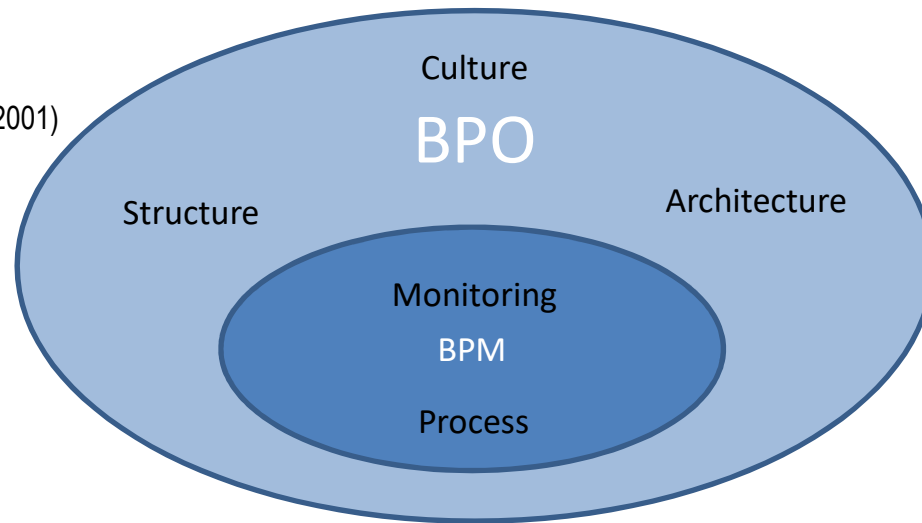
The fundamentals of a process oriented approach?



# Business Process Orientation (BPO)

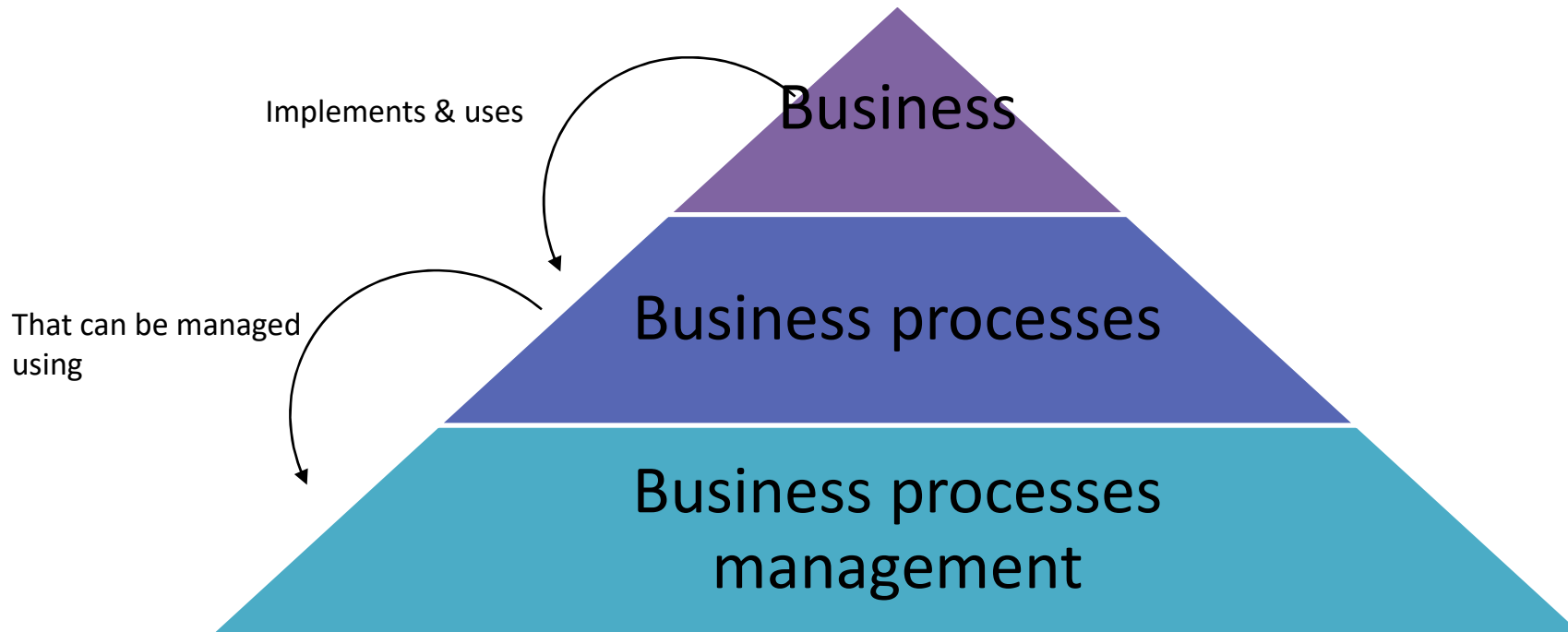
Business process orientation of an organisation is the level at which an organisation pays attention to its relevant (core) processes.

(McCormack and Johnson, 2001)



**Key-succes factors: Culture,**

# Business process management (BPM)



## Business process management (1)

„**BPM** is the achievement of an organization's objectives through the improvement, **management** and control of essential business **processes**”

(Jeston & Nelis, 2006)



## Business process management (2)

Management approach focused on aligning all aspects of an organization with the needs of clients (**internal & external** customers)

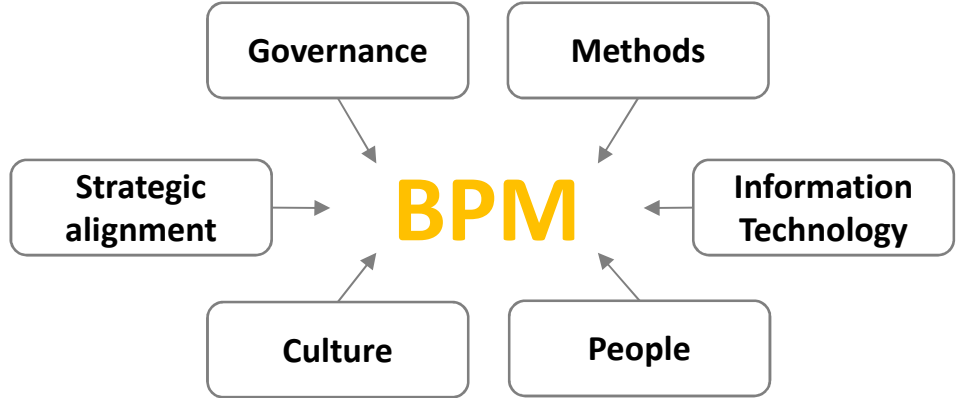
# Business Process Management (3)



- **Disciplined approach** to identify, design, execute, document, measure, monitor and control both automated and nonautomated business processes **to achieve consistent, targeted results** aligned with an organisation's **strategic goals**.
- Involves the deliberate, collaborative and increasingly **technology** aided: definition, improvement, innovation and management of **end-to-end business processes** that drive business results, **create value** and enable an organisation to **meet its business objectives with more agility**.
- Enables an enterprise to **align** its business **processes** to its business **strategy**, leading to effective overall company **performance** through **improvements** of specific work activities either within a specific department, across the enterprise or between organisations.

(Association of Business Process Management Professionals-ABPMP)

# BPM – a holistic approach

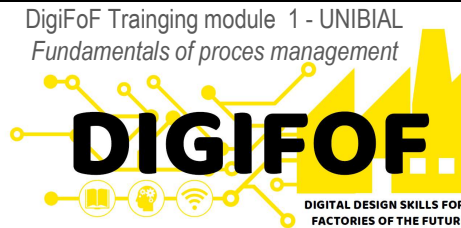


- Promoting process-based **culture**
- New roles and responsibilities
- Customer expectations**
- Managing **end-to-end** business processes
- Continuously** improvement products and services delivered to customers
- Integrating** diverse initiatives into a process diverse process-oriented approach
- Improving a **flexibility**, ability to **change**
- Managing **knowledge** about processes

Source: Rosemann & de Bruin, BPTrends, 2005

# Process oriented management

## *Holistic and integrated approach*



- Promoting process-based **culture**
- New **roles** and **responsibilities**: process owners, designers and architects...
- Understanding and meeting **customer expectations**
- Managing **end-to-end** business processes crosses organisational boundaries
- **Continuously** improve products and services delivered to customers (internal and external)
- **Integration** of diverse improvement initiatives/projects
- Managing **knowledge** about processes
- **Integration** with **IT**



# Critical Success Factors (CSFs) BPM projects

- Strategic alignment
- Top management support
- Methodology
- Team domain competences
- Project management
- Culture
- Communication
- Empowerment
- Measurement and monitoring
- Information technology

More details: Jurczuk A. (2016). *Towards process maturity - triggers of change*, Proceedings of BPM Conference, VGTU.

# Business process

Definitions, types

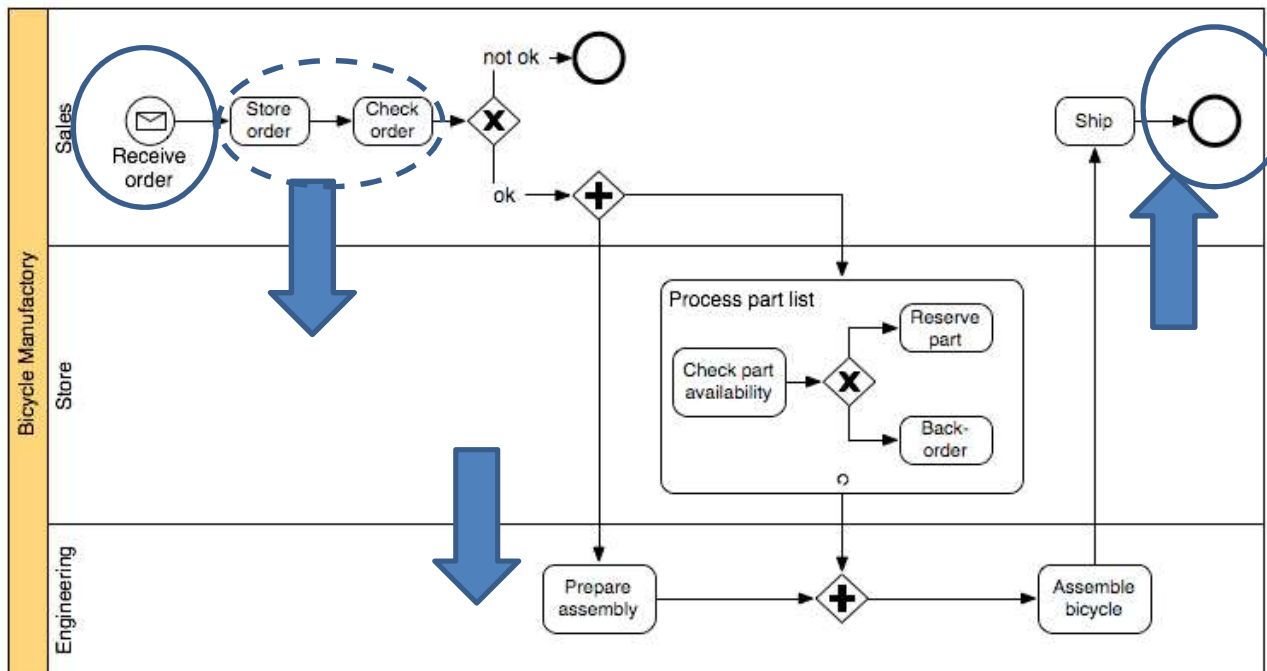


# Business Process

## *End-to-End perspective*

- A business process is a **set of activities** that accomplishes or produces something of value to the organization and/or for the customer.
- A group of activities is related to a **particular skill or goal** (i.e. sales, finance, manufacturing)
- A business process involves **people** (roles) and other **resources** (capital, systems) in the execution of tasks.
- A process has **inputs** and **outputs** that are **measurable**, and therefore can be managed.
- Business processes **integrate IT** and **people**.

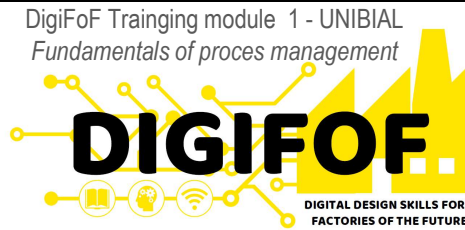
# End-to-End perspective



Source: [www.bpmi.org](http://www.bpmi.org)



# Business Process *Participants*



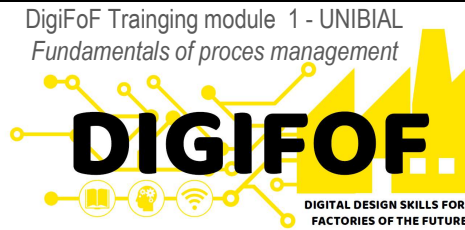
1. Customers (internal & external)
2. Employees
3. Investors, shareholders
4. Suppliers
5. Society
6. Unions

# Business Process

## *Inputs, triggers*

- Form
- Document
- E-mail
- Call
- Message (from a system)
- Approval from a employee/customer
- Generally - an event....

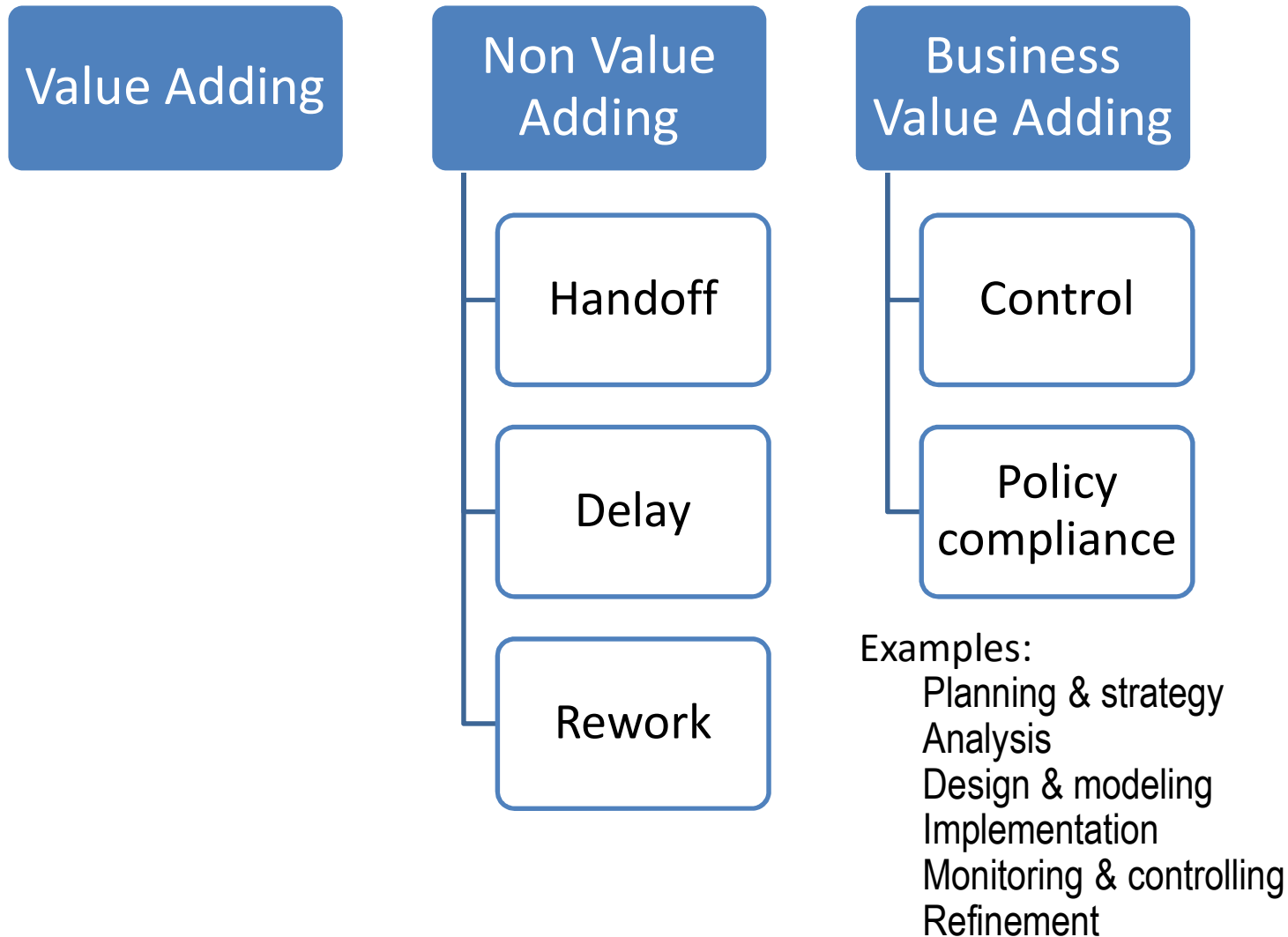
# Business Process *Outputs*



- Process participants perspective: management dashboard, reports, e-mail, alerts.
- Outcomes for participants:
  - if the process results meet customers requirements?
  - organisation fits to changes

# Process Activities

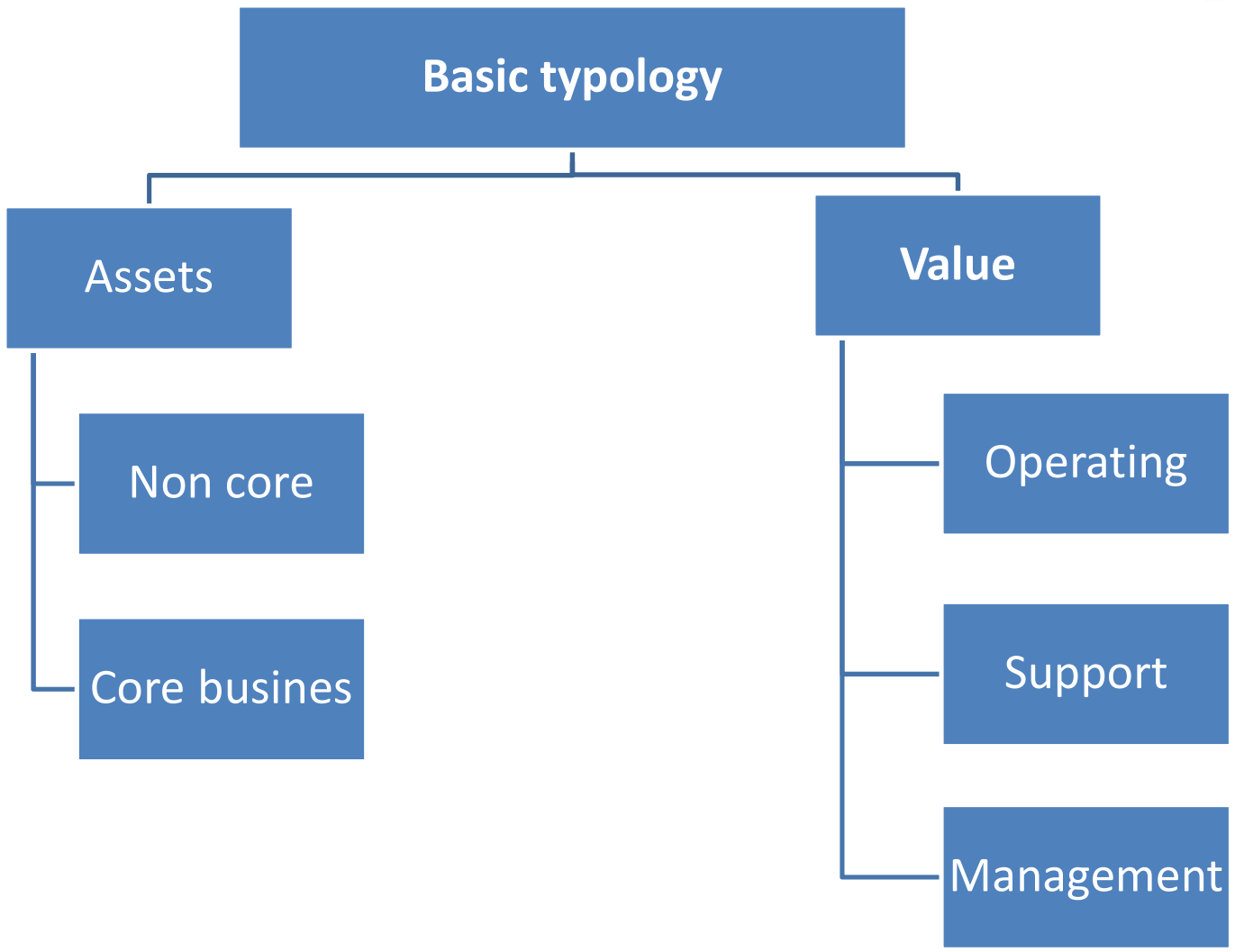
Would your customer be willing to pay for this activity?





# Basic typology of processes

## How to inventory processes





## Types of Processes (1)

### *How to inventory processes*

**Primary (operating) processes** – represent the core, or main, business activities of the organization. Create or deliver value for which customers are willing to pay.

- Sales
- Production
- Policy/contract servicing
- Claims management
- Distribution management



## Types of Processes (2)

### *How to inventory processes*

**Strategic processes** – this level represents the strategic processes, which must ensure that the underlying processes are meeting, and continue to meet, the specified objectives.

- Business strategy
- Marketing strategy
- Product development
- Strategic relationship



## Types of Processes (3)

### *How to inventory processes*

- **Support & management processes** – represent the non-core processes, which support the core processes of the organization.
  - HR
  - Finance
  - Facilities or capacity management
  - IT management
  - Corporate service

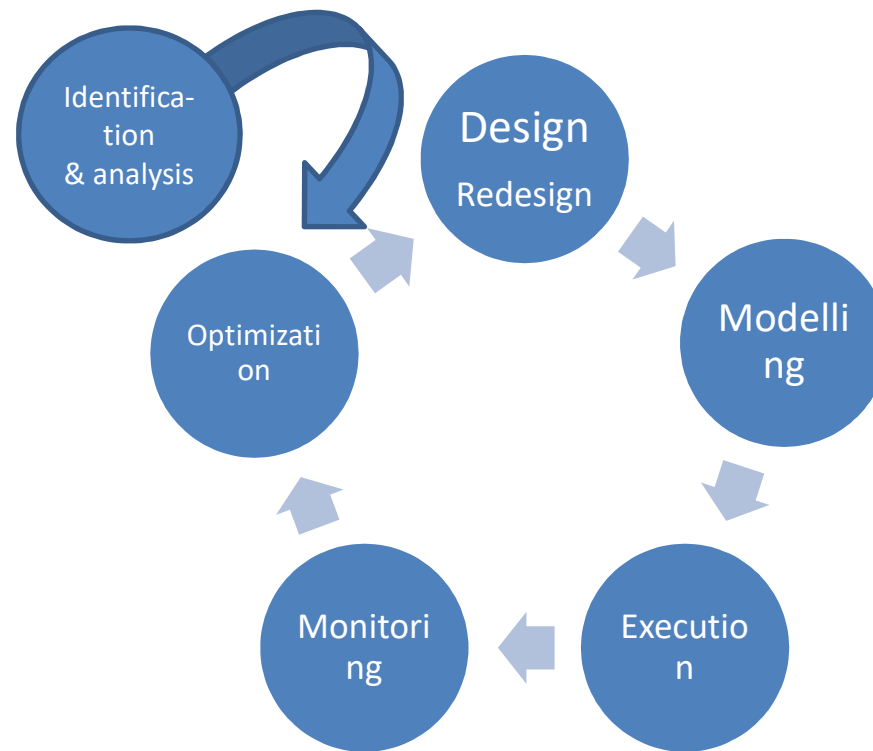


# Business Process Management life-cycle

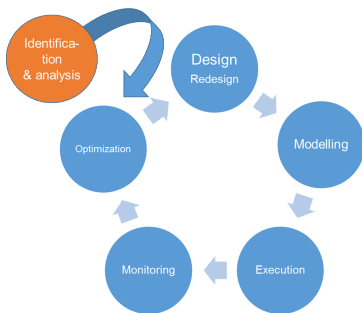
Stages



# BPM life-cycle



# BPM LC – Identification & „as is“ analysis



- Identification of a process inconsistency (What?)
- Identification of processes relevant to the problem (Where?)
- Prioritized problems in terms of their impact, of the estimated effort required to resolve them (What/Why?)
- Describing the current state of each of the relevant processes (How?)



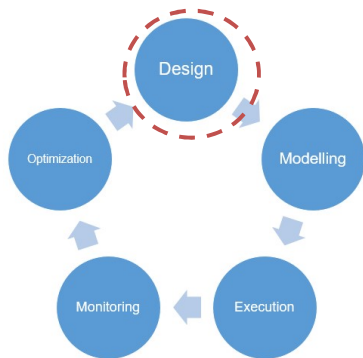
## Example

### *Process incosistency in Polish companies*

- Too long time to launch a new product/service
- Customers need to implement unique processes, need of standardize common processes throughout the organization
- Too high or no monitored costs of technology solutions
- High staff turnover
- Low quality of back office's support
- A necessity of work improvement
- IT solutions are incompatible with business requirements

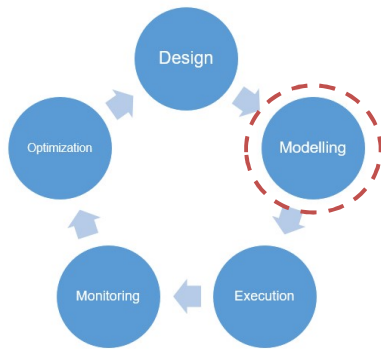
Source: based on own research, 2016.

# BPM LC - Design



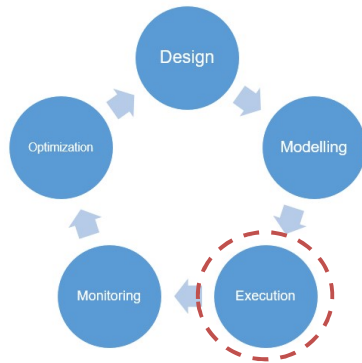
- Process Design encompasses both the identification of existing processes ("as-is") and the design of "to-be" processes.
- The aim is to ensure that a correct and efficient theoretical design is prepared.
- The proposed improvement could be in human-to-human, human-to-system, and system-to-system workflows, and might target regulatory, market, or competitive challenges faced by the businesses.

# BPM LC - Modelling



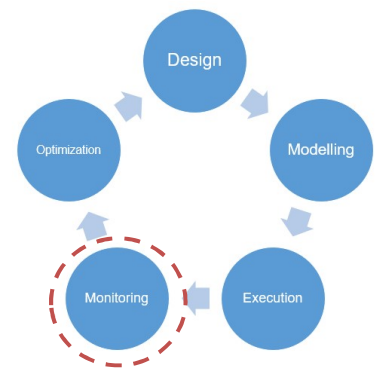
- Modeling takes the theoretical design and introduces combinations of variables.
- It also involves running "what-if analysis" on the processes: *"What if I have 75% of resources to do the same task?" "What if I want to do the same job for 80% of the current cost?"*.

# BPM LC - Execution



- Organizational change
- Process automation:
  - to develop an application that executes the required steps of the process,
  - to use a combination of software and human intervention - more complex => difficult documentation process.

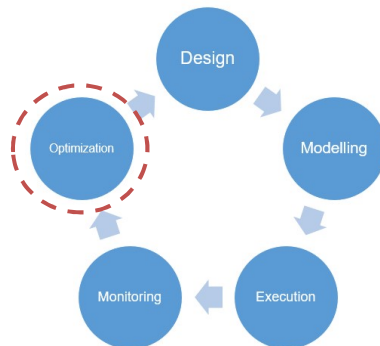
# BPM LC - Monitoring



- **Tracking** of individual processes and process system (monitoring)
- The degree of **monitoring** depends on needed information (see: monitoring in real-time, near real-time or ad-hoc).
- **Process mining** - collection of methods and tools related to process monitoring.



# BPM LC - Optimization



- Retrieving process performance information from modeling or monitoring phase;
- Identifying the potential or actual **bottlenecks** and the potential **opportunities** for cost savings or other improvements;
- And then, applying those enhancements in the design of the process.

# Principles of good BPM (1)

No.	Principle	Description
1.	Principle of Context Awareness	Should fit to the organizational context (environment, market, customers, BPM maturity) <b>It should not follow a cookbook approach</b>
2.	Principle of Continuity	Should be a permanent practice <b>It should not be a one-off project</b>
3.	Principle of Enablement	Should develop capabilities <b>It should not be limited to firefighting</b>
4.	Principle of Holism	Should be inclusive in scope (see suboptimisation effect) <b>It should not have an isolated focus</b>
5.	Principle of Institutionalization	Should be embedded in the organizational structure <b>It should not be an ad-hoc responsibility</b>

# Principles of good BPM (2)

6.	Principle of Involvement	Should integrate all stakeholder (process participants) groups <b>It should not neglect employee participation</b>
7.	Principle of Joint Understanding	Should create shared meaning (new process competency, understood on each level) <b>It should not be the language of experts</b>
8.	Principle of Purpose	Should contribute to strategic value creation <b>It should not be done for the sake of doing it</b>
9.	Principle of Simplicity	Should be economical, justified <b>It should not be over-engineered</b>
10.	Principle of Technology Appropriation	Should make opportune use of technology <b>It should not consider technology management as an after-thought (a tool not a target)</b>

Source: vom Brocke, et al. (2014). *Ten Principles of Good Business Process Management*. Business Process Management Journal, 20(4), pp. 530-548



# Benefits and challenges of BPM

Business reality

# BPM - *benefits and... reality*



- Reduces manual work, increases automation
- Reduces process cycle time
- Improves a flexibility of the organization, ability to change
- Better decisions by better process's review
- Improves interactions with customers
- Improves employees satisfaction
- ...



Success ratio of  
BPM projects  
from 50 to 20%

Iqbal et al., 2015



# Why do BPM project fail?

## Lack of process approach understanding

- simply automating a process without attempting to understand how it works
- lack of internal/external customer-centric business process definition
- lack of communication, leadership, executive support, people resist, ...

## Lack of a wider knowledge

- not assessing alternative solutions
- not understanding the problem you are trying to solve
- not-adequate project management, tools, methodology, ...



## Challenges of BPM in digital era

- Meeting requirements of **Industry 4.0** (smart production systems, Robotic Process Automation, ...)
- Meeting requirements of **smart home, smart city** (information for/from sensors, ...)
- Integration with of **social media** (new trends, innovative ideas, crowdsourcing, ...)
- Digital technologies and competencies** for the „old ceremony” (Internet of Things, Business Intelligence, big data, cloud BPM, process mining, cyber-physical systems, cognitive computing ...)



## Questions/discussion

- What are the main factors of successful implementation of BPM?
- What does the end-to-end perspective mean in process analysis?
- What are the main stages of BPM life-cycle?
- Identify CSF's of your company



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