

CALL FOR PRESENTATION

AUTUMN CONFERENCE 2018



THEME: AGILE DELIVERIES; #ESTIMATES OR #NOESTIMATES? THAT IS THE QUESTION

AGILE HAS BECOME ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR DELIVERY METHODS FOR SOFTWARE. MORE AND MORE DISCUSSIONS ARE ABOUT THE NEED FOR ESTIMATION IN AGILE DELIVERIES. DO WE STILL NEED #ESTIMATES? OR CAN WE PROVIDE AN AGILE DELIVERY WITH #NOESTIMATES?

Event planning

Nesma invites you to contribute as speaker to the annual autumn conference on 15 November 2018.

If you would like to share your experiences, thoughts, research results or other information on the theme: “AGILE DELIVERIES; #ESTIMATES OR #NOESTIMATES? THAT IS THE QUESTION”, please send an abstract of 150 – 200 words before 21 September 2018 to: conference@nesma.org.

- Conference date: 15 November 2018
- Location: De Soester Duinen
Soesterbergsestraat 188, 3768 MD Soest, The Netherlands
- Conference: 1.00 pm – 6.00 pm
- Network drinks + Dinner: 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm

Event focus

Agile deliveries have multiple perspectives: Teams are working on the delivery of business value and only see the close environment around the team. Developers in agile teams often argue that Estimation is difficult, and often goes wrong, so maybe it's better just not to do it. They consider Estimation to be waste. Therefore, on the internet #NoEstimates is a popular discussion topic. However, in virtually every organization, management needs to take founded business decisions, for instance regarding the budgets to allocate. In addition, they need to comply to financial and accounting laws and the stakeholders usually don't like 'throwing money at a team' without any feeling on what will be delivered once the budget is spent. If we don't have estimates, how are we able to control the agile delivery?

We are looking for presentations that will share experiences and that can help the community to learn how to control and deliver successful Agile deliveries with or without estimates.

We encourage submissions from academia and industry addressing one or more of these issues:

- Agile estimation methods
- Agile and contracting
- Agile and experiences with #Estimates or with #NoEstimates
- Agile control from different perspectives; teams; product owner; management; portfolio
- The need for estimation in scaled agile deliveries
- Metrics to improve estimates or to improve the control of Agile deliveries
- Agile estimation on different delivery levels; portfolio, program, team

Event organization

The event is organized by Nesma. A Program Committee will select the presentations for the program.

Presentation

The available time for a presentation is 25 minutes including 5 minutes for questions. The presentation language will be English. The focus is on knowledge sharing, not on commercial purposes.

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Presentation submission

Authors are invited to send an abstract of 150-200 words to conference@nesma.org. At least one of the authors of each accepted abstract must register for the event and commit to provide the presentation.

- Deadline for abstract submission: 21 September 2018
- Feedback with respect to acceptance: 05 October 2018
- Deadline for the final presentation: 26 October 2018

Speakers duties and fees

Speakers must register in advance for their contributions to be accepted in the program. For speakers no fee is required for the event and the event dinner.

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