



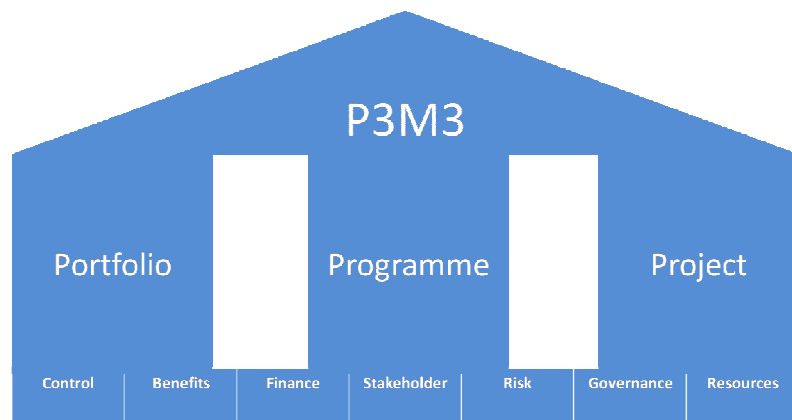
*The OGC has just released (June 2008) the latest version of their toolkit for assessing the effectiveness of an organisations change delivery capability through projects and programmes.*

*Rod Sowden of Aspire Europe Ltd and OGC Lead Author for the P3M3 refresh gives a quick overview.*

The Office of Government Commerce P3M3 (Portfolio, Programme and Project Management Maturity Model) has been around since 2005 and has just undergone a major refresh to bring it up to date, and in some respects, bring it into the real world, the original version was quite academically based and difficult to use.

Maturity Models are now accepted across many sectors as the best way to baseline and measure improvements to performance and justify investment. P3M3, like many others, uses the internationally recognised 5 levels of maturity to assess their process effectiveness. Level 1 is the lowest level, where you just about “Recognise” the process, up to Level 5 where it is “Optimised”.

The new version brings a much more pragmatic approach to defining what you would expect to find in organisations that are delivering effective change through programmes and projects. The model offers separate guidance for Portfolios, Programmes and Projects. It defines seven core Perspectives that apply to all three models, namely management of resources, finance, benefits, stakeholders, risk, lifecycle controls and organisational context.



The market place is waking up to the fact that implementing programme and project management requires a lot more than sending people on to PRINCE2 or MSP qualification training courses, producing some templates and hoping for the best. For an organisation to become effective there needs to be a long term strategy to develop their ability to consistently deliver change economically, effectively and efficiently.

Using P3M3 as the diagnostics tool to assess your capability can quickly identify opportunities for improvement by doing things differently, harnessing new techniques or simply delivering training focused on performance improvement rather than seeking more qualifications.

More detailed information on P3M3 can be founded a [www.aspireeurope.com](http://www.aspireeurope.com) where we have put a summary of the new version on the home page (under the P3M3 logo). You can download copies of the OGC white paper, the model itself and the Self Assessment Toolkit from <http://www.aspireeurope.com/DownloadList.php> or contact [Rod.Sowden@aspireeurope.com](mailto:Rod.Sowden@aspireeurope.com)