



Gas Networks Ireland

Gas Networks Ireland enhance project portfolio analysis over a 5 year planning horizon

About Gas Networks Ireland

Gas Networks Ireland operates and maintains Ireland's €2.7bn, 14,617km national gas network, which is considered one of the safest and most modern gas networks in the world. Over 710,000 Irish homes and businesses trust Ireland's gas network to provide affordable and reliable energy to meet their energy needs 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The gas network is the cornerstone of Ireland's energy system, securely supplying more than 30% of Ireland's total energy, including 40% of all heating and over 50% of the country's electricity generation. By replacing natural gas with renewable gases and complementing intermittent renewable electricity, Gas Networks Ireland are supporting Ireland's journey to a cleaner energy future.

GAS NETWORKS IRELAND

Customer

ADVISORY - DISCOVERY PHASE

Service

MICROSOFT PROJECT ONLINE

Solution

ENERGY

Industry

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Country



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CHALLENGES

Gas Networks Ireland needed to improve their portfolio selection capabilities, including supporting its requirements for identifying and optimising the selection of projects in line with available funding and resources. Gas Networks Ireland had a project management tool in place from a 3rd party vendor but it did not adequately meet their requirements around portfolio analysis. Having worked on Business Resourcing, Advisory and Software Development projects for over 10 years, Gas Networks Ireland turned to Aspira for advice.

"Our organisation has worked with Aspira for many years and it's grown into a key partnership that continues to help us to deliver on our strategic business objectives. Personally, I've always found Aspira very easy to work with and our organisations have developed a strong collaborative working relationship". Rickard Lucey, Applications Manager, Gas Networks Ireland.

DISCOVERY PHASE

Aspira embarked on a Discovery process which included:

1

Understanding the Scope

Aspira held a kick off meeting with the Gas Network Ireland Business Team to understand the scope of the engagement and current challenges that needed to be addressed by a Project Portfolio Management (PPM) Tool.

2

Current Processes

Aspira gained an understanding of the current project and programme processes, that the chosen PPM Tool would need to support.

3

Requirements Gathering

Aspira completed a requirements gathering exercise ahead of their initial engagement with the Gas Networks Ireland project team.

4

Requirements Review

Aspira categorised those requirements and consolidated them into a detailed log for analysis purposes.

5

PPM Tool Selection

5 PPM tool vendors were reviewed using a standard score card created by Aspira. The results were evaluated to create a comparative feature list of requirements grouped by vendor to enable easy comparison.



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About Aspira

With 15 years of experience, Aspira is a dynamic, fast-growing international consulting and technology company, founded on real-world experience, and focused on custom-fit solutions. We have the people and proven expertise to complete complex projects while delivering lasting knowledge transfer benefits to empower our clients for the next challenge. Working across sectors both public and private, from utilities and energy to banking and pharma, our key focus is to give the authentic guidance companies need to realise their potential. From Advisory And Project Management Training To Resourcing, Business Applications, Software Development, And IT Services. We Take Ownership. We Lead.

Project Highlights

- Enhance Project Portfolio Analysis
- Project Discovery Phase Undertaken
- Solution & Implementation Partner Selection
- Capture Resource Requirements
- Perform Analysis on Projects

IMPLEMENTATION

Following on from the PPM tool selection exercise, Gas Networks Ireland selected Microsoft Project Online as the tool which best fit the requirements of their PMO for portfolio analysis. They also selected Aspira as their implementation partner as they use their tried and tested APEX project management methodology in delivering and implementing Microsoft Project Online. Aspira provided a fully project managed end to end development effort, including design, development, configuration, testing and deployment as well as training and communications.

Aspira's APEX is a unique Methodology that we have developed that contains a combination of the best of breed multiple industry standards of Project Management (PM) and Business Analysis (BA). Aspira have built an international reputation for 'Taking the chaos out of Project Management', using our unique APEX Methodology.



SUMMARY


Taking 6 months from start to finish, Microsoft Project Online resolved Gas Network Ireland's main challenge which was to outline resource scenarios over a five-year period and identify the availability and capacity of different resource types. The solution allowed them to capture resource requirements on a project-by-project basis and perform analysis on these projects over a 5-year planning horizon and perform 'what if' scenarios for additional resources or start date modification for projects.

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