

Accountability in Project Management Risk Assessment

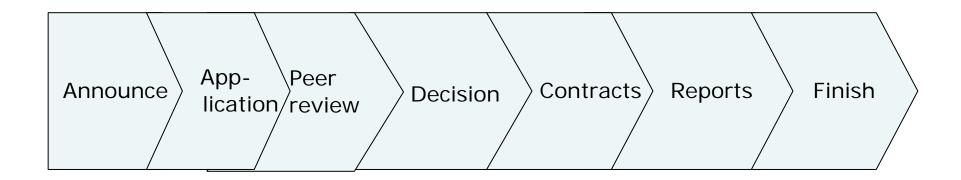
International Workshop on Accountability Challenges Trine Tengbom, Director, Internal Audit, The Research Council of Norway Wednesday, June 6, 2007 **Project Management** is the <u>discipline</u> of organizing and managing resources (ie. people) in such a way that the project is completed within defined scope, quality, time and cost constraints.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Project_management

Organizing and managing projects

- Research council of Norway

Process (main steps):

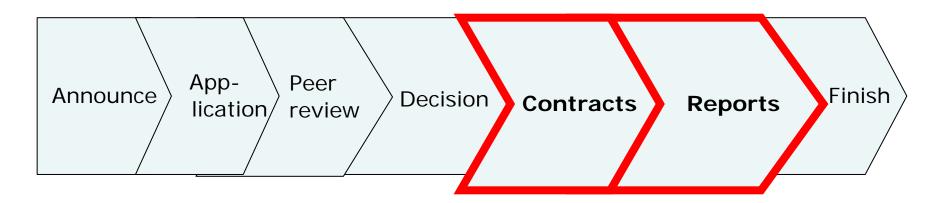


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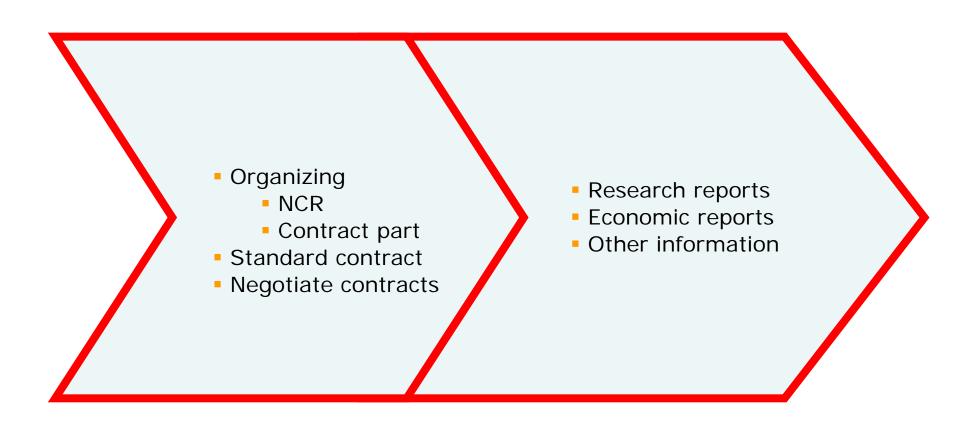
Goal: the project is completed within defined scope, quality, time and cost constraints.

Process (main steps):





Contracts and Reports





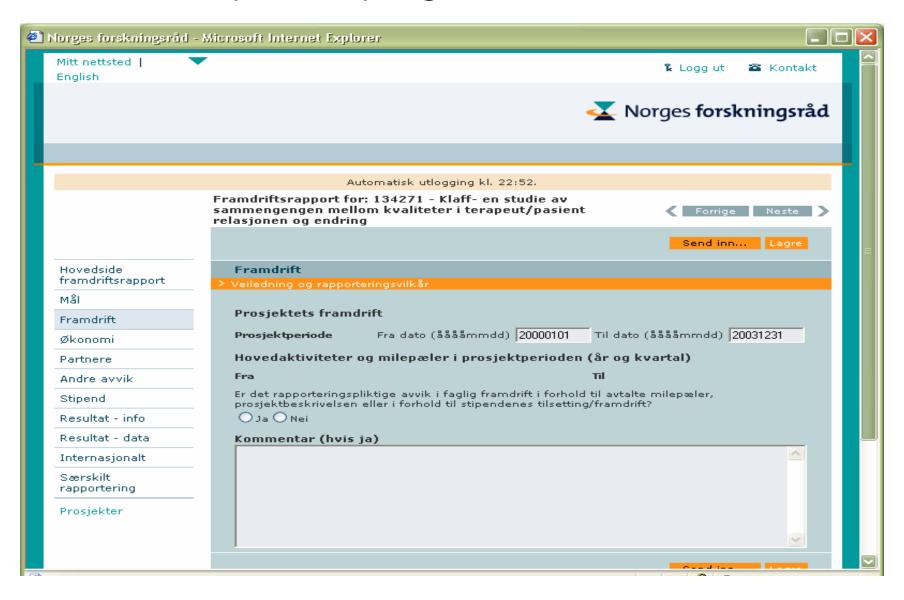
Standard contract

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- Project manager
 - The individual in charge of the project and performance of the project on behalf of the Project Owner
- Accounting
 - Project Owners must keep separate project accounts specifying actual costs for all projects...
- Progress reports
 - Progress reports shall be submitted to the Research Council within the stipulated deadline and in the manner specified by the Research Council.

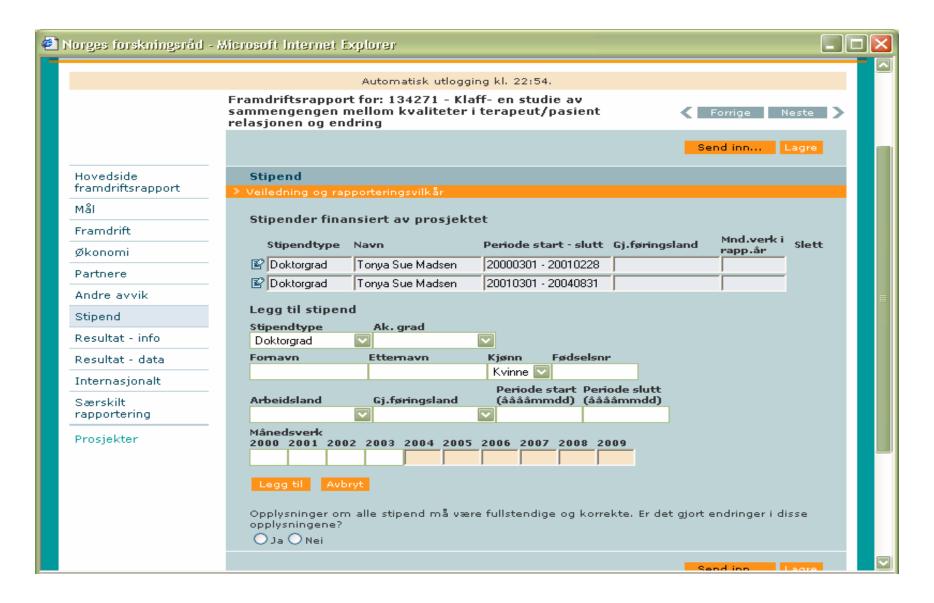


Research reports - progress





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- 10 projects
 - Does RCN have the right procedures, people, contract conditions etc to follow up research projects?
 - Can we trust the reports?
 - Do we do what we are told to do? Do we follow our own internal procedures?
- How to find the projects to audit.



Risk assessment

I got this from Charles Zeigler, NSF

Type of Awardee Organization	Complexity of Award Instrument
Academic Institution	Grant for basic research
Non-profit Organization	Cooperative Agreement – single awardee
For-profit Organization	Cooperative Agreement – large centre
Community College	
School District or Tribal Government	
Foreign Awardees	
Dollar Amount of Award	Cost Sharing
Under \$500,000	Sub awards
\$500,001 to \$2,000,000	Participant Support Equipment
\$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000	
\$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000	
\$10,000,000 and over	

Identify risks in the project management process

- The progress reports are false (not telling the truth)
- 2. The financial reports are false
- 3. NCR are not able to go through the reports
 - a) Competence
 - Financial
 - Scientific
 - Administration
 - b) Time
- 4. The contract conditions are not adequate

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Risk assessment is a step in the <u>risk management</u> process. Risk assessment is <u>measuring</u> two quantities of the <u>risk</u>. How likely is it that the risk will occur? If the risk occurs, what impact will it have? Will we reach the project goal?

