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Course Introduction

Projects rarely lose flexibility through one major decision. Instead, commitment builds gradually as scope is defined, designs are selected, resources are reserved, suppliers are engaged, contracts are awarded, schedules are fixed and execution begins. Each choice may appear reasonable in isolation, yet together they progressively reduce the project's ability to change direction without significant cost, delay or disruption. When teams recognize this lock-in too late, they may find themselves defending decisions that would have been reconsidered if better evidence had been required earlier.

BOOST Consulting & Training presents **Project Commitment Architecture**, a practical program designed to help project professionals manage **how and when a project becomes committed**. Rather than adding another approval layer, the course develops the ability to identify critical commitment points, distinguish reversible from difficult-to-reverse choices, determine what evidence should exist before commitment, preserve flexibility where uncertainty remains high, and design decision gates that allow projects to move forward confidently without locking themselves prematurely into weak assumptions or costly directions.



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Target Audience

Project and program managers, PMO professionals, project controls specialists, engineering and procurement managers, and professionals involved in major project decisions.

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Learning Objectives

- ✓ Identify how commitments accumulate across the project lifecycle.
- ✓ Distinguish reversible choices from decisions that create significant lock-in.
- ✓ Assess the cost and consequences of premature project commitments.
- ✓ Determine the evidence required before major commitment points.
- ✓ Preserve appropriate flexibility while uncertainty remains unresolved.
- ✓ Design proportionate decision and commitment gates.
- ✓ Build a structured commitment architecture for complex projects.

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Course Outline

✓ Day 01

Understanding How Projects Become Committed

Seeing Commitment Across the Project Lifecycle

- ✓ Identifying commitments created through scope, design, schedule and resource decisions
- ✓ Understanding how procurement and contracting progressively reduce available choices
- ✓ Distinguishing formal approvals from decisions that create practical lock-in

Mapping the Commitment Path

- ✓ Tracing how one project choice constrains later decisions
- ✓ Identifying points where changing direction becomes progressively more expensive
- ✓ Building an initial map of commitment accumulation across the project

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✓ Day 02

Measuring Reversibility and Lock-In

Assessing Decision Reversibility

- ✓ Distinguishing easily reversible, conditionally reversible and difficult-to-reverse choices
- ✓ Evaluating the cost, time and disruption associated with reversing a decision
- ✓ Identifying decisions whose apparent flexibility disappears after dependent actions begin

Detecting Premature Commitment

- ✓ Recognizing when projects commit before uncertainty has reduced sufficiently
- ✓ Identifying schedule pressure and sunk-cost thinking that encourage early lock-in
- ✓ Assessing the downstream consequences of commitments based on weak evidence

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✓ Day 03

Matching Evidence to Commitment

Defining Commitment Readiness

- ✓ Determining what must be known before different types of commitments are made
- ✓ Matching evidence in depth to financial exposure, uncertainty and reversibility
- ✓ Distinguishing information that is desirable from evidence essential to commitment

Testing the Decision Before Lock-In

- ✓ Challenging assumptions and dependencies behind the preferred direction
- ✓ Identifying unresolved issues capable of materially changing the decision
- ✓ Using conditional commitments when full certainty is neither available nor necessary

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✓ Day 04

Preserving Flexibility Without Slowing the Project

Designing Flexible Commitment Strategies

- ✓ Sequencing decisions so uncertainty can be reduced before major lock-in occurs
- ✓ Deferring irreversible elements without delaying work that can safely proceed
- ✓ Designing options and contingencies around high-uncertainty choices

Building Proportionate Commitment Gates

- ✓ Matching gate intensity to exposure and reversibility rather than project bureaucracy
- ✓ Defining clear evidence, decision ownership and exit conditions at critical points
- ✓ Preventing decision gates from becoming repetitive approval checkpoints

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Building a Project Commitment Architecture

Managing Commitment as the Project Evolves

- ✓ Monitoring when previously flexible choices are approaching lock-in
- ✓ Reassessing commitment readiness when assumptions or conditions change
- ✓ Capturing commitment decisions to improve future project judgment

Project Commitment Architecture Lab

- ✓ Managing a project scenario through multiple escalating commitment points
- ✓ Deciding when to proceed, defer, condition or reconsider major choices
- ✓ Building a Project Commitment Architecture for workplace application

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