IT READINESS

Purpose

The purpose of this tool is to investigate the need for IT tools to support a specific supply chain innovation. If so, the readiness of the company to work with these systems has to be assessed, i.e. an impact assessment.

Participant(s)

The company's IT manager, project manager, and key employees in relation to the specific supply chain innovation project.

Application

The tool has to be applied when a supply chain innovation project is initiated and planned-
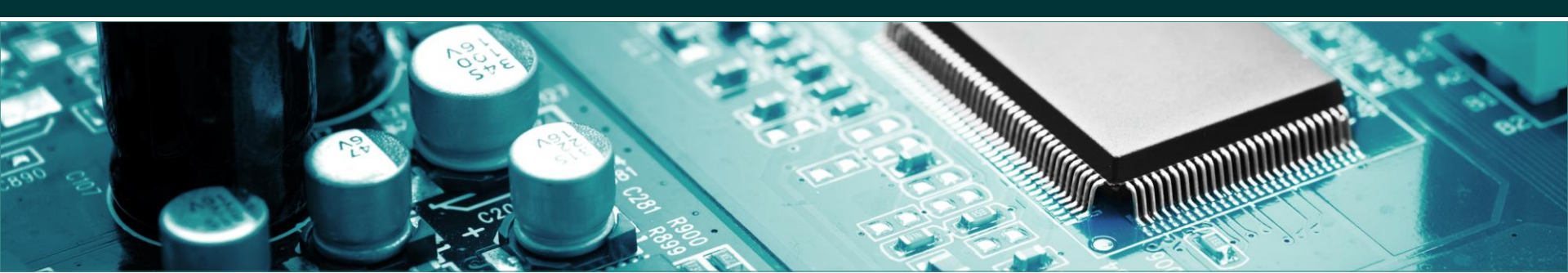
Method
To apply the tool, relevant participants rate the IT readiness by a series of statements, illustrated in the table on the next page. Then the areas are prioritized and facts collected with the purpose of developing a plan of action.

For statements with yellow smileys, one should be particularly aware of potential problem areas. For statements with red smileys, the company should investigate the area and set up a plan of action without delay.

Statements to asses IT readiness

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Company	The company is met with pressure to change the existing processes			
	Financial resources for the IT project are available within the company			
	The company has good experience with implementation of IT projects			
Management	Management has the necessary understanding of the need for a new system			
	Management is ready to give the necessary managerial support to the IT project			
Employees	Potential users of the IT system have sufficient competences to learn the new system			
	Employees are willing to adapt to the new IT project			

Benefits

The tool can be used to identify problem areas in relation to IT projects as well as a tool to show the evolution of the company's IT readiness.

Output

The output of this tool can be used as input for the following:

- Choice of IT project
- Improving the company's IT readiness.
- Ensuring a common vision of an IT project among stakeholders