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Course: Effective Budgeting & Operational Cost Control

Code	City	Hotel	Start	End	Price	Language - Hours
441	Athens (Greece)	Hotel Meeting Room	2025-05-26	2025-05-30	5450 €	En - 25

Why Choose this Course?

The effective management of budgets and operational cost is a key aspect in leading and managing organizations. Nowadays, if contemporary organizations want to stay competitive, they are urged to think, plan and act in terms of value added to customers and shareholders. Along this line, budgeting, as well as tracking, controlling & reducing cost represent essential activities to be performed and monitored as strategies get executed.

In addressing these issues, this course is relevant for those professionals and analysts facing the difficult challenge of improving performance while reducing costs of those processes for which there are accountable.

This course will feature:

- The management system in practice;
- Budgeting practices;
- Traditional and innovative tools for budgeting and cost control;
- Multiple cost analysis for different purposes;
- KPIs and the Balanced Scorecard.

What are the Goals?

- Master the budgeting process



- Understand costs behavior
- Explore traditional & innovative approaches to Budgeting & Cost Control
- Analyze process costing
- Manage balanced scorecard

Who is this Course for?

This course is suitable to a wide range of professionals but will greatly benefit those with direct or indirect budget responsibilities within a Team, Department or Division. Moreover, the course is suitable to first appointment professionals on fast-track development programs, and to professionals from every business discipline and department who have to run budgetary plans, and who are responsible for cost and strategic analysis, including:

- Financial Planning & Control Staff
- Those with direct or indirect financial responsibilities
- Those from every business discipline and department who have to run departments and budgetary plans, and who are responsible for cost and strategic analysis
- Those from all sectors of industry, irrespective of functional responsibilities, but particularly those involved in manufacturing, production, engineering or sales
- Those working in a project management environment

How will this be Presented?

The course combines theory and practice. Therefore, besides in-class lectures, discussions and exercises, we use company examples to illustrate how the techniques presented have been applied in real case studies. The purpose is to use a mix of proven learning techniques to ensure maximum understanding, comprehension and retention of the information presented.

The Course Content



Day One

Introduction: Building a Common Financial Language

- The key role of budgeting and cost control in contemporary organizations
- The 21st century business imperative: delivering value added (but to whom?)
- Financial vs. Managerial accounting (for decision making)
- Understand your processes: integrating financial and non-financial aspects
- The budgeting process
- Examples & Discussion

Day Two

The Budgeting Process

- The key features of budgeting
- Advantages and concerns with budgeting
- Accountability and centers of responsibility
- Zero-based budgeting
- Budgeting and cost control
- Examples & Discussion

Day Three

Cost Analysis

- Different costs for different purposes
- Fixed vs. Variable costs
- The Cost-Volume-Profit analysis model
- Contribution Margin analysis



- Examples & Discussion

Day Four

Traditional vs. Advanced Techniques in Cost-Control

- Under-costing and over-costing: the consequences for profitability
- Indirect (OH) vs. Direct costs:
- Traditional Cost Allocations systems vs. Activity-Based Costing (ABC)
- Linking resources, activities and management
- Variance analysis
- Video, Case Study and Examples

Day Five

Beyond the Budgets: Balanced scorecards and Six-sigma

- Broadening performance measurement systems
- Beyond budgeting: integrating financial and non-financial issues
- Introducing the Balanced Scorecard
- Introducing the Strategy maps
- Introducing Six-sigma
- Video, Case Study and examples



The Scandinavian Academy for Training and Development employs modern methods in training and skills development, enhancing the efficiency of human resource development. We follow these practices:

- **Theoretical Lectures:**

- We deliver knowledge through advanced presentations such as PowerPoint and visual materials, including videos and short films.

- **Scientific Assessment:**

- We evaluate trainees skills before and after the course to ensure their progress.

- **Brainstorming and Interaction:**

- We encourage active participation through brainstorming sessions and applying concepts through role play.

- **Practical Cases:**

- We provide practical cases that align with the scientific content and the participants specific needs.

- **Examinations:**

- Tests are conducted at the end of the program to assess knowledge retention.

- **Educational Materials:**

- We provide both printed and digital scientific and practical materials to participants.

- **Attendance and Final Result Reports:**

- We prepare detailed attendance reports for participants and offer a comprehensive program evaluation.

- **Professionals and Experts:**

- The programs scientific content is prepared by the best professors and trainers in various fields.

- **Professional Completion Certificate:**

- Participants receive a professional completion certificate issued by the Scandinavian Academy for Training and Development in the Kingdom of Sweden, with the option for international authentication.

- **Program Timings:**

- Training programs are held from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and include coffee break sessions during lectures.