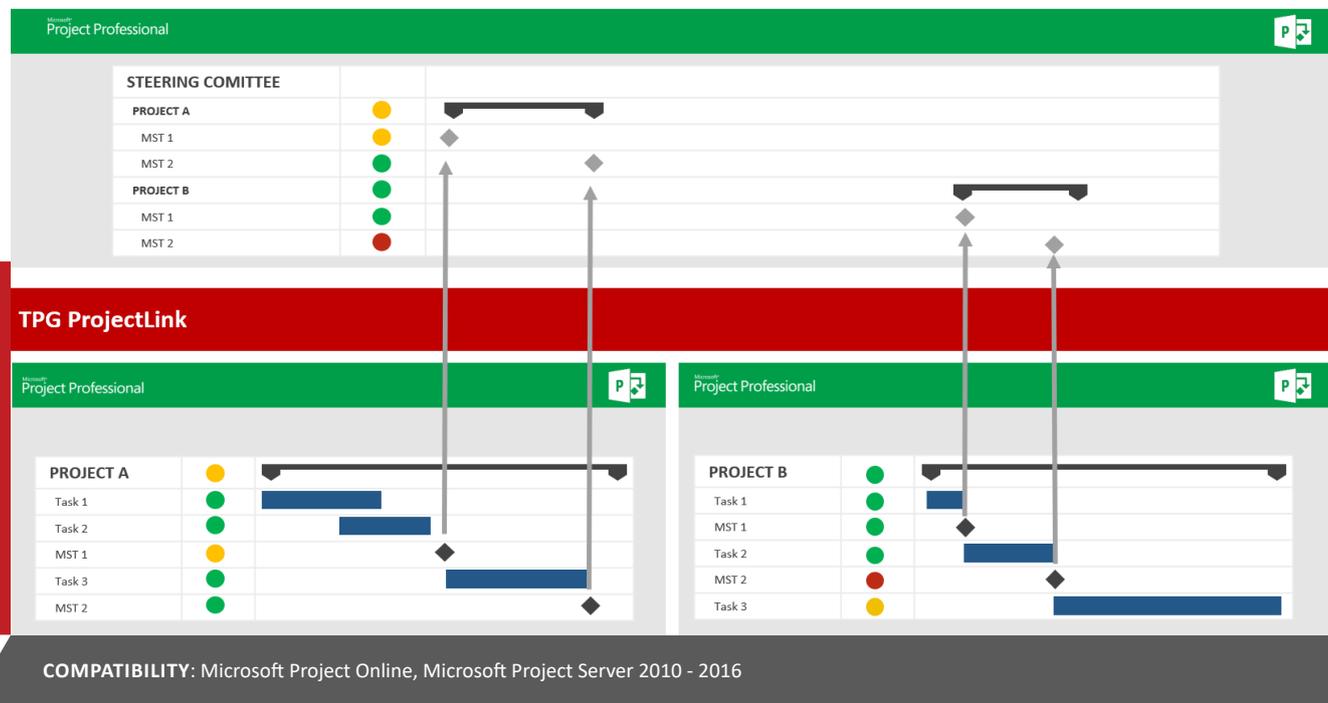


# TPG ProjectLink

Increased Transparency in Multi-Project / Program Management



Efficient collaboration across projects is a key success factor in multi-project management. Project managers use TPG ProjectLink to link external tasks to their own planning. They can mirror the bar charts or link data to existing tasks in their own schedule, enabling them to see at a glance which external tasks have changed and how. That makes it much easier to adapt information where necessary.

You can have multi-project overviews – containing information relevant to the management of the project, such as milestones and traffic light status indicators – created and updated automatically (bottom-up). With TPG ProjectLink, tasks can then be automatically transferred back into the sub-projects (top-down). This information flow forms the basis of consistent and convenient program management.

## THE BENEFITS:

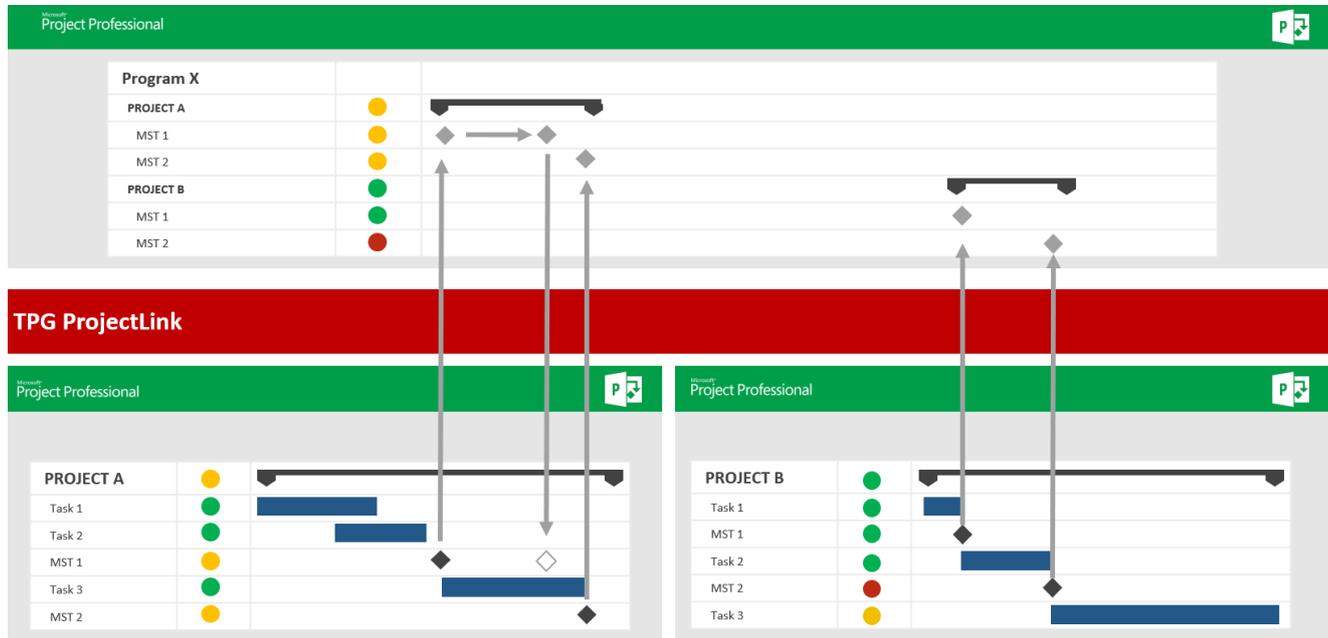
- ▶ Increased transparency through cross-project links between tasks
- ▶ At-a-glance, multi-project overviews of the project portfolio's current status (Status Board)
- ▶ Enforcing targets in program management
- ▶ Simple creation of project links between different companies
- ▶ Clear, graphical comparison of a project manager's own tasks with external tasks
- ▶ Better performance with easy links to external projects without having to open each project

## FEATURES AT A GLANCE:

- ▶ Choice of data sources including Microsoft Project Server sites, SharePoint lists and SQL databases
- ▶ Even notes and any user-defined fields are easy to transfer
- ▶ Configurable field mapping to suit a wide range of individual business cases
- ▶ Easy set-up of links with the innovative Task Picker (access rights are managed by the Microsoft Project Server permissions system)
- ▶ Mirroring of external tasks into the project manager's own project
- ▶ Preview and update of linked information on demand

„TPG ProjectLink enables our project managers to establish cross project links very easily. Organizing those links in a hierarchical way across sub project plans within a program gives a quick overview of the program status. Target dates are being propagated down to the sub-project level and status information is being aggregated back to the top level.“

DR. GÜNTHER BURGET, PROJECT OFFICE, INTEL MOBILE COMMUNICATIONS



Transparent multi-project overview and program management due to bottom-up and top-down link capability

### IMPORTANT BUSINESS CASES FOR PROJECTLINK

TPG ProjectLink is very flexible and supports a range of different business cases. Project managers are able to connect their project with others using the innovative task picker or free configurable rules.

- ▶ **Multi-project overviews with status in MS Project:** You can run SQL queries and combine relevant milestones from individual projects into a multi-project overview for the steering committee. Alongside the time-related details, you can add information about the status of a particular project (e.g. with traffic light indicators). This is useful for reporting and forwarding schedules in MS Project format that only include a part of the information available (see figure, previous page).
- ▶ **Program management with MS Project:** Automated bottom-up and top-down links provide optimal support for the information flow between the steering committee and the project managers (see figure, previous page).

- ▶ **Linking single projects in MS Project:** Project managers can choose which tasks from external projects they want to link to their own schedules. Using predefined link options, they can decide whether to allow their schedule to be changed externally or to only let others view the data.
- ▶ **Ad-hoc queries on the task level:** As a project manager, you can run any queries you choose, e.g. display all tasks from different projects within a specific timeframe. You can view them without needing to open each of the relevant projects.
- ▶ **Coordination of project/line (line organization):** Depending on your organizational structure, project managers can request help from team leaders in the form of deliverables or work to be done by their staff. In a line organization, TPG ProjectLink enables you to align the data on the deliverables in the project plan with the detailed information in the relevant team plans (see figure above). For matrix organizations, see separate product TPG TeamManager.

“TPG ProjectLink has greatly facilitated planning as managers can see at a glance whether, and how, delays in a different project will have an impact on their own.“

PETER ZENK, LONZA AG