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# Online Project Management Tools

Webinar #2 in the Embracing Remote Work for Civil Society series

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# Eastern Partnership Civil Society Facility – Regional Actions

**Goal:** to promote the role of civil society actors in the six EaP countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine) in reforms taking place in their countries

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Duration: 2017-2020

Details: http://eapcivilsociety.eu/



### Mapping studies and research

for a better understanding of civil society organisations in the partner countries and their problems

### **E-learning courses and webinars**

to strengthen civil society capacity and local impact



# Hackathons to develop new ICT tools to enable broader participation of civil society in

decision making processes

### **Better communication**

for high-impact civil society work to improve the image of civil society work and learn how to communicate it better



#### **Civil Society Fellowships**

for future leaders in key sectors to enable them to drive changes

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# **Embracing Remote Work Series of Webinars**

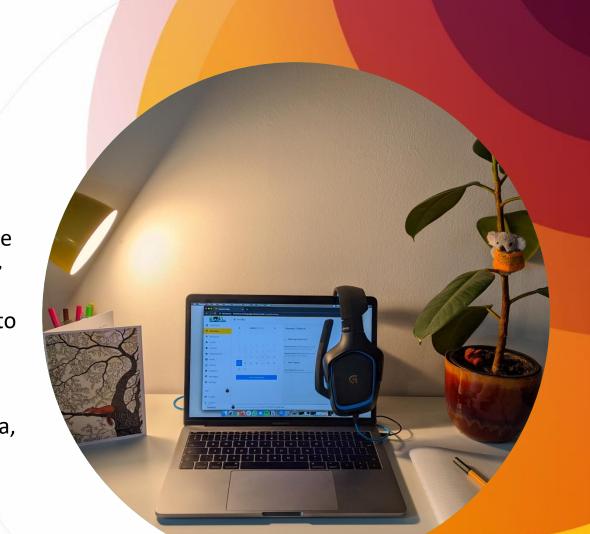
**Why**: to help you learn more about some of the most used tools and solutions for distant work, online communication and collaboration

Webinar #1 on 10/04: Transferring your team to remote work: main principles and steps, good practices and tools for communication

Webinar #2 on 24/04: online project management solutions (MS To Do, Trello, Asana, OpenProject)

**Webinar #3** on 08/05: digital solutions for online meetings, webinars and streaming

Webinar #4 in May: other goodies and addressing your requests and questions

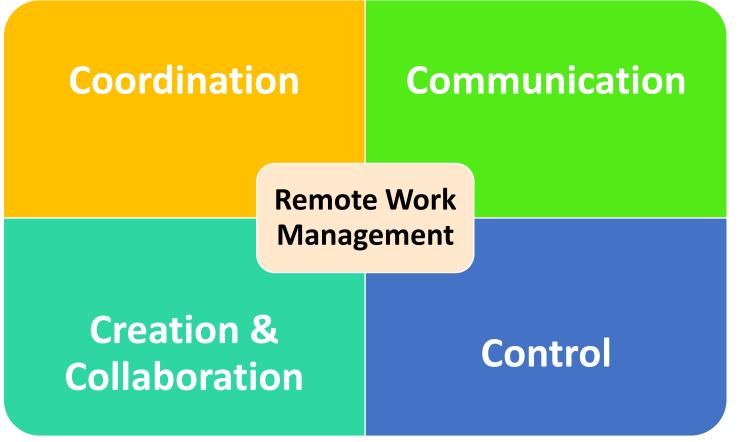








# **Recap: Elements of remote work for managers**







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#1 for more:



Introduction

# 'Agile' Team Collaboration Tasks

- People know why, what and when they act: their actions must contribute to the objective(s) and outcome(s).
- 2. People know what others are doing.
- 3. People know the process: input output.
- 4. People can give and receive feedback and feedforward.
- 5. People are equipped with right materials and tools.

Source for the quote: Washington Post

A regular employee spends more than 20.5 hours a week reading and responding to emails

Adobe Survey 2016







# Warning signs

If you and your team face two and more of these problems:

- Lack of visibility into task or project status
- Inconsistent execution of processes
- Siloed teams and information
- Ineffective collaboration

... it's the right time to introduce online project management tool.

Image: <u>https://pixabay.com/</u>



















# **Types & features**

**Project management tools** (PM tools) are software products aimed to assist an individual or team to effectively organize work and manage projects and tasks.

Depending on the complexity and hosting:

- 1. Individual. Simple sharable to-do lists for those with a very light need for PM solutions and small teams, or those who want to test.
- 2. Cloud-based. PM apps that are hosted on external cloud servers. Features available depend on the price.
- 3. On-Premise. PM apps installed locally into your organisation's server.
- 4. Open API. PM software with the capacity to add to the already existing application ('adjust' them).



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### Planning

Due date, start date, calendar, Gantt chart, timeline, milestones...

### **Task Delegation**

Share the list / task / board and assign to one or more persons

### **Documents sharing**

Attach a document or a link to a document

### Communication

Share the list/task/board, and leave notes, messages, comments...

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#### Monitoring

Status tracking: completed / done, overdue,..







# **PM Tools: Variety & Costs**

With hundreds of tools to choose from, it's almost guaranteed there's a tool out there that can meet your needs. Often there is a question how much you are ready to pay for this.

You can compare various products at <u>ProofHub</u> or <u>Capterra</u> – or any other resource.

While some products are available for free (as trial, or basic version), these are the annual budget estimations from the <u>Capterra</u> depending on the number of users and features:

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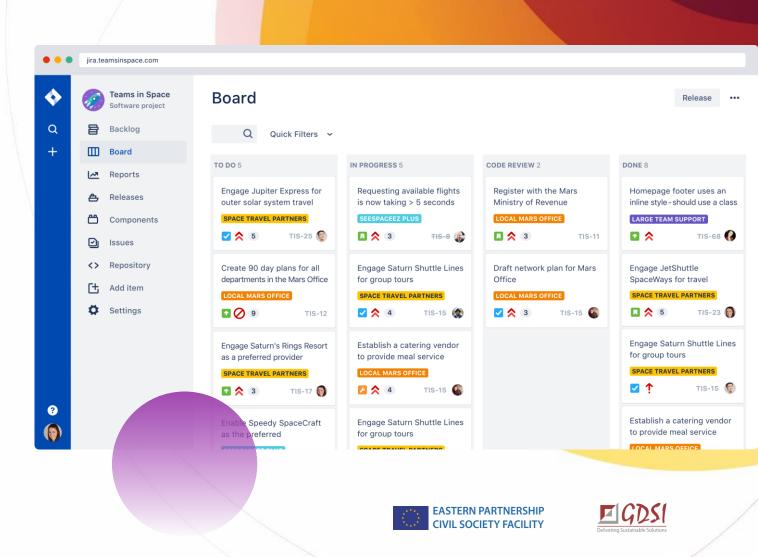
# VERY agile: Jira (II)

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Has cloud based and in-premises versions.

Free plan allows for up to 10 users and basic features (Scrum/Kanban boards, backlog, agile reporting, roadmaps).

Do not mess with it until you develop software products!





# Simple: MS To Do (Demo)

For personal use – or very light management tasks: <u>https://todo.microsoft.com/</u>

Former Wunderlist (bought by MS in 2015).

Cloud-based with desktop, mobile and web apps.

Is a freeby from MS for everyone with the MS account; integrates well with other MS products.

Features: lists, tasks, due dates (including repeating due dates), reminders, assignees, subtasks, files and notes to tasks.

Support: <a href="https://todosupport.helpshift.com/">https://todosupport.helpshift.com/</a>



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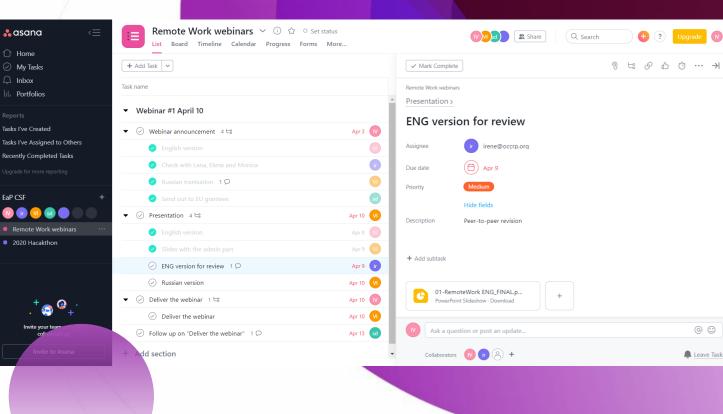
For projects with rigorous process and small teams: <u>https://asana.com/</u>

Cloud-based with desktop, mobile and web apps.

Free version is limited to 15 team members and basic features; then from USD 10 per user/month.

Features: projects, tasks and subtasks, due dates, assignees, files, descriptions, notes and comments, status updates...

Manuals: <u>https://asana.com/guide</u>



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# Level Up: Trello

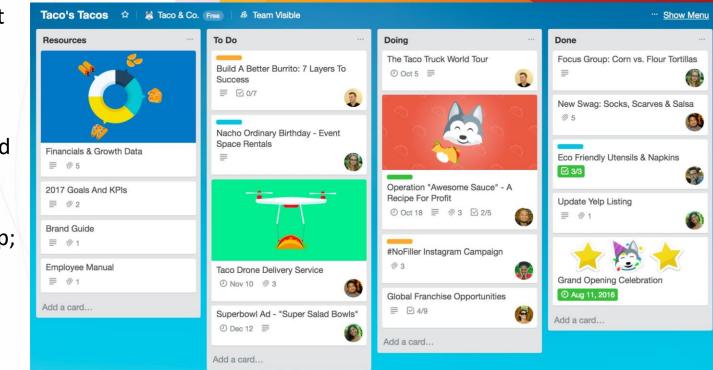
Card-based task/project management tool for projects with team collaboration: <u>https://trello.com/</u>

Jira's 'younger sibling' 😳

Cloud-based with desktop, mobile and web apps.

Free version is limited to 10 team boards, basic features and 1 power-up; then from USD 10 per user/month.

Features: boards, cards, tasks, due dates, assignees, assignees, files, descriptions, notes and comments, status updates...



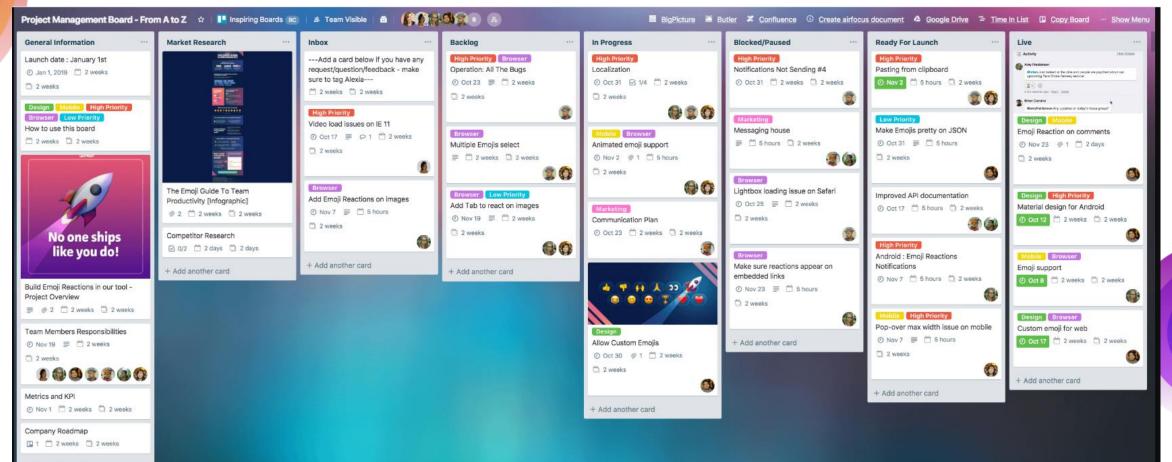
Great tutorials: https://trello.com/guide, https://blog.trello.com/ and https://help.trello.com/







# Level Up: Trello (II)



+ Add another card

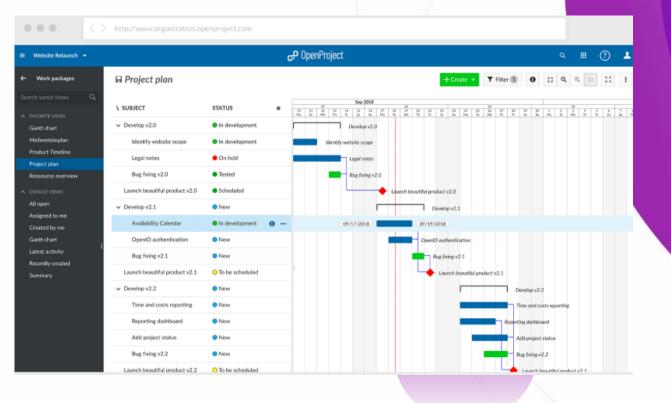
### **Trello: Live Demo**

You can get very creative with Trello boards. Check it <u>here</u> or look at the templates <u>here</u>, or let's examine our 2019 Hackathon board: <u>https://bit.ly/2Vf9jQo</u>

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# **Top Level: OpenProject**

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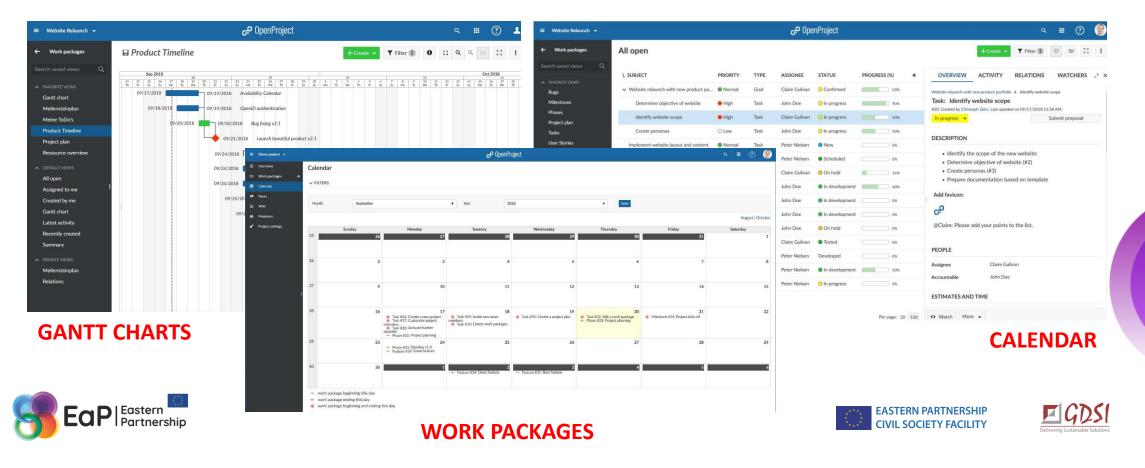
- **Project planning and scheduling**
- Product roadmap and release planning
- Task management, team collaboration
- Kanban, Agile & Scrum
- Bug Tracking
- Time tracking, cost reporting, budgeting
- Wiki





# **OpenProject.** Project planning and scheduling

- With **shared timelines** you can create and visualize your project plan.
- You can **define the project objectives** and specify the work to be done.



# **OpenProject.** Product roadmap and release planning

- OpenProject is the easiest way to plan, visualize, and communicate your product roadmap. Share your product • roadmap with your stakeholders, get feedback about your ideas and break it down into a detailed release plan.
- Align your product roadmaps with your company's product strategy and create buy-in and transparency across all •

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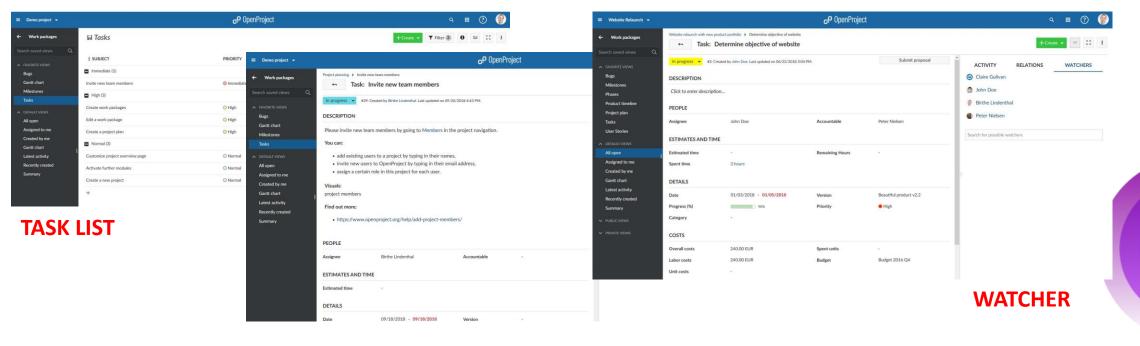






# **OpenProject.** Task management and team collaboration

- Make your teams working lives simpler, more productive and more pleasant. OpenProject is the easiest way for teams to track
   their work and get results
- With OpenProject you have all tasks and communication in one place



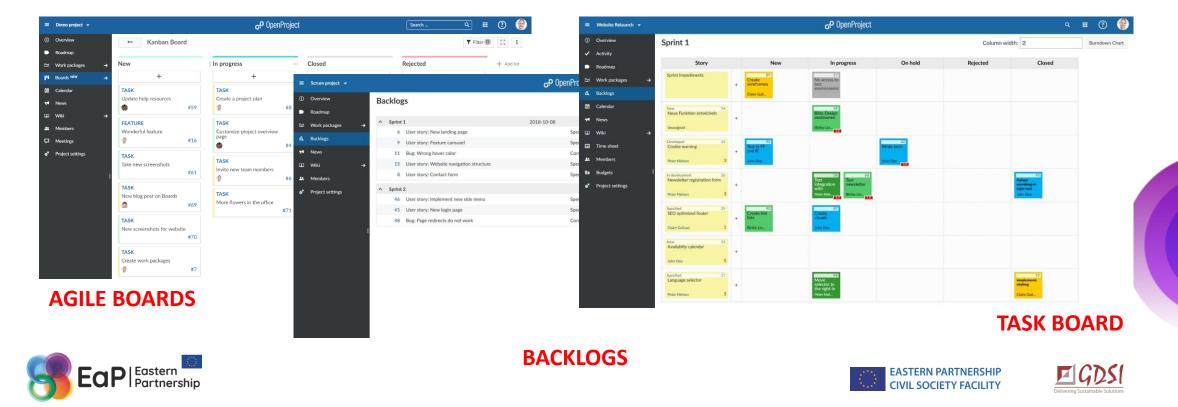


### **COMMENTS AND HISTORY**



# **OpenProject.** Kanban, Agile and Scrum

- **OpenProject is the perfect tool for agile teams** that want to use agile methodologies such as Scrum.
- Agile teams can create and estimate stories, prioritize a sprint backlog and track tasks. It is tightly integrated into other modules such as **roadmap planning**, **bug tracking** and **task management**.



# **OpenProject.** Time tracking, cost reporting and budgeting

- OpenProject makes time tracking easy. Create custom reports for accurate, current insight into project performance and allocated resources.
- Plan the cost for each project phase, and see how much of the allocated budget has been spent at a glance.

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# Tips & Recommendations

Very personal experience







# PM solutions can help with:

- 1. Project conception & initiation
- 2. Project definition & planning
- 3. Faster collaboration
- 4. Easier delegation
- 5. Accurate project tracking
- 6. Central data storage
- 7. Seamless communication
- 8. Quick file-sharing
- 9. Tracking of time & costs
- 10. Quick reporting

Switching and getting used takes time! First project(s) will be tough :D









# Managing Projects Online: Technology comes second



PM solutions are great, but **not** every team / organisation requires them



Calculate the costs: how much you are ready to pay for a product, but be guided by other things



Start with free or trial versions of several products, and select the one that works the best for your team / needs



Security or 24/7 support? Decide for on-premises or externally hosted product Check that all **team members are ready** for using the chosen PM solution



Set up clear rules and procedures and exemplify (you do it first)

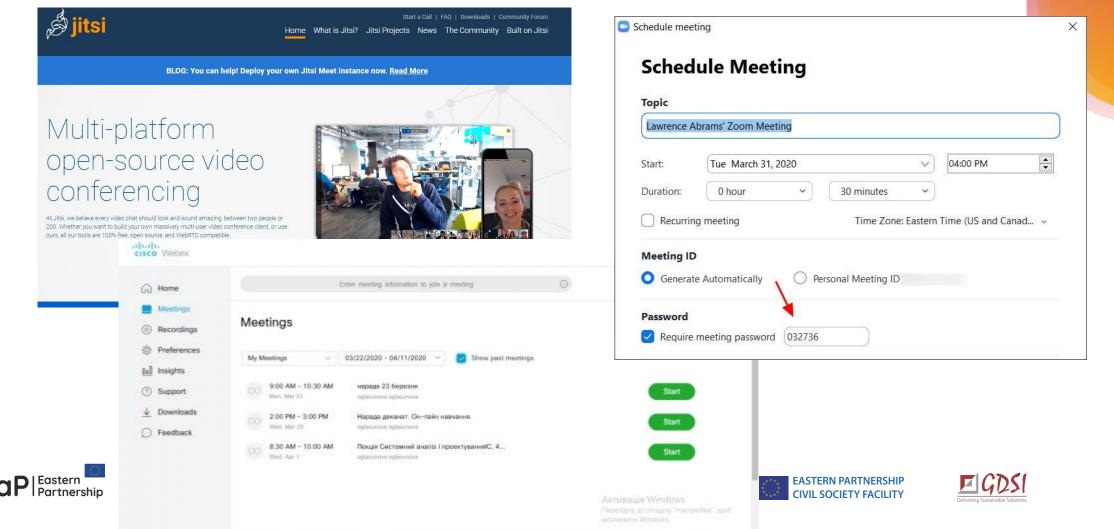








# Video Conferencing, Webinars & Streaming



# Thank you for your attention!

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# Naturally, your questions are welcome 😊





