



Press release

Sogeti Group launches new testing publication: *TPI[®] NEXT - Business Driven Test Process Improvement*

*A fully revised version of the world-leading approach
to structured test process improvement*

Paris/Vianen, 17 November 2009 – Sogeti Group, a world leader in innovative, business-driven quality assurance and testing services, today launched its latest specialist testing publication – *TPI[®] NEXT - Business Driven Test Process Improvement*. This book is a comprehensive update of Sogeti's original TPI[®] – Test Process Improvement - that established an international benchmark for assessing an organization's test process maturity.

TPI[®] NEXT, Business Driven Test Process Improvement, written by Sogeti test experts and validated by extensive customer field tests, builds on the strengths of the successful original model, but incorporates significant changes to reflect today's business dynamics and technology developments. The key enhancement is that the model is more closely aligned to an organization's business goals, so that improvements to the test process are focused on meeting these specific goals as cost-effectively and efficiently as possible.

The original **TPI[®]**, first published in 1998, has become the leading test process improvement model, used around the world, including China, with nearly 17,000 copies of the book sold. However, over the past 10 years, the testing world has evolved, with outsourcing, complex IT chains, Agile-based development methods and the user expectation of fault-free applications.

This led a team of international Sogeti experts to develop a revised version to accommodate these changes; at the heart of the model - alignment with business drivers. Importantly, the team retained and enhanced the strengths of the original model (Key Areas, Maturity Levels, Checkpoints, and Stepwise Improvement), and then introduced new elements.

The improvements that make this new model truly business-driven are:

Introduction of Clusters (prioritized groups of Checkpoints) and **Enablers** to identify the impact on the broader Software Development Lifecycle

Clearer categorisation of maturity levels - Controlled, Efficient and Optimizing

Easy-to-view representation of results for business management

Flexible – works well with both traditional and agile development methodologies, supporting existing business cultures and process.

Prior to launch, Sogeti tested the model with a number of client organizations, incorporating their suggestions. Their feedback has been very positive; one client commented: "BDTPI is our compass towards improvement. It's a small step for testers but a giant leap in improving our test process".



The benefits of TPI[®] NEXT have therefore been identified as helping a test organization:

- Develop a clear incremental path to improve quality, reduce time and save costs
- Ensure that test processes support the most important business drivers
- Gain a better understanding of correlation between testing and other software development processes
- Allowing existing TPI users to use the new model without losing valuable historic information.

Nijs Blokland, Head of Sogeti's International Testing Community comments: "Testing should be a structured and controllable process; but that is not always the case. TPI[®] NEXT is an indispensable step-by-step guide for the hands-on test professional, providing practical descriptions and hints and tips to executing a test assessment and implementing improvements based on business drivers."

Published by specialist computer science and economics producer UTN (Uitgeverij Tutein Nolthenius bv), TPI[®] NEXT follows the recent publication of *End-to-end testing with TMap NEXT[®]* and is the latest in a series of ground-breaking thought-leadership books on test topics authored by Sogeti.

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