

Agile Lean Maturity Model (ALM2)

There are a number of maturity models that have been developed in the last two decades or so, such as CMM (Capability Maturity Model), CMMi (Capability Maturity Model Integrated), P3M3 (Portfolio, Programme, Project Management Maturity Model), P2M2 (Prince 2 Maturity Model) and many others. Each of them tries to address something different and it is important to say that some of them have evolved considerably during the years.

The question I always ask myself is whether I can come up with something new and original. So, in this case, the question is whether there is any gap in the area of maturity models that have not been addressed yet and consequently what model I can come up with to fill the gap. Now, let's start with the fundamental question that concerns every CEO, i.e. how do I better my organization, e.g. grow business, maximize profit, etc? Obviously, there are different ways how to achieve these organizational goals. What I am particularly interested in are the two concepts of being *efficient* and *effective* when running the business. The former one is usually achieved through cost cutting of unnecessary costs and the latter one through prioritizing and streamlining activities, products or projects that bring the biggest benefit or value to the organization and customers.

What I would like to do now is to connect these two concepts with other two relatively new concepts of *lean* and *agility*. The concept of lean is based on eliminating organizational waste, i.e. anything that does not add value. In addition lean advocates in replacing manual process with the automated one where possible with the same goal to increase efficiency. The agile concept on the other hand is a more complex one but in principle, it is in its core mainly about the effectiveness as it is focused on prioritizing and streamlining products and services with the highest level of end-benefits at any point of time that are delivered iteratively and incrementally where time, budget and quality are fixed.

The Agile Lean Maturity Model (ALM2) would consist of a number of levels of maturity. The model could serve as a check list for an organization to find out how much its processes and core business activities are lean and agile, which would then serve as an indication how efficiently and effectively an organization is run as a business.

If this idea of creating new maturity model based on lean and agile concepts is something you would be interested in, please get in touch with me and we could work on this together. I welcome feedback in any form or shape, you can drop me an email or comment on this article directly.