



### **Build Excellent Sales Teams**

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### Context: Why a need for this program?



# Environment has drastically changed! We need to change too !!

- > Tough competition new entrants
- Traditional 'oversee-able' competitive landscape in Europe changed drastically
- Change in distribution channels
- > **Economic crisis** + cost cutting by corporate clients
- > Customers become more demanding, important to identify their needs
- AFKL Results
- Increased Complexity (Partners, Ancillaries, Dual Hub, etc)



### **BEST** program set up



OCT12-MAR13 APR-JUN13 JUL- DEC13 From DEC13
INVESTIGATE DEFINE DESIGN IMPLEMENT





### **Investigate: Key Improvement Areas identified**



#### **ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT:**

- Need for change in way of working & mindset:
  - From Service to Sales
  - Better Preparation Sales Calls needed
  - Behavior & mind set: Identify Customer Needs and reach Business Partnerships (win-win)
  - More opportunity & action driven
- > Planning Sales Visits: From Quantitative to Qualitative approach

**SALES MANAGEMENT:** More steering on performance - sales processes - mind set behavior – Coaching on Sales Performance





### **Define & Design : Building BEST**



- We defined BEST SALES PROCESSES what is expected from Account Manageme.
- We defined our OBJECTIVES
- We decided not to follow TOP-DOWN approach only
- Sales processes designed by Cross European Work Groups (incl. DL)

### **Created Commitment in the teams!**

- ➤ Creation 'CHANGE MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE' Business ⇔ Training Department
- 2 questions we asked ourselves:
  - How to avoid BEST becomes 'just another project'?
  - Both our fear as Establishment's fear
- How can we support with the kind of training, learning interventions & development that truly make sense to people?





### Implement BEST



#### **TOP – DOWN APPROACH**

#### **SALES MANAGEMENT FIRST** – Define what is expected:

- What is expected after training: 10 step 'On the Job Training Approach'
- Bridge Sales Profile scan (outcome: preferred style + score on 6 steps in Sales)
- Personal sessions with an external coach.
  - Create top down commitment: Not just inform but involve MT Establishments,
    - Sessions General & Sales Management





### Implement BEST



#### BOTTOM – UP Approach:

- BEST-ablishment Days (KBC + Area)
  - Create commitment, truly listen to hopes and fears of people related to this program Discover true needs. Understand hurdles/obstacles
- UBP Trainings Account Managers
  - Training based on their needs + practice what is expected in BEST
  - Bridge scan
  - Define what is expected
- Vitamin Work Shops
  - Set a climate of constant learning & development
  - Learn from and with each other as not to re-invent the wheel!





### What we learned.....



- Very important to first define & design the sales processes (bottom up!)
- Sense of urgency needs to be made clear by higher Management (WHY-WHAT-HOW)
- We overestimated way (Sales) Management could handle and drive change
- Cooperation Business Learning & Development Center key in Change Management process





### Integrated approach works **BEST**



#### **HOW TO FURTHER IMPROVE IN SALES?**













## End of presentation Let's further discuss!

