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Sprint Plannings, Ticket management in Jira, sum ups of meetings, appointment management

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Elaborating in above Likert scale question, What challenges and obstacles do you see in *
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Managament is about working with people. AI can help in doing organizational stuff but leadership has
to keep empathy and must be based on emotional intelligence.

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Support in planning situations, ticket management, leveling of project plans, forecast of projects, enhanced ticket descriptions, automated change log entries, automated test planning, automated unit testing and end-to-end-testing

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Every decision that is clearly based on facts and numbers. From my point of view, AI might not be able to create really creative ways out of given organizational situations because it is always based on data from the real world.

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Expanding on above Likert scale question, How valuable do you think AI-powered tools are for dealing with large and complex data in day-to-day scale? *

Very.

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Appointment management, sum ups of meetings, preparation of meetings, preparation of decision templates

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data privacy, lack of european solutions

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planning and prioritization of task, identifying critical paths and problems, allocating tasks to specific team members

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to analyse big amount of data an extract insights, e.g. financial data for planning an decision making, or customer communication for sales and product management

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critical task is to find, customize/configure and train the right tool for a specific task to get the desired result

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quickly provide data-based facts to make a decision based on data and not on gut feeling and manual observations

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Yes, in product management, for example, the formulation of development tasks can be automated by AI. In particular, a detailed formulation can take place on the basis of minor input that contains a predefined framework, such as automatically derived acceptance criteria, test cases, and material supporting a release. AI can also help to find dependencies and thus advance the development of a roadmap. All of this supports strategic work. In general, AI can also be used to support brainstorming and thus enrich strategic thinking. Basically, time is gained for strategic topics and money is saved for operational staff when operational work is carried out by AI.

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The dataset is often unsuitable or so fragmented that only selective application is possible. It would be ideal if we had more data available today. It is often only qualitative.

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AI in project management can streamline task formulation, scheduling, and resource allocation while providing valuable insights through data analysis, ultimately improving efficiency and decision-making to enhance project outcomes and productivity.

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AI can analyze vast amounts of data to identify trends, patterns, and correlations across various organizational functions such as product research & development, sales, and marketing.

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AI-powered tools are immensely valuable to enable an informed decision-making compared to wild guessing in the unknown.

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I think that it would be super beneficial, but the effectiveness depends on data quality and the knowledge of working with it to ensure optimal utilization.

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Good luck!!

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