

# COACH SS21

## Team 6 – Project Retrospective

Dear Coaches of the future,

I am glad that you have taken this course for this teaches you a skill, which is highly in demand, by doing it practically right after the theory has been taught. This course is truly more than just 5 ECTS and will teach you far better of how to manage and work with teams. The USP of this course, according to me, is the real-life industry experience, wherein you collaborate with real industry projects and make them work. This might sound overwhelming and it is in the beginning with so many deliverables to be submitted, however, once you get the initial weeks right, it's a smooth ride. Hence, I would definitely recommend giving some time to this course in the beginning of the semester.

**The Sprints:** As the name suggests, they go by really quick. In our case, 1 sprint was 1 week and in total there were 14. Time goes by very quickly especially if you have a nice and productive team, which implements what it promises in each sprint. There's also a metric known as "happiness index" to track what the mood of your team is. It's the job of the scrum master to ensure the team isn't facing any impediments that can harm the happiness index.

**The Team:** In our team, we started with 7 Developers, 2 Product Owners, and 1 Scrum Master. For the first 3 sprints, we lost 1 developer each sprint. That's the challenge you will face too because this is a university course where students can just drop out anytime they feel like and there's little you can do about it. However, this also shows you who really is interested in the vision and mission that the team has decided upon. It's preferred anytime to have a small team rather than a big team with uninterested people.

**The Project:** We had collaborated with Siemens as our industry partners for the project in which we had to design a dashboard. For that we needed data on Siemens' servers. This could have become a lengthy process. However, our POs were proactive in contacting the industry partner regularly which sped up the process. So, this is an important task for you as a SM and the POs, that you contact the industry partner as soon as possible and gather requirements clearly, state challenges you are facing, and the resources you might be needing. This helps staying on track right from Sprint 1 and overcomes all the additional hustle that you might have to do later.

**Conclusion:** As said, it's about the routine in this course. You need to stay disciplined each sprint and the results would be good. You, as a Scrum Master, would also have to present a workshop to your team. If you observe the team from Day 1 carefully, you will find the topic in the challenges that your team is facing. This is the key to get a relevant topic. Overall, you are going to have a lot of fun, learnings, and friends by the end of this course.

Yours,  
Team 6