

Nothing beats engineering talent ...the agile transformation at ING

DevOps Enterprise Summit

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Video – The Change to DevOps

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Responsible for: All banking technology in ING

ING IT Staff: 9.000+

In this position: over 3 years



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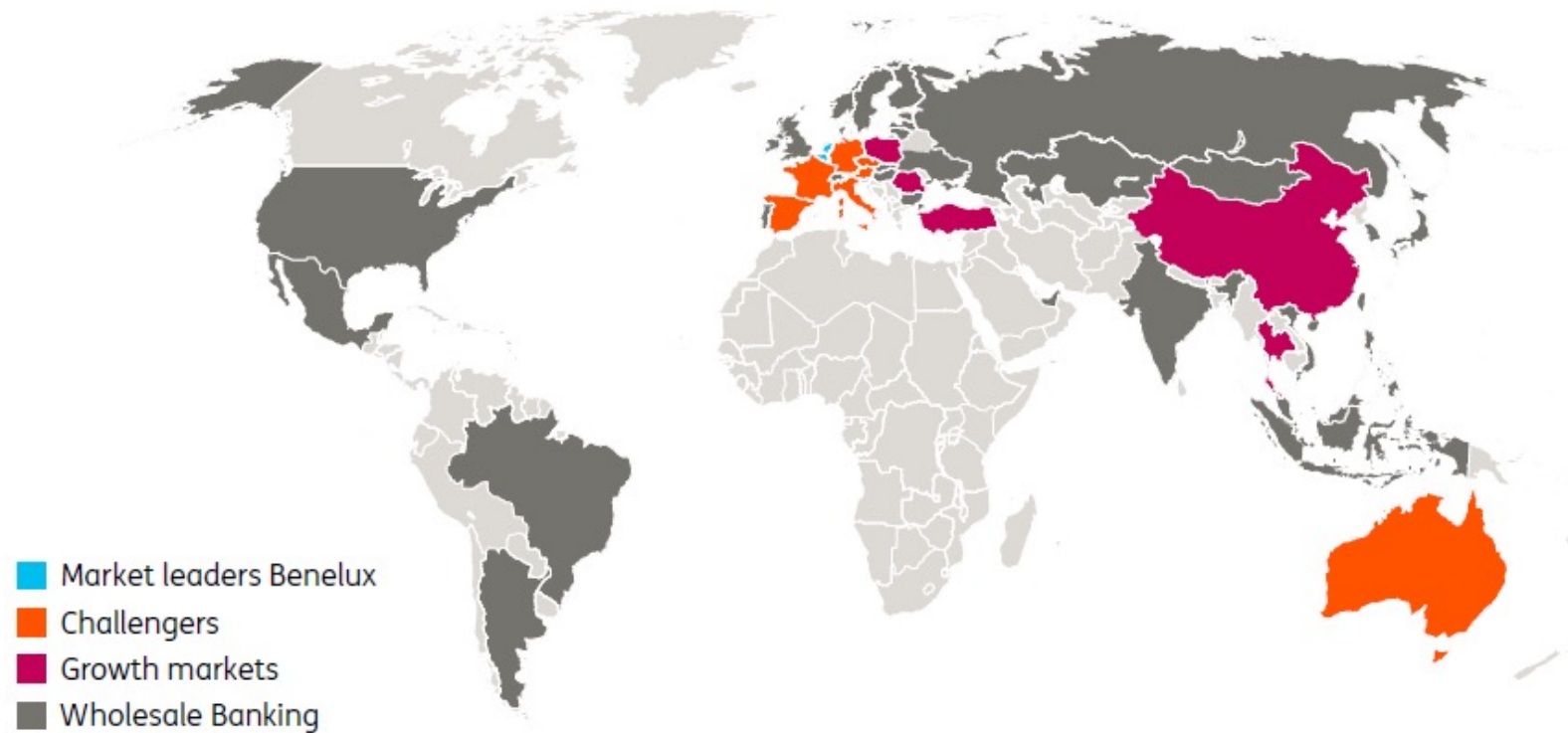
I find the impact that the IT has on the customer experience very motivating.

Quality of IT is more defined by skills and knowledge of people, rather than process adherence.

ING is a global financial service provider servicing more than 34 million customers

Where we operate

We operate in more than 40 countries in Europe, North America, South America, the Middle East, Asia and Australia



(2015)

Customers:	34.4m
Employees: (by headcount)	>52.000
Market Capitalization:	€ 48 bn
Total assets:	€ 842 bn
Income:	€ 16.5bn
Underlying net profit Banking:	€ 4.2bn

We aim to empower people to stay a step ahead in life and in business

► Purpose

Empowering people to stay a step ahead in life and in business.

► Customer Promise



Clear and Easy



Anytime, Anywhere



Empower



Keep Getting Better

► Strategic Priorities

Creating a differentiating customer experience

- 1 Earn the primary relationship
- 2 Develop analytics skills to understand our customers better
- 3 Increase the pace of innovation to serve changing customer needs
- 4 Think beyond traditional banking to develop new services and business models

► Enablers

Simplify &
Streamline

Operational
Excellence

Performance
Culture

Lending
Capabilities

Looking back to 2010 our IT would not have been able to serve this strategy

Starting position

Technology is a commodity

We have internal customers

IT is a cost center

Quality through process adherence

Lot of manual work & handovers

Multiple sourcing partners

Scattered IT landscape

Non-functionals provided by infra

“Everyone can do it”

“So let’s give them an SLA”

“So let’s cut the budget”

“CMMI rules the world”

“Let’s wait for something to be delivered”

“Who do I call to know what is happening”

“Is there anybody left who knows how to fix it?”

“Business just cares about functionality”

To spark the change we addressed the engineering culture first

Coming from my blog: Proud to be IT - the Java community (June 2010)

- “IT is a beautiful profession....”
- “Sometimes however, we get lost in governance, procedures, documents, controls and alignments. Don't get me wrong; it's all necessary, but”
- “You simply forget IT is a great profession. How often do we really feel proud and get recognition for real craftsmanship?...”
- “Instead of complaining we pick up the challenge ...”
- “Let's feel proud again, and show the organisation that IT is a great profession!”

To get the fire going we set the example by creating a new mobile app Dev team

Make people aware of the change that needs to happen

We started a Guerilla campaign

Make the change visible

We put the team in the middle of the building

Let the movement spread

We allowed people to copy the experiment and learn for themselves

Celebrate success

We organized the engineer award event

Join the movement yourself

We showed up frequently and interact with the teams

Our transformation journey has been marked by several moments of truth

● Jan 2010	Willingness to change	New IT Management team
● Jun 2010	An engineering culture	Google IO
● Oct 2010	First scrum teams	New Mobile app development
● Apr 2011	Start with automated deployments	Continuous Delivery (Jez Humble; David Farley)
● Feb 2012	Platform-as-a-Services	Discussion “who runs production?”
● May 2013	First DevOps	JavaOne
● Sep 2014	Web scalable architecture	Netflix (triggered by ING Resilience issues)
● Jun 2015	BizDevOps	Spotify
● Nov 2015	Professionalise IT engineering profile	Dreyfus model

During our transformation we have faced serious challenges

Transformation of

Capabilities



Challenge

- Significantly different knowledge and competencies are required
- Adaptability of the workforce

Key question

- How do you train your people?
- What is the right balance between training, hiring and sourcing?

Business involvement



- Not only the IT side is required to change, but also the business side
- New interaction model needs business people to get much more involved in IT delivery

- How do you effectively onboard the business?

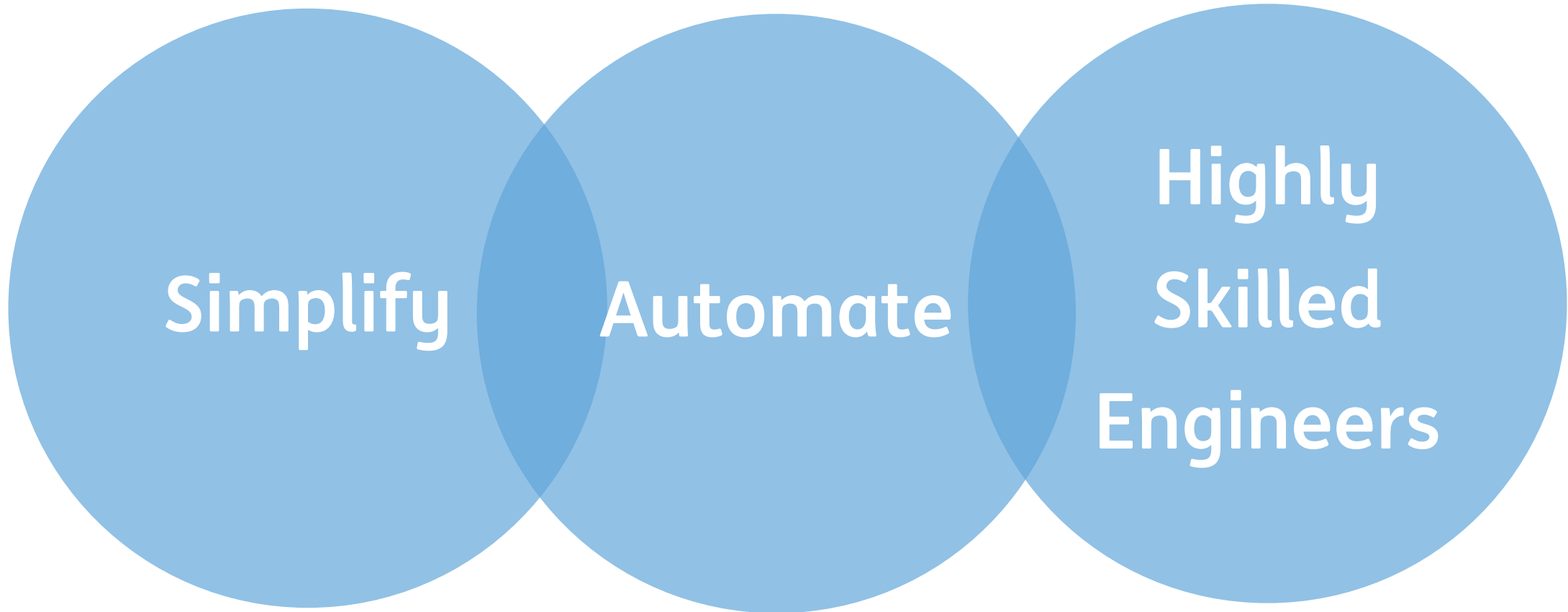
Technology



- Large part of traditional application technologies are in legacy technologies with limited support for modern tools

- Where to invest in DevOps and continuous delivery tooling for legacy?
- And where to move away?

The paradigm throughout the journey has consisted of three coherent elements



We call this “the Power of IT”

We learned there are several levels of adopting change (the Psychology of Change)

1. Externally regulated behaviour

You want to be compliant

2. Introjected regulated behaviour

You want to proof that you can do this as well

3. Regulated through identification

You understand the rationale

4. Integrated regulation

Continuously guides your behavior and choices

(4 states of Organismic Integration Theory - Deci & Ryan)

Source: Blog of Sal Freudenber

Now let's see how we all have dealt with these challenges in our own transformation journey

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Only 5 questions

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There is no right or wrong

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All answers are anonymous

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This helps us all to understand the challenges



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- C. I am transformed beyond the point of recognition

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- B. handovers between Dev and Ops
- C. handovers between business and IT

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2. We organise in a DevOps model

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- B. we have DevOps teams dedicated to projects and programs
- C. we have permanent DevOps teams responsible for their own backlog

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- A. from IT
- B. from a dedicated pool of product owners
- C. mandated business representatives

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4. We do continuous delivery

- A. no, not yet
- B. yes, some automation is in place to deploy and we have quarterly / half year releases
- C. yes, we have full continuous delivery in place and we release every sprint

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5. We learn by failing fast (through minimum viable products)

- A. we take customer survey feedback into account
- B. we prioritize and unsuccessful products get less resources to execute their roadmap
- C. we use customer feedback to set the roadmap and even take unsuccessful products out of production

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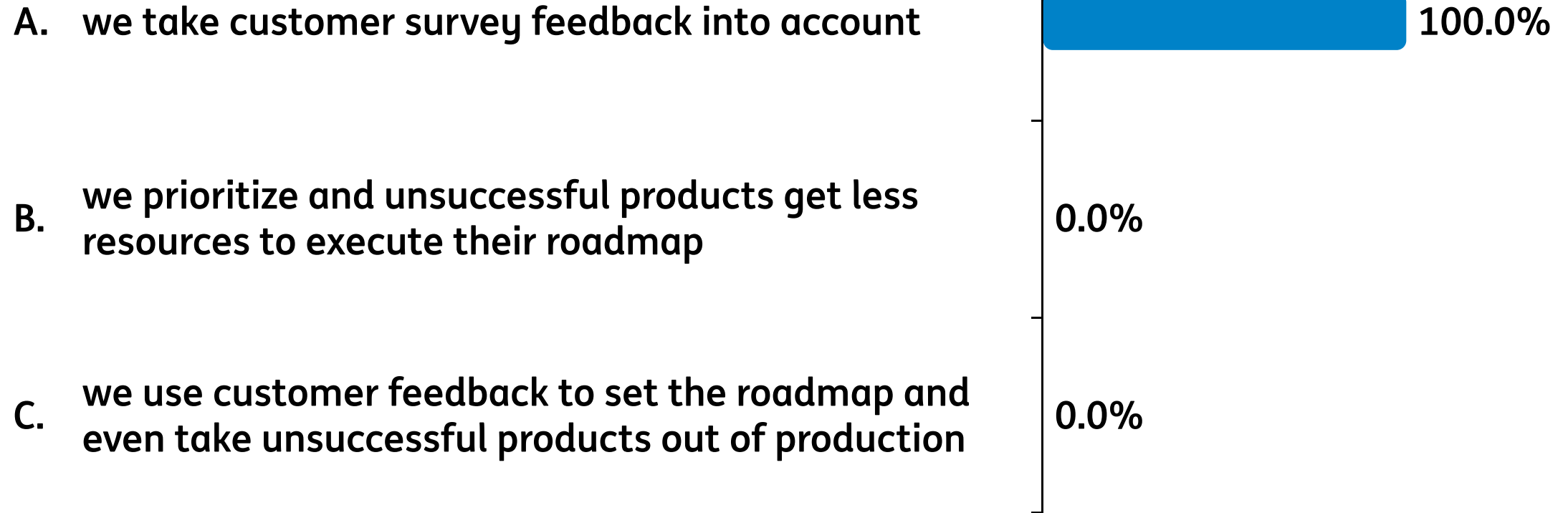
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“This is all cool, but where do I start the transformation?”

Everybody feels unhappy

But you need to take the first step

Everybody fights against you

So, you need to be brave

Nobody wants to admit failure

So, you need to declare it

Everybody wants fast success

So, you need to layout the journey

Management wants to push it

So, you need to keep the mandate at the teams to learn and experiment

Thank you!