ITIL and DevOps can be friends

Adjusting ITSM to an Agile way of work @ ING Netherlands

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Who is ING?

Over 40 countries 52,000+ employees Full-service bank Very strong European base Ranked 7th Largest bank of NL 500 DevOps teams

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Market leaders Benelux

- Challengers
- Growth markets
- Commercial Banking



Transition of the organisation





The great divide

Risk Management: We still need ITIL to prove to our regulators we are in control! You have to use it! **DevOps teams:**

We don't want to do ITIL anymore! It is so much administration and we don't see the added value.

We only want to use a backlog. Oh, and you can't tell us how to do the backlog, because that is not Agile



There may be a way to restore the peace!



Eliminating duplicate administration, making the ITIL Processes as lean as possible. Introducing...

AGILE ITSM



Incident management in ING Agile ITSM means utilising bandwidth

Solving incidents should not affect team predictability (Sprint goal)

- Each Sprint has reserved capacity for operational tasks
- Recommended 30% but base it on historical data
- Priority 1 and 2 incidents must be solved immediately
- Lower priority within bandwidth
- Outside bandwidth after approval of Product Owner





Each team has a dashboard showing open incidents in real time

Strive for Today in – Today out (TiTo)

Working with almost empty incident queues gives more satisfaction and a competitive mindset







Problem Management tasks managed as User Story in the Product Backlog

Changes:

- Workarounds in Knowledge systems
- No more Known Error record

Problem records still require minimal registration (status, short description):

- Reassignment to other teams
- Management reports & dashboards
- Linking incident records for insight in reoccurrence

Minimise build up of Technical Debt by aiming for **T**his **S**print In **N**ext **S**print **O**ut (TSINSO)



ITIL Change Management process adapted to agile/scrum

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Configuration Management: more progress to be made

We still need to manually change our Cl's.

Possible improvements:

- Discovered data
- Automated generation of Cl's in the CD Pipeline

CFG is more in the 'new' world!

- Also includes building actual configurations of applications and the stack
- And keeping those in version control







What can Agile/Scrum learn from ITIL?

- Customer focus (reliability) Feedback loop (mostly incident management)
- Uniform process Discipline



What can ITIL learn from Agile/Scrum?

- Need for speed
- Customer focus (adding value)
- Limiting WiP
- Feedback loop (what customers really want)





Wrap up

- no real conflict.
- ITIL still has added value in a DevOps way of work.
- It does help to make the processes as lean as possible
- ITIL and Agile/Scrum/DevOps can work together
- This requires understanding and acceptance of each other's expertise





Thank you

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