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### **CEO of AXELOS, owner of ITIL® and PRINCE2® praises the strength and passion of the Global Best Practice community**

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AXELOS CEO Peter Hepworth has marked the start of 2014 and the full launch of the business by thanking the Global Best Practice community for its valuable input and support over the past six months.

Since AXELOS was formed in July 2013, practitioners and Accredited Training Organizations (ATOs) from across the world have helped to shape the development of the business by offering their experience and expertise at forums, workshops, conferences and via social media channels.



This vital input has played a key role in the formation of the ITIL and PPM roadmaps, which outline the priorities and strategy for AXELOS in 2014.

Peter Hepworth says *'The past few months have been extremely busy for all the team at AXELOS. I want to thank everyone who has worked so hard to enable the business to make such impressive progress.'*

*'The progress would not have been possible without the support of the community across the globe. Wherever I have travelled, the passion and drive of the people who believe in Best Practice has shone through. Their views were the inspiration behind the roadmaps and will continue to play an integral role in the future growth of AXELOS.'*

From 1<sup>st</sup> January, AXELOS has become the official accreditor for the Global Best Practice portfolio, which includes ITIL and PRINCE2.

ITIL is the most recognized framework for IT service management in the world. Exams are available in 21 languages in more than 150 countries. Among the organizations to adopt ITIL best practice is Disney, which employs thousands of IT professionals worldwide.

PRINCE2 is one of the best known and most successful project management methods. To date, more than one million exams have been taken in more than 120 countries.

The portfolio also includes Managing Successful Programmes (MSP®), which was used by project managers at the Government Olympic Executive for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

As well as setting up the new business infrastructure over the past few months, there has been a number of major milestones announced including:

- confirmation of the successful Examination Institutes (EIs) to operate all Global Best Practice exam schemes
- confirmation that the Accredited Consulting Organization (ACO) scheme will continue in 2014
- confirmation that the ITIL Software scheme will continue in 2014
- memorandum of understanding reached between AXELOS and itSMF International, outlining how the two organizations will work together
- launch of the ITIL Maturity Model and self-assessment service
- launch of the Official ITIL Foundation Exam App.

Peter Hepworth added *'We have built the foundations of a solid business to manage the growth of what is clearly a well respected and valued portfolio. 2014 is set to be another exciting year full of challenges and I look forward to announcing further developments and additions.'*

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### **About AXELOS**

On 1 July 2013 'AXELOS' was announced as the new Joint Venture company that the Cabinet Office has formed to deliver and commercialize the UK Government's portfolio of Best Management Practice accreditation and publishing services, including ITIL, PRINCE2 and the other PPM products.

AXELOS now owns the intellectual property of the whole Best Management Practice portfolio and will build on the current business activities and developing products in new areas. The organization also has an ambitious programme of investment and growth, and primary focus will now be on stimulating the growth of a vibrant, open international ecosystem of training, consultancy and examination organizations.

Latest news from AXELOS can be found on their [website](#) or if you have specific queries, requests or would like to be added to the AXELOS mailing list please contact [Ask@AXELOS.com](mailto:Ask@AXELOS.com).