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Beyond Budgeting: Tradisjonell ledelse og de mange illusjoner av kontroll

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# Beyond Budgeting

- Illusjoner av kontroll innen tradisjonell ledelse

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## The illusion of control

#### The definition

"The power to influence or direct people's behaviour or the course of events"



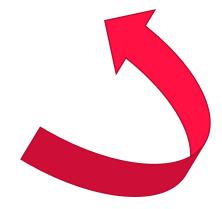
#### The grand illusion

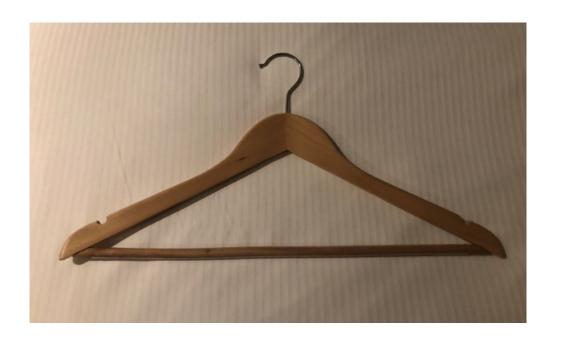
- People can and must be managed
- The future is predictable and manageable



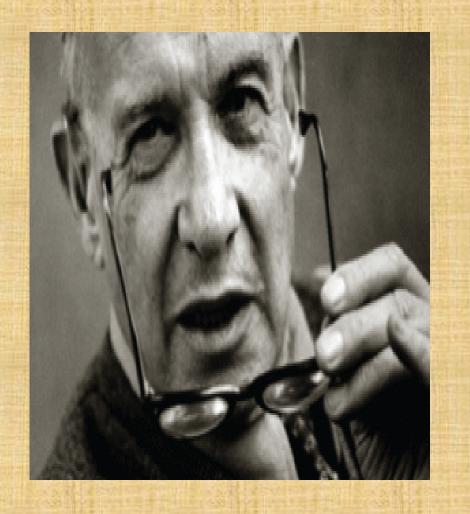
#### In business terms

- Controlling people
- Controlling the future



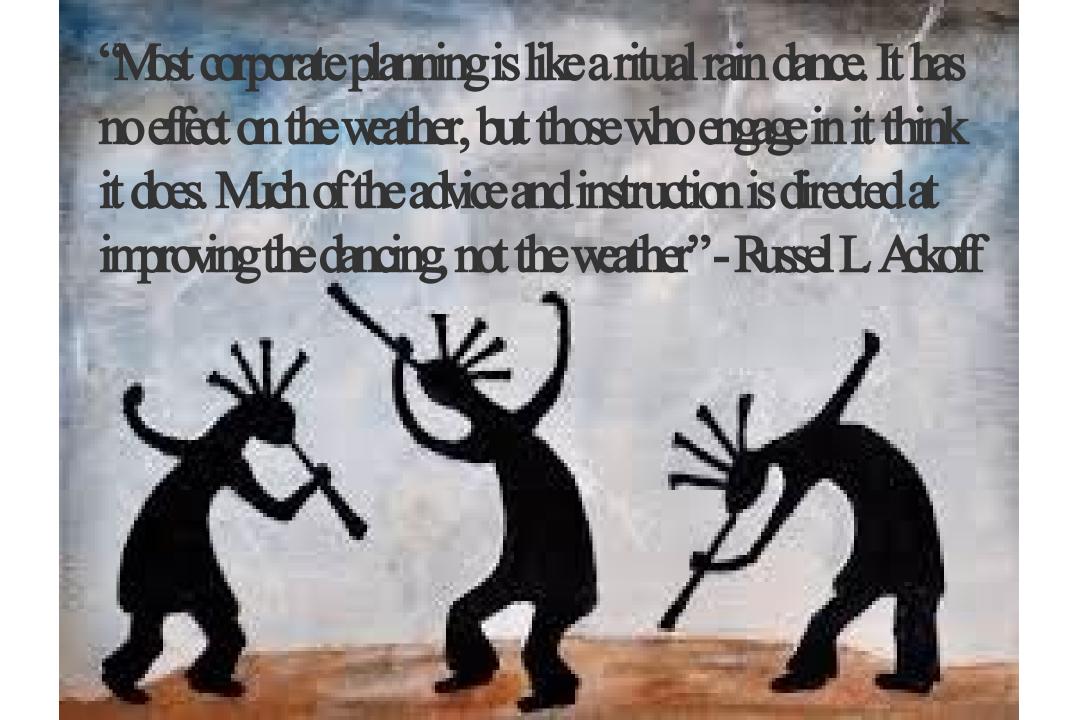






«Mostof what we call management is about making it difficult for people to do their job»

Peter Drucker





# The innovation paradox

# Technology innovation

- a very crowded place



# Management innovation

- not yet a crowded place

**Great!** 

Scary!

Same purpose: Better performance!

## Budget problems



Very time consuming



Assumptions quickly outdated



Stimulates unethical behaviours



Creates illusions of control



Decisions made too early and often too high up



Can prevent value adding activities



Not just a ceiling for cost, also a floor



Often a bad yardstick for evaluating performance



Conflicting purposes

Irritating itches - or symptoms of a bigger problem?

# Managing traffic performance - one alternative



Who is in control?

Based on which information?

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## Which is most **efficient**?

### Which is most difficult?

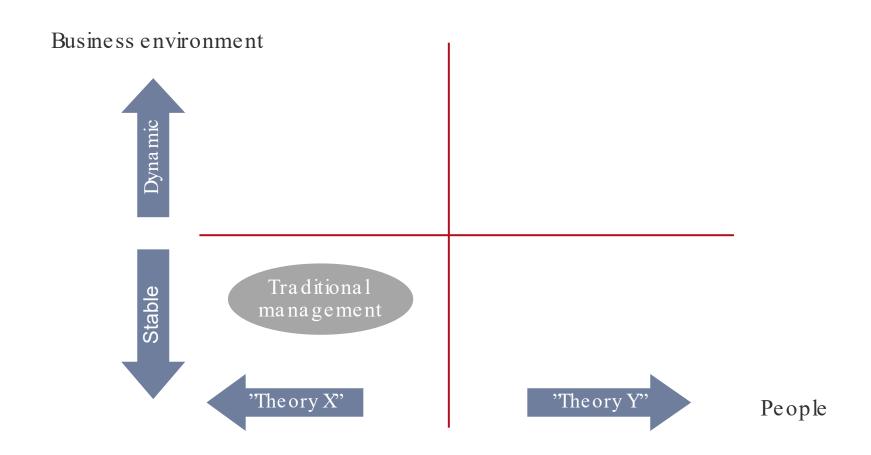




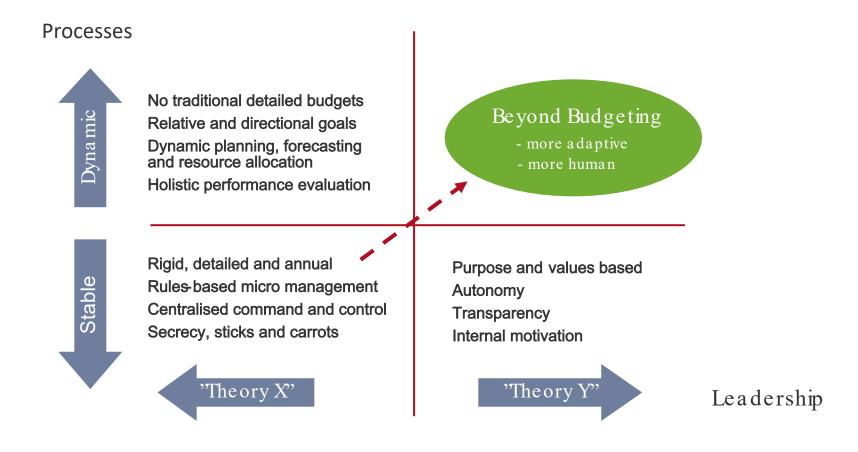
In which are **values** most important?

## The world has changed

- what about the way we lead and manage?



# We must change <u>both</u> processes and leadership



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Performance. The Right Way.

#### Leadership principles

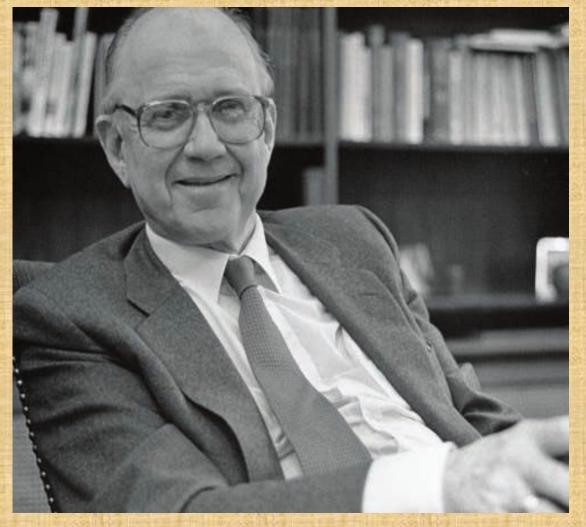
- 1. Purpose- Engage and inspire people around bold and noble causes; *not around short-term financial targets*
- **2. Values** Govern through shared values and sound judgement; *not through detailed rules and regulations*
- **3. Transparency** Make information open for self-regulation, innovation, learning and control; **don't** restrict it
- **4. Autonomy** Trust people with freedom to act; **don't** punish everyone if someone should abuse it
- **5. Organisation** Cultivate a strong sense of belonging and organise around accountable teams; **avoid** hierarchical control and bureaucracy
- **6. Customers** Connect everyone's work with customer needs; *avoid conflicts of interest*

#### Management processes

- 7. Targets Set directional, ambitious and relative goals; avoid fixed and cascaded targets
- **8. Forecasts** Make forecasting a lean and unbiased process; *not a rigid and political exercise*
- 9. Resource allocation Foster a cost conscious mind-set.
  Plan and make resources available as needed; not
  through detailed annual budget allocations
- **10. Performance evaluation** Evaluate performance holistically to guide interventions; **not** based on measurement only and **not** for rewards only
- **11. Rewards-** Reward shared success against competition; *not against fixed performance contracts*
- **12. Coordination -** Organise management processes dynamically around business rhythms and events; **not** around the calendar year only

## Companies on the journey





Jan Wallander – former CEO Handelsbanken (RIP)

«Thebudget is in the best case, totally unnecessary, and in the worst case, actively harmful »

# Getting started - solving the budget conflict

# Budget purposes

- Target
- Forecast
- Resource allocation

Same number Conflicting purposes

#### 1. Separate



#### **Target**

An aspiration - what we want to happen

#### **Forecast**

An expectation – what we think will happen

# Resource allocation

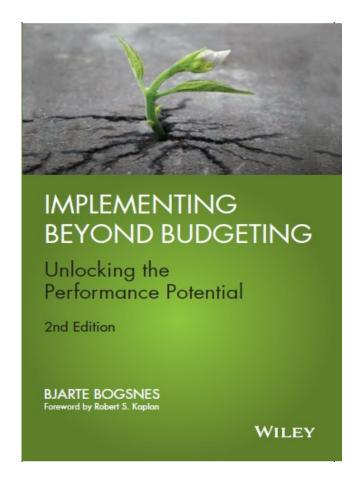
Optimization of scarce resources

Different numbers
Different processes

#### 2. Improve

- Inspiring & stretching
- Relative where possible
- Basis for performance evaluation
- Unbiased expected outcome
- Not a promise
- Limited detail
- More continuous allocation
- KPI targets, mandates, decision gates and decision criteria
- Trend monitoring

More event driven Less calendar driven



#### Want to hear more?

- 1. The problems with traditional management
  - 2. The Beyond Budgeting model

Cases: Handelsbanken, Miles, Reitangruppen

- The Borealis case
- 4. The Statoil case
- 5. Beyond Budgeting and Agile
  - 6. Implementation advice

Wiley (US). Translated to German, Chinese, Japanese and Russian

"At last, Bjarte Bogsnes has made his experience and enthusiasm for Beyond Budgeting available for a wider audience with this remarkable book. I have appreciated his engagement in these important management issues for many years, and his knowledge and leadership has been critical in the transformation of our organization."

-Eldar Sætre, former CFO/CEO Equinor



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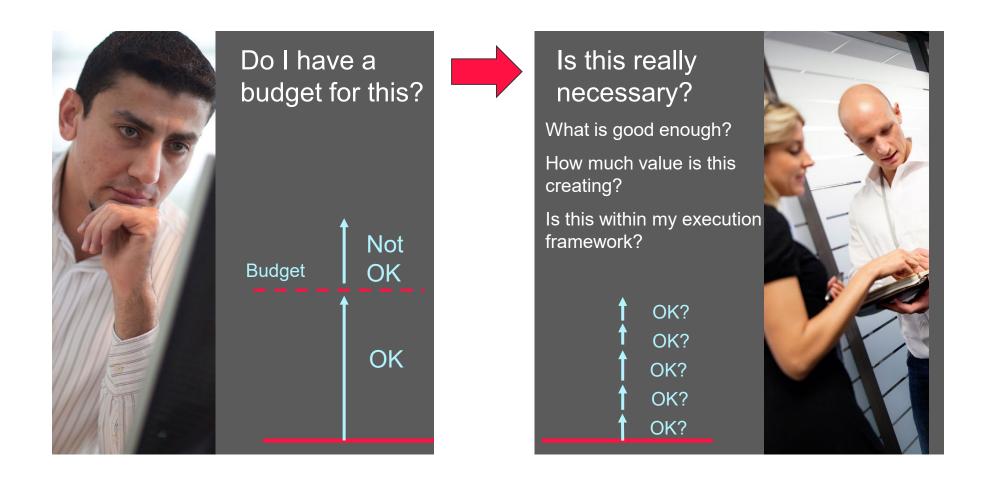
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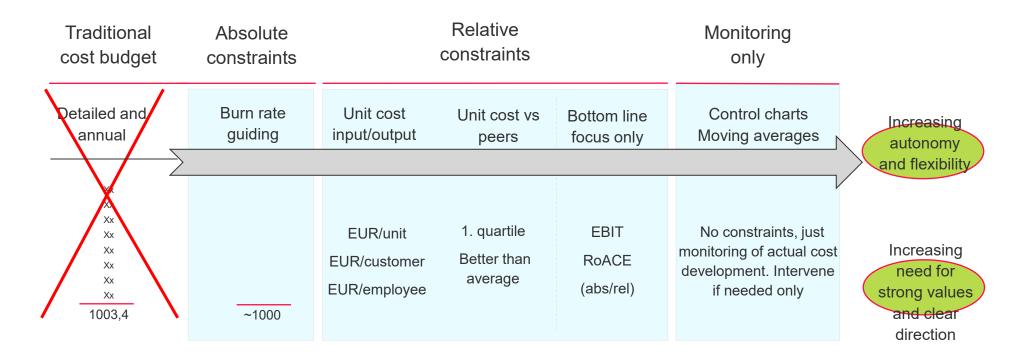
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# Managing cost - the mindset required....

cost conscious from the first cent



# Tools for cost management



Supported by decision authorities and spending guidelines