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Managing a PMO and vPMOs

- History of leading Project Managing Organizations within the public and private sectors
- The PMO serves as a single body with many moving parts
- Common themes regardless of the organization
Common Pitfalls & Best Practices

• **Clear accountability**
  – The PMO must work closely with those business leaders and the business leaders in turn must avoid circumventing the PMO and associated standards/methodology.

• **Agreement on the objectives of the PMO**
  – A PMOs can fail when they are set up without a clear set of objectives. They are set up as a solution, not a means to an end. “Improve project performance” is not a clear objective.

• **Well-defined policies, processes, and project workflows**
  – By sharing lessons learned as best practices for future projects, project managers can be more successful and the organization can achieve better results.

• **Support from senior leadership**
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