Preface

This textbook is intended for use by SPI (Software Process Improvement) managers and researchers, quality managers, and experienced project and research managers. The papers constitute the research proceedings of the 13th EuroSPI (European Software Process Improvement, www.eurospi.net) conference, held in Joensuu, Finland, 11-13 October 2006. The conference was held in 1994 in Dublin (Ireland), 1995 in Vienna (Austria), 1997 in Budapest (Hungary), 1998 in Gothenburg (Sweden), 1999 in Pori (Finland), 2000 in Copenhagen (Denmark), 2001 in Limerick (Ireland), 2002 in Nuremberg (Germany), 2003 in Graz (Austria), 2004 in Trondheim (Norway), and 2005 in Budapest (Hungary). EuroSPI has established an experience library (library.eurospi.net) which will be continuously extended over the next years and will be made available to all attendees. EuroSPI has also initiated a European Qualification Network in which different SPINs and national initiatives join mutually beneficial collaborations (EQN -- EU Leonardo da Vinci network project).

With a founding conference on 5.12.2006 through EuroSPI partners and networks, in collaboration with the European Union (supported by the EU Leonardo da Vinci Programme), a European certification association will be created for the IT and services sector to offer SPI knowledge and certificates to industry, establishing close knowledge transfer links between research and industry. The biggest value of EuroSPI lies in its function as a European knowledge and experience exchange mechanism for SPI know-how between research institutions and industry.

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