

The interview of the moment.... Benjamin Kermel !



What is your position and what are your main duties?

I'm a planning engineer so I work on the project schedule, more specifically for the development phase. I collaborate with (almost) all departments and work packages to build realistic schedules, making sure we get the job done in time. I then have to monitor the progress, which mainly consists in harassing people to know what they have done, explain why they are late, and find solutions to get back on track.

What did you do before coming here?

I worked for 7 years as a mechanical and procurement engineer for London Marine Consultants, a design office based in London. I was designing mechanical systems for FPSO platforms and floating wind turbines.

Along the different projects I also worked with suppliers and shipyards, meaning I had to travel a lot. Well, 90% of it was in Germany, but still, it was fun. I picked up scheduling during my final year there.

This was my first and only job before working here and I really enjoyed the experience: great projects (like in LEMS) with interesting people (like in LEMS) who enjoyed going to the pub (like in LEMS).

What do you like in your company?

First, that it's international.

Then, of course, the very special atmosphere and team spirit in LEMS, which are key in making it a nice place to work.

And finally, the coffee. It's so much better here than in London.

What is your best achievement since you arrived?

I can't think of anything specific since I arrived... I suppose not getting punched in the face by the package leaders after asking them the same questions for the 57th time is a good achievement.

Something personal about you?

I love chocolate and I'm fairly easy to bribe. So if you're late but don't want the schedule to show it, well, you know what to do.