RIAAT - A Software Tool for Probabilistic Cost and Risk Analysis



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1. Introduction

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Risk Management

- Risk analysis → probabilistic
- Process moderation
- Workshops

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Cost Management

- Verification of planning costs
- Cost controlling
- Cost estimation (also probabilistic)
- Investigations of variants

Software Development

- Individual solutions for major projects
- Controlling tools
- Implementing guidelines



1. Introduction

PEP Project Cost Estimation Program





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- Program for probabilistic cost and RA
- Applied:
 - Koralm base tunnel RA cost estimation stage (32km long tunnel)
 - Hydro-electric power plants
 - Spullersee
 - Tauernmoos
 - New rail corridor lower Inn valley (TEN 1)
 RA construction stage
 - > other projects





Risk assessment:

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- **Probability of occurrence (in %)**
- Financial consequences (e.g. in €)
 - reality can be modelled better by using distribution densities than by using single deterministic figures

Deterministic method	Probabilistic method
Single figure	Values within a bandwidth
	Additional weighting

Most cases: no statistical background \rightarrow better using "simple" function \rightarrow subjective probability

Example: The triangle function is easy to determine and offers flexibility in its shape



















Risk-Catalogues

- Differentiate risks
- Support Risk-Identification
- Aggregate similar risks to get a specific risk-potential

Different types of catalogues to identify and classify risks:



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Geological













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Aggregation to overall Risk-Potential

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Event Tree Analysis



Scenario:

•construction road to a reservoir of a hydro-electric power plant•40% risk that the construction road will not be permitted (nature reserve)

→ in this case (risk does occur) \rightarrow 2 alternatives:

- 1. extension of the existing public road to the reservoir estimated probability for permission only 20%
- 2. no permission for the public road → new ropeway for material transport most expensive scenario

The hole scenario can be modelled by an event tree.

4. Example



The costs of the construction road are estimated with 1.000.000 €.

If there will be no permission the costs for the construction road can be saved in the first step.





4. Example

After simulation the result is a probability distribution that displays the overall risk potential. There is a probability of 60% that the risk will not occur (see red distribution function).



deterministic approach:

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8% x (-1.000.000€ + 550.000€) + 32% x (-1.000.000€ + 2.250.000€) + 60% x 0€ = 36.000€ + 425.000€ + 0€

461.000 € → won't occur in reality

5. Summary

Probabilistic Risk-Analysis:

- Modeling of reality: better by distributions densities than by a deterministic figure
- More information is transported if a range of values is not condensed into a single figure

Support through software Tool:





- Standard for project structuring
- Standard for risk assessment und analysis
- Standard for structuring risk reports
- Revision control



5. Summary



- > Developed particularly for the needs of construction projects
- Practically proofed

Applied in major projects:

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