

BENBIS WORKSHOP ON THE SHAININ METHODOLOGY THE RELACE

The Belgian branch of ENBIS, bENBIS, held its 12th local workshop on December 11, 2009, in the town of Sint-Niklaas. The title of the workshop, which was co-organized by Amelior, was "Shainin: alternative or complement to Six Sigma".

The purpose of the workshop was to demystify the Shainin methodology for quality improvement. First, a tutorial about the methodology, which can be classified as exploratory data analysis, was given by Willy Vandenbrande (QS Consult). Next, Ko Dousma (Philips) gave an account of two successful applications of the Shainin methodology at Philips. After two "Hands on" workshops (in three parallel sessions), Stefan Steiner compared the Shainin methodology to the Six Sigma methodology, another statistics-based quality improvement program. He also gave an interactive live demonstration of the Shainin methodology and the statistical engineering algorithm, another problem solving methodology.

The workshop was sponsored by Minitab, Math X and the Belgian Statistical Society and moderated by Peter Goos (Universiteit Antwerpen). In total, there were 65 participants, many of whom were practitioners from various business and industries. Twenty of the participants registered as new bENBIS members.