Remote Program Increment Planning: MAKING THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE
According to the most recent *State of Agile Report*: 39% of respondents selected 'managing distributed teams' as a benefit of adopting agile.

"40% of respondents report that they plan to increase the use of agile in outsourced projects over the next 24 months."
Lead with Value

It starts and ends with great product management

- PMs guide the effort
- PMs and POs meet regularly to ensure features are refined and understood
- PMs facilitate feature handovers and stay in constant communication
- PMs drive ideation through product delivery
- WSJF
Pre-Planning

Plan, plan, and re-plan...but don’t plan too much

- Plan continuously
- Re-prioritize as needed
- Do not be afraid to disrupt a PI if priorities merit
- Use feature and epic kanban
The Right People in the Right Place

Use your travel dollars wisely. Ensure the right people are in the same location

- Colocate where you can
- Team members should all plan together
- Product managers go where their product is being planned
Logistics

Feel like you are in this together even though you are apart

- Always use video, especially during planning sessions
- Ensure great connectivity
- Check and recheck every day
- Be considerate of time zones
- Feed and water people
Keep People Engaged

Share the load

- Facilitate across locations
- Distribute some of RTE's responsibilities among scrum masters
- Shared product direction between product managers and product owners
**Tools**

Plan with physical boards; track and communicate with virtual boards

- Draft plans with physical boards
- Use Miro during PI planning event for program and team boards
- Use a good scrum management tool for post-PI Planning communication: Jira, Rally, VersionOne
Q&A: What else would you like to know?
If 5 minutes isn’t enough time, come introduce yourself and let’s talk.

https://gorillalogic.com/blog/lessons-learned-from-remote-pi-planning/