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# *Foreword*

Every company relies on innovation to compete globally. However, creative ideas are mostly insufficient if you want to translate an innovative spirit into commercial success. The ability to put a new product or a new process on the market as quickly as possible is becoming increasingly important.
Systematic management is necessary for developing cost-effective and successful products based on market realities and customer requirements. Especially open innovation, which is currently intensively discussed and widely implemented, requires consideration. Only a sensible interface and information management is capable of generating overall success from a variety of good ideas.

Design for Six Sigma$^{+Lean}$ is an approach for such a systematic innovation management. This concept was developed to achieve a target-oriented realization of innovations and is strongly associated with the Six Sigma$^{+Lean}$ methodology, currently applied globally to optimize existing processes. DFSS$^{+Lean}$ synthesizes a number of key factors, including the active integration of employees, customer-oriented development, the reduction of complexity in products and processes, and controlling of innovation in terms of a standardized procedure.

The present toolset represents the proven approach UMS takes when putting Design for Six Sigma$^{+Lean}$ into practice. Its individual tools are assigned to the process model Define, Measure, Analyze, Design, and Verify in a clear and manageable structure. This structure can be considered as a red thread and makes it easier to apply the tools in practice and organize an innovative product and process development that is target-oriented and efficient.

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I wish everyone great success in implementing innovations.

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