

Agile Delivery and Transformation Advisory

Improve the Way Your Organization Plans, Governs, and Delivers Work

Organizations invest heavily in Agile methods, planning processes, delivery tools, and organizational change, yet many still struggle with overloaded teams, unpredictable delivery, excessive coordination, and slow decision-making. New AI-assisted development capabilities can accelerate implementation, but they can also expose constraints elsewhere in the delivery system.

Burndown Consulting helps organizations improve delivery performance through flow-based delivery, Kanban, SAgile, Scrum, AI-assisted ways of working, Agile transformation, and executive coaching.

The objective is not to introduce more process. It is to create a simpler and more responsive delivery system—one that makes priorities clear, limits overload, shortens feedback cycles, and helps leaders make better decisions.

Services

Flow-Based Delivery and Kanban

Design or improve pull-based delivery systems across teams, products, programs, and portfolios.

Engagements may include mapping the flow of work, designing Kanban systems, establishing explicit workflow policies, setting practical work-in-progress limits, and introducing flow metrics such as cycle time, aging, throughput, and work in progress.

The result is greater visibility into how work actually moves through the organization, where it becomes delayed, and what leaders and teams can do to improve predictability and delivery performance.

Typical areas of focus include:

- Team, product, program, and portfolio Kanban
 - Workflow and policy design
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- Work-in-progress management
- Flow metrics and delivery forecasting
- Backlog and intake management
- Dependency and constraint reduction
- Flow reviews and management feedback loops

SAFe, PI Planning, and Scrum

Strengthen existing SAFe and Scrum implementations without adding unnecessary roles, events, or governance.

Support may focus on improving PI Planning, ART execution, backlog readiness, product and team coordination, Scrum practices, or the connection between planning and delivery. Existing practices are assessed based on whether they help work flow—not simply whether they conform to a framework.

This service is appropriate for organizations that want to preserve the useful elements of SAFe or Scrum while reducing ceremony, improving responsiveness, and addressing persistent execution problems.

Typical areas of focus include:

- PI Planning design and facilitation
- ART and program-level execution
- Product, feature, and team backlog readiness
- Scrum and Kanban team practices
- ART Sync and delivery reviews
- Capacity, prioritization, and dependency management
- Transition from periodic planning toward continuous flow

Agile Transformation

Assess, redesign, or revitalize Agile transformations across complex organizations.

Transformation work connects strategy, governance, organizational structure, product management, and delivery. The emphasis is on measurable improvements in organizational performance rather than framework adoption or activity-based transformation reporting.

Engagements can address a stalled transformation, redesign an existing Agile operating model, or establish a practical improvement strategy for a particular business unit, product organization, or portfolio.

Typical areas of focus include:

- Agile operating-model assessment and design
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- Transformation strategy and roadmaps
- Organizational roles and decision rights
- Product and value-stream alignment
- Lean portfolio management
- Governance and funding practices
- Transformation measurement and review

Agile Delivery with AI

Help leaders and delivery organizations adapt their operating model to AI-assisted development.

AI can accelerate coding, testing, analysis, and documentation, but faster implementation does not automatically produce faster business delivery. Discovery, prioritization, coordination, approval, validation, and decision-making can remain significant constraints.

This service helps organizations examine the entire delivery system and redesign workflows, roles, controls, and planning practices for an environment in which people and AI agents increasingly work together.

Typical areas of focus include:

- AI-assisted delivery operating models
- Human and AI-agent roles and responsibilities
- Workflow and control design
- Changes to team and product structures
- Planning and governance in faster delivery environments
- Quality, validation, and risk controls
- Identifying constraints beyond software development

Executive Coaching and Advisory Support

Provide confidential, practical support for executives, transformation leaders, product leaders, and delivery leaders.

Coaching engagements help leaders interpret delivery conditions, challenge assumptions, prepare for important decisions, and lead change more effectively. Sessions can address immediate leadership challenges or support a broader transformation or delivery-improvement initiative.

Areas of support may include Agile and flow leadership, SAFe implementation, organizational change, transformation strategy, executive communication, delivery governance, and the implications of AI for teams and operating models.

How Engagements Work

Engagements are tailored to the organization and the problem being addressed. A typical engagement may include four stages:

Assess: Understand the current delivery environment, objectives, constraints, and sources of delay through interviews, workflow analysis, observation, and delivery data.

Recommend: Define practical improvements to workflows, policies, planning, governance, team practices, metrics, or leadership routines.

Implement: Introduce the changes through a focused pilot or targeted implementation, allowing the organization to learn from evidence before expanding the approach.

Coach and sustain: Help leaders and teams interpret results, make adjustments, and develop the internal capability to operate and improve the system.

Organizations may engage Burndown Consulting for a focused advisory assignment, a delivery-system assessment, workshop facilitation, pilot implementation, transformation support, or ongoing executive coaching.

A Practical, Flow-Based Perspective

Flow provides a common way to understand and improve delivery across different frameworks and organizational levels. It makes work, delays, constraints, and decision points visible.

This does not mean that every organization needs to replace its existing framework. Kanban and flow principles can improve Scrum, SAFe, PI Planning, product delivery, portfolio management, and transformation governance. The goal is to improve the system you have—and redesign only the parts that are no longer serving you.

Start a Conversation

You may be redesigning PI Planning, improving an existing SAFe or Scrum implementation, introducing Kanban, preparing for AI-assisted delivery, or reconsidering a broader Agile transformation.

An introductory conversation can help clarify the problem, possible next steps, and whether we can help.

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