Benefits of an agile way of working

Agile projects are cheaper to run, deliver a better ROI and result in a higher user-satisfaction.

In a study of two software projects of a very similar size run at two companies that were of similar size and maturity, one project was run agile and the other project was run in a waterfall approach.

In direct comparison, the agile project has:



75% lower costs of development*



10x faster return on invest*

and

the project run agile was "delivered with high user satisfaction," while the waterfall project "had a watered-down critical function and the high-value feature was not part of the delivered application."*

Reasons for success of agile projects:

- Short initial concept phase and short Time-to-Market with MVP-approach (depending on product down to ca. 6-8 weeks)
- 2. High speed of response to customers needs by small dedicated teams instead of shared development resources
- Cross-functional teams from business and IT solve problems together and faster
- Efficient prioritization due to time-boxed releases and focus on relevant keyfeatures

^{*}Chaos Report 2015, The Standish Group; Quelle: scrum.org