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pro·active BrE [,prəʊ'æktɪv] NAmE [,proʊ'æktɪv] adjective

(of a person or policy) controlling a situation by making things happen rather than waiting for things to happen and then reacting to them

a proactive approach

Managers must be proactive in identifying and preventing potential problems.

compare [†]reactive

Derived Word [†]proactively

Word Origin:

[proactive proactively] 1930s: from pro- (denoting earlier occurrence), on the pattern of reactive.

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making things happen or change rather than reacting to events:

a proactive approach to staffing requirements

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