

Intercompany planning

in an integrated system



Topics: reporting, consolidation, planning

Sector: industrial valves

Turnover: € 150 m

Employees: 850

Users: 5 - 10

Pre-systems: ERP system (Infor LN)

Project duration: 6 months

Implementation: CP Corporate Planning AG



"The solution is efficient and flexible, particularly with regard to diverse parallel structures. As far as reporting is concerned, we are now a lot more efficient than before."

Dennis Vogt

Head of Controlling and Investment Management, ARI-Armaturen

Three questions for Dennis Vogt

What was your starting point?

Our aim was to combine our Excel-based planning and consolidation in an integrated system. We wanted to set up central data structures and no longer to merge the data subsequently at several different locations. This principle was to be implemented in both areas – we wanted to integrate planning and consolidation in a single solution so that we could finally put local planning into practice.

What were the highlights?

With the solution, we have been able largely to automate our management reporting. We no longer need to prepare the data. This has made us far more efficient in our reporting, with extra time to spend on analyses. The highlight in the implementation was CP Consultant Arne Kottmann's expert guidance – however user-friendly a program may be, you'll still need to learn the ropes at the start.

What lessons have you learned?

I'd advise anyone to have a good look beforehand at the structures to be created in a digitisation project. How are the different structures in, say, Corporate Planner and the CP-Suite connected? Internal processes and accounting rules should also be subjected to scrutiny with a view to automating them as far as possible.

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