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Broadcast Reform

Change Management in Action



1. The Project

- 2. The Change Architecture
- 3. Selected Change Measures
- 4. Lessons Learned





Project Context



11 broadcasting companies, 67 subsidiaries/GSEA with diverse cultures and maturity levels

We are embarking on a shared journey

ARD report to the federal states, September 2017:

"... the most comprehensive administrative reform in the history of ARD

namely the cross-institutional standardization
 of almost all IT-supported business management processes



Strategic Project Goals in 2018

1 Harmonization and Standardization

Implementation of a joint SAP S/4HANA solution with 90% harmonized and 70% SAP-standard-aligned business processes

Prerequisites for Shared Services

Creating the foundation for centralized shared services for business processes

Central SAP Controller

Establishment of a central IT controller for SAP services based on cost-effectiveness to ensure sustainability



90% Harmonization + **70%** SAP Standard = **50%** lower IT costs with a central SAP controller plus **5%** efficiency gain in departments

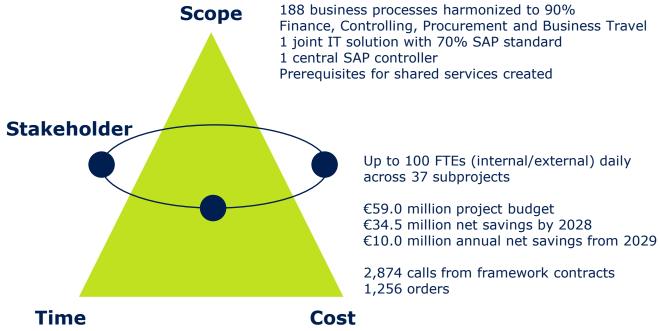




Project Parameters

11 broadcasting institutions
7 subsidiaries
44 joint facilities
800 employees in extended
teams and committees
600 key users
37,000 users
59 stakeholder groups

Project duration: 2018–2025 Major realignment: 2021







Realignment 2021

Cluster 1

Finance

Controlling

Procurement

Business Travel

- 2-year delay due to necessary harmonization activities
- Rollout in multiple waves until 2025
- Planning refined, capacities reviewed and adjusted



Cluster 2

Human Resources

Fees

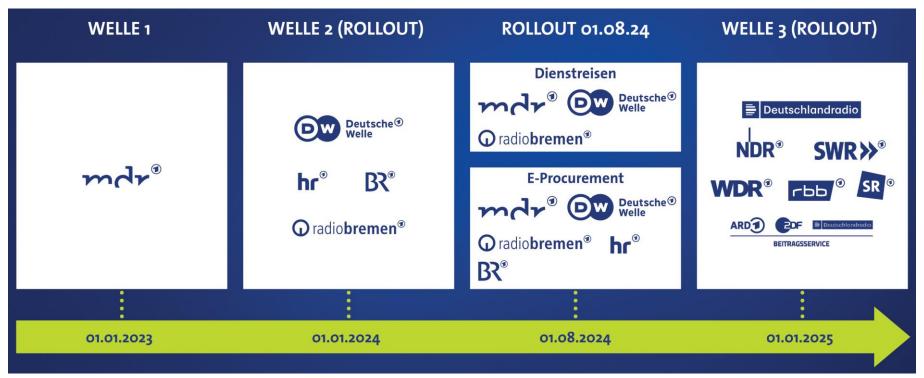
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- Separated from (D)einSAP due to necessary reduction in complexity
- Gradual development underway, decision-making processes for further steps ongoing





Rollout in Waves





Conclusion

Some adjustments to ensure project success:

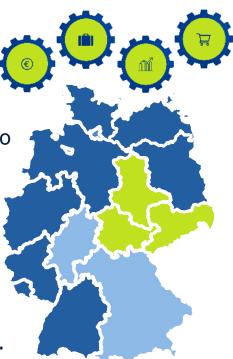
Reduction of project complexity through (painful)scope adjustment

▶ At the same time: increase in project budget

Development of a custom controlling solution due to **discontinuation** of SAP's standard solution for **controlling**, which complicates usage and operations

Readjustments to ensure smooth collaboration among project participants

Clear positive overall picture: Implementation of the harmonized (D)einSAP solution is a major success.























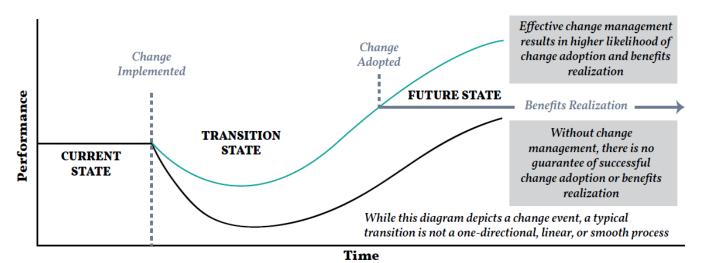
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My Understanding of Change Management

Leading employees through change (through unfamiliar terrain toward a distant goal), with the aim of appropriately addressing, resolving, and ideally preventing tensions, conflicts, fears, and resistance.

Figure 1 – The Effect of Change Management on the Transitional Process



Quelle: ACMP Standard





Two Key Experiences

- The biggest obstacles during implementation are not technical, but concern the people responsible for execution.
- Always combine changing mindsets (Change Management) with changing things (Project Management).

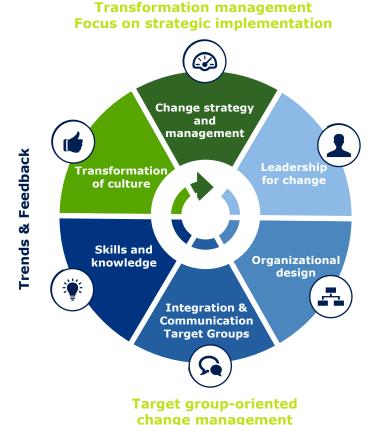


Change Management is a leadership responsibility!
As project manager, I always drive Change Management forward.



Change Strategy

- Development of a framework with 6
 fields of action as the Change
 Framework for the project, with a clear
 focus
- Development of project-specific action packages and phased roadmaps for Change Management activities
- 3. Fields of action and action packages reflect a **holistic change strategy**

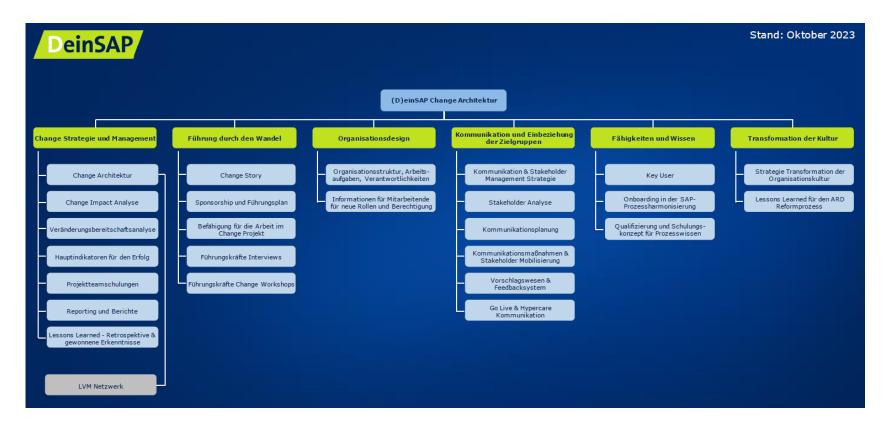


Experimentation and testing





Areas of Action and Measures

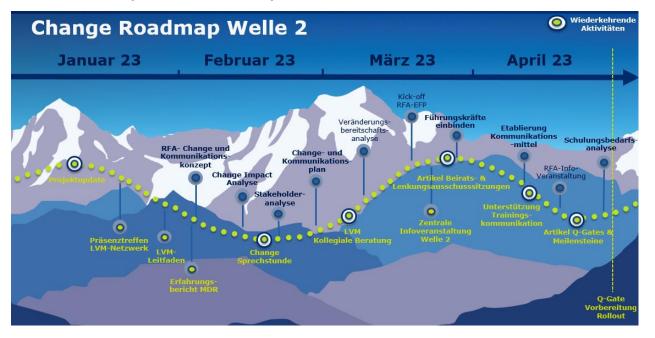






Target Group-Oriented Change Roadmaps

- Change roadmaps provide clarity and security.
- They help guide different stakeholder groups through the transformation process.





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Successful Measures Focused on Employees

- 1. Establishing Project Identity
- 2. Wide range of **communication tools**, especially roadshows and expert talks
- **3. Participation** in project work (participation pyramid)
- 4. Change Story and journalist pool for change measures
- 5. Building a network of local change managers including **Change Agents** and Key User Community
- **6. Quick Wins**, especially establishing a central controller (pooling of internal SAP employees) and consolidating SAP data centers
- 7. Qualification concept and processes







#1 Project Identity

Name: SAP Process Harmonization

Short Title: (D)einSAP

Vision: modern | efficient | simple

Claim: "Because we are one"

Theme: (D)einSAP Expedition – Mountain Trek

Design Manual: Colors, fonts, etc.

Templates: Email banners, e-letterhead, MS Office templates

Logo, Signet and **Mascot** SAPi – the friendly face of the project











#2 Broad Communication Tools

Results Communication

- Weekly project updates
- Milestones
- Quality Gates
- Committee decisions
- **.**..

Change Communication

- Roadshows
- ▶ (D)einSAP expert talks
- Interviews with project participants
- Explanatory videos
- Coffee sessions
- **...**









Videos

Presentations

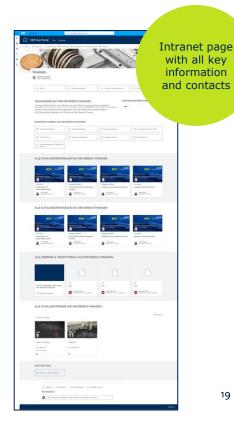
Blog posts





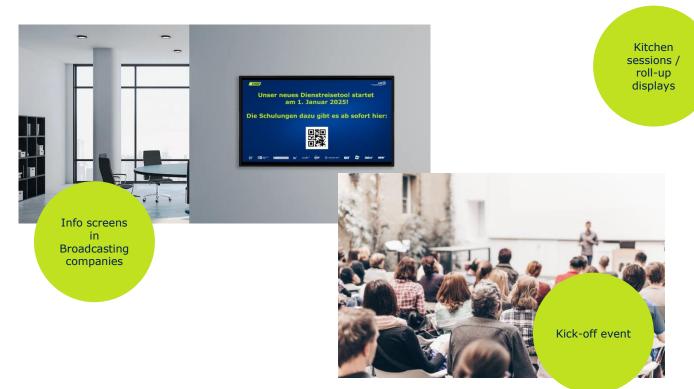








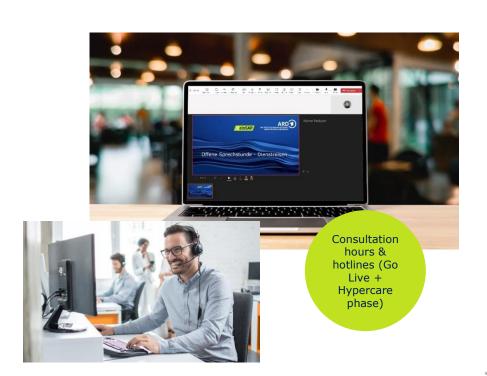
















"Corporate Screensaver" for the entire workforce or tailored to specific target groups







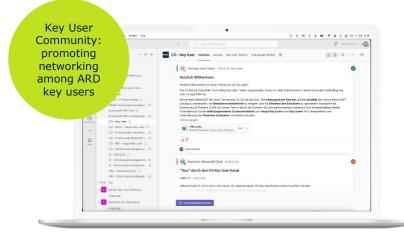


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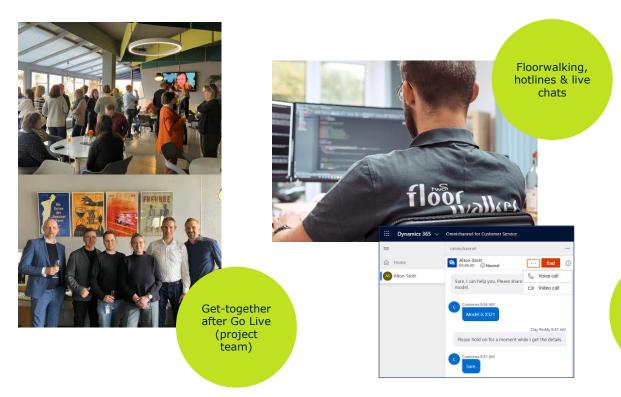


FAQ section on the intranet, continuously updated













company podcast



rudi

Regular

newsletter

Specific examples of communication



Supporting external communication after Go Live (PM)









Conveying information and reducing uncertainty through targeted video series













(D)einSAP Expert Talks

- Frequency: monthly
- ▶ **Duration:** 1 hour, presentation (deep dive, possibly live demo), followed by moderated Q&A
- ▶ **Topics:** relevant for key users
- Speakers: internal/external project experts
- ▶ Participants: up to 250 people, primarily key users and all stakeholder groups relevant to the topic

35 Talks, topics included:

- ▶ Key User Community
- Agile project methodology (SCRUM)
- Strategy for user qualification
- Archive system
- Integration test procedures
- Interfaces
- Central approver identification
- What is SAP Fiori?
- Migration approach
- ▶ End-to-end processes
- Operational processes SAP Controller
- Accessibility
- Quality Gates



#3 Participation According to the IKEA Principle



Assembling furniture gives customers a sense of personal achievement and creates identification with the product.

Participation in the project lead to identification with the results, greater appreciation, a sense of influence, and a feeling of commitment.

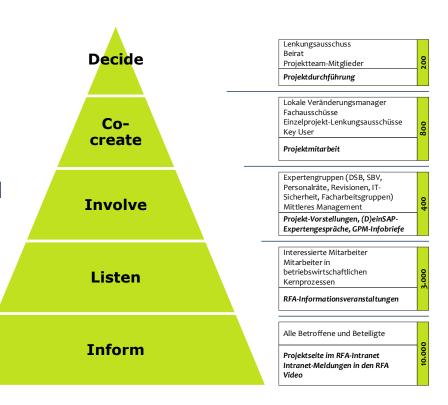


#3 Participation

Turn those affected into participants.

(Then empower and connect them.)

Communication and participation as different levels of involvement, tailored to project phase and stakeholder group.







#4 Change Story and Journalist Pool





- Change Story = agreement (Change Contract) → Foundation of all change measures in the project
- Primarily **answers the WHY**, secondarily the HOW and WHAT of the change
- Common thread throughout the project duration as a **basis for communication**, supported by a pool of journalists
- Unified messages for all target groups create clarity and orientation
- Explaining reasons, path, and goals of the change fosters understanding and acceptance



#5 Network of Local Change Managers (LVM)

Success factors: local engagement and effective project communication

- 1. Establishment of Local Change Managers (LVMs) as central figures within each broadcasting institution to ensure colleagues understand and support the change
- 2. Creation of a centrally moderated network of LVMs to foster exchange and collaboration
- 3. Development of local networks with Change Agents and multipliers to increase impact
- 4. Central qualification and development of a cross-organizational Key User / Change Agent Community

Focus

- 1. Consideration of regional perspectives and individual organizational cultures
- 2. Ensuring understanding of the solutions and changes to be implemented
- 3. Sufficient communication frequency
- 4. Face-to-face communication with users to convey complex messages





#5 Toolkit for Local Change Managers

Titel	Format	Titel	Format
Quality Gate Templates	Ordner	E-Mail-Abbinder	Grafik
Change Roadmap Welle 2	Konzept	(D)einSAp Controllingmodell - Grafiken	Grafik
Change Architektur	Konzept	Key User Aufgaben - One Pager	Grafik
Übersicht Quality Gates Welle 2 + 3	Excel	Key User Qualifizierung - One Pager	Grafik
Change Story	Text	Anwendergualifizierung - One Pager	Grafik
Template Change Heatmap	Template	Unser gemeinsamer Weg	Plakat
Template Change Impact Analye	Template	Modern, Effizient, Einfach	Plakat
Template Veränderungsbereitschaftsanalyse	Template	(D)einSAP Schaubilder	Grafik
Template Schulungsbedarfsanalyse	Template	(D)einSAP Füllmaterial für Intranet	Grafik
Gremienpräsentation	Präsentation	virtuelle Meetinglandkarte	Grafik
Change Management im Beirat	Präsentation	(D)einSAP IT-Landschaft	Grafik
Beiratsinterview Juli 2021	Präsentation	Weihnachtskarte	Grafik
Change Management im Lenkungsausschuss	Präsentation	Adventskalender	Grafik
Lenkungsausschussinterviews	Präsentation	Was ist (D)einSAP?	Video
Change Story für Führungskräfte	Präsentation	(D)einSAP - 3 Gründe, warum wir das überhaupt machen	Video
Template Change- und Kommunikationsplan	Template	(D)einSAP - 3 Etappen auf unserem Weg	Video
zentraler Change- und Kommunikationsplan	Excel	(D)einSAP - 3 Veränderungen	Video
Template Stakeholderanalyse (+ Beispiel GPM)	Template	Verwaltungsdirektor Ralf Ludwig über (D)einSAP	Video
Template Stakeholderanalyse - Conceptboard	Template	Was ist SAP Fiori?	Video
(D)einSAP-Projektupdate + Meilenstein Kommunikation	Artikel	(D)einSAP Entwicklungsfreeze	Video
(D)einSAP-Logos	Grafik	(D)einSAP - IVZ als SAP Steuerer	Video
Logo ARD SAP Prozessharmonisierung	PNG	(D)einSAP - Danke 2021	Video
ARD-Logo	PNG	Wie komme ich auf die Spielwiese?	Video
(D)einSAP Organigramme	Grafik	Wie setze ich mein Kennwort zurück?	Video
(D)einSAP grober Zeitplan	Grafik	Wie komme ich auf den MAK Campus?	Video
(D)einSAP Bildschirmhintergründe	Grafik	(D)einSAP Solution Manager	Video
SAPi	Grafik	(D)einSAP - Controlling-Modell	Video



#5 Change Agent and Key User Community

- Networking employees with specialist knowledge across different locations, a shared understanding and multiplier effect is created, reducing fears and promoting acceptance.
- Joint development of a Community Canvas and definition/communication of rules and values support a positive foundation.

Community Canvas



Werte in der KUC

In einer Community of Practice (CoP) wie der KUC gelten spezifische Regeln und Leitlinien, die den kollegialen Austausch, das gemeinsame Lernen und die Zusammenarbeit fördern, um eine produktive Umgebung zu schaffen.

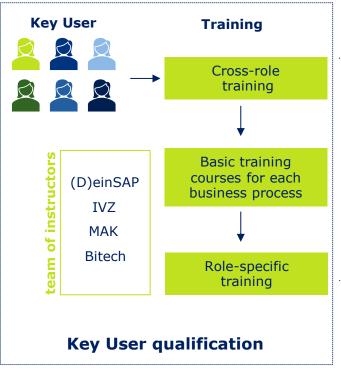
Die folgenden Grundsätze bilden die Basis für unsere Zusammenarbeit:

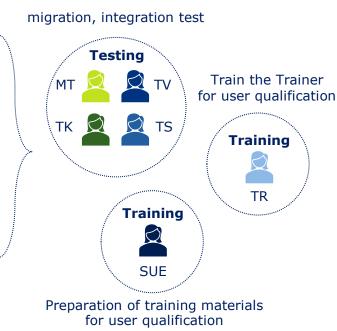
- Teilen von Fachwissen Kooperation und Zusammenarbeit
- Respektvoller Umgang
- Hilfsbereitschaft
- Beitrag zur Gemeinschaft
- 6. Offenheit und Transparenz Verantwortungsbewusster
- Fokus auf die Praxis
- Kontinuierliches Lernen 10. Konstruktives Feedback
- 12. Förderung einer Lernkultur Umgang mit Informationen
- 11. Vielfalt und Inklusion 13. Einhalten von Regeln und
 - 14. Freude am Austausch in der KUC und Gemeinschaftssinn

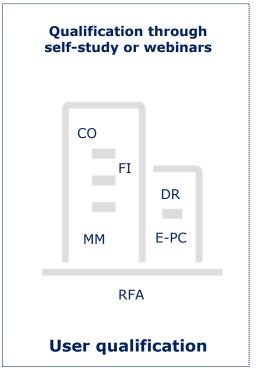




#7 Qualification Concept and Processes











Successful Measures Focused on Executives

- 1. Vision for change and communication
- 2. More **responsibility and shorter decision paths** through involvement of administrative directors in the steering committee



- 3. Advisory involvement of SAP Project Sponsor (SAP Germany management)
- 4. Interviews and participation in Change Story development (mindset)
- 5. Project featured in ARD sustainability report
- 6. Separate field of action "Leadership for Change" in the Change Architecture
- 7. Joint development of **governance for regular operations** after the project



#1 Management Vision 2026

The 9 ARD state broadcasters, Deutschlandradio, and Deutsche Welle have

unified and efficient business processes

supported by a

shared, modern, and sustainable S/4HANA solution

managed by a

central and cost-effective SAP controller (IVZ)







#1 Vision as basis for change & communication

(D)einSAP - modern | efficient | simple

We modernize our media network ...

- ... through increased digitization in programming and administration
- ... through networking and cross-media collaboration
- ... through adoption of new technologies

We work more <u>efficiently</u> together ...

- ... through harmonized and standardized processes
- ... through a shared SAP system
- ... through pooling our competencies

We <u>simplify</u> our business processes ...

- ... through a new system landscape that meets our changing needs
- ... through direct, end-to-end processes from planning to program execution
- ... through automated, intuitive, and system-guided workflows



#6 Direct Address to managers

A functional SAP system alone is not a project success.

Only when processes and workflows are accepted and integrated into daily work have we achieved our goal.

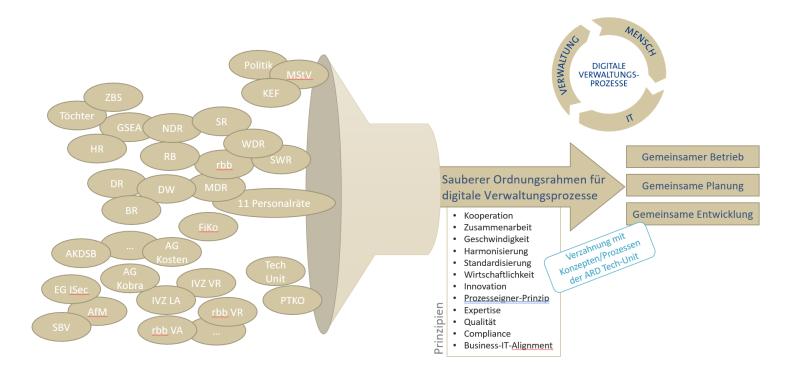
How we support the project as managers and leaders:

- We stand behind (D)einSAP.
- We actively accompany employees through the change.
- We communicate openly and consistently.
- We engage in dialogue, answer questions, and listen to concerns.
- We motivate and emphasize the benefits of the change.
- ▶ We create the solution for all broadcasting institutions together.

(D)einSAP – because we are one.



#7 Developing Governance for Regular Operations







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#7 Developing Governance for Regular Operations

The overall team for digital administrative processes



GPO: Business Process Organization



What Didn't Go Well

Change Management started too late

It took two years to convince the steering committee to approve the budget and resources.

Suitability of key individuals

Impact of change measures was lower when local change managers were not appropriately appointed

Federalism

Federalism hindered binding implementation of central directives, especially in the field of organizational design

Systematic impact measurement

No systematic impact measurement, as it was perceived as surveillance → Change successes and challenges were only sporadically measured



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Lessons Learned Process in the Overall Project

Tool-based survey
Fundamental guestions

Broad Target Group

- Sent to 460 project participants
- ▶ 160 responses (35% participation rate)
- 260 free-text comments

Focus group interviews

What have we learned for future projects?

Homogene ous Target Group

- 7 focus groups
- ▶ 3-5 participants each

Workshop with key participants to develop recommendations

Heterogeneous Target Group

- ▶ 80 project participants
- 6 groups with 18 recommendations

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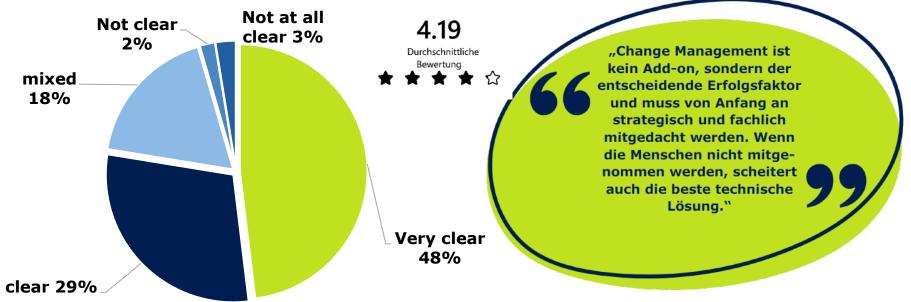
Lessons Learned and Recommendations

Survey period: February 10 - March 30, 2025



#1 Tool-based survey

As someone involved in the project, how clear was it to you why the overall (D)einSAP project was being implemented and what its benefits were?





#2 In-Depth Interviews: Key Statements

- 1. Change must **start with the project** late initiation costs time and reduces participation opportunities
- 2. Change only succeeds with **dedicated capacity, expertise, and clear priority** it doesn't work as a side task
- 3. Central control requires **binding local implementation** without a strong local change team, there will be a lack of acceptance
- 4. Make successes visible **tangible examples and storytelling** from all subprojects promote acceptance and reduce resistance
- **5. Early deployment of change guides** fosters transformation qualified and released, they act as bridge builders



#3 Recommendations from Project Participants

- 1. Visibly involve executives and communicate consistently
 Change projects require active, hands-on support from management and
 executives from the start. Their role as role models is crucial for orientation
 and credibility. Communication should be simple, understandable, and tailored
 to the target group clear messages instead of information overload.
- 2. Define processes early to make change manageable

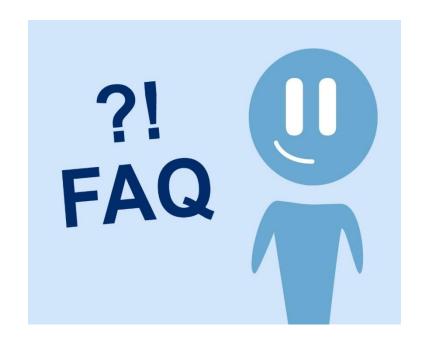
 New processes must be defined as early as possible so their impact on the RFA can be analyzed, communicated, and prepared in time. Only on this basis can targeted training measures and change communication be developed.
- 3. Anchor change expertise firmly from the beginning and continuously Change Management must not be an add-on but an integral part of the project with qualified experts, sufficient capacity and clear responsibilities.





Do you have any questions?

Thank you for your attention





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Backup





Fields of Action (D)einSAP Change Architecture

RFA-Change und Kommunikationskonzept Change Impact Analyse Veränderungsbereitschaftsanalyse Kick-off Einführungsprojekt Regelmäßige Retros etablieren

Kulturell Back to Business
Hypercare Aktivitäten
durchführen
Lessons Learned für das
Einführungsprojekt
Zusammenarbeit im
Betrieb etablieren

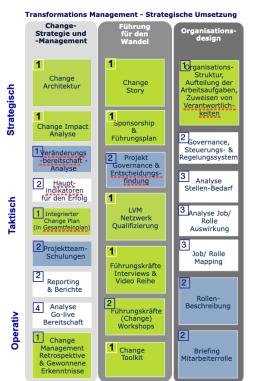
Schulungsbedarfsanalyse
Schulungsvorbereitung
Durchführung
Anwender*innenschulungen
Anwender*innen Nachschulungen
Train-the-Trainer Programm







Action packages in the change framework





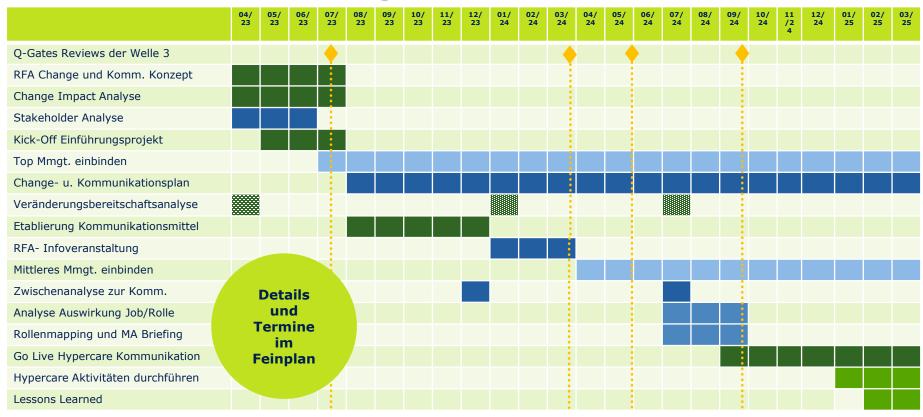


- ► Konkrete Maßnahmen/-felder in jedem Handlungsfeld abgeleitet
- ▶ Gleiches Vorgehen für jedes Handlungsfeld nach PDCA-Zyklus:
 - 1. Strategisches und planerisches Überlegen, wie man Handlungsfeld angehen und umsetzen möchte
 - Umsetzen
 - 3. Beobachten, Auswerten & bei Bedarf Anpassen von Strategie, Planung oder/und Maßnahmen/-feldern





Visualization Change Activities





Applying the McKinsey 7-S Model

Einführung Cloud-Lösung für harmonisierten Dienstreise-Standardprozess

Organisatorische Change Impact Analyse

Analyse und Bewertung Auswirkungen der Veränderungen auf die Organisation

7S Dimension	lst-Zustand	Ziel-Zustand	Change Gap	Umfang der Veränderung	# Stakeholder	Brettstärke	Issues / Hindernisse
Differenz							
Strategy	MDR-spezifisch und teilautomatisiert	Wirtschaftlicher: ARD-zentral und automatisiert	Zentralisierung + Automatisierung	mittel	alle	8	RK-Stelle: Angst vor Kontrollverlust Anwender: Angst vor Nutzung Booking-Engine
Structure	Org-Bereiche mit zentraler Reisekostenstelle	Org-Bereiche, MDR-Reisekostenstelle und ARD GPO Dienstreisen	Strukturerweiterung + Integration in ARD-Struktur GPO Dienstreisen	mittel	viele	7	RK-Stelle + Key User: Angst vor Zusammenarbeit mit GPO Dienstreisen
Systems	SAP-Lösung und etablierter MDR- Prozess, hoher Compliance-Standard	nonSAP Cloud-Lösung, beschleunigte Prozesse, weniger Compliance	Wegfall Antrags-Genehmigung, Wegfall Schnittstelle Disposystem	hoch	viele	9	Vorgesetzte: Angst Kontrollverlust Disponenten: Angst Qualitätsverlust
Shared Values	Compliance-getrieben, Kultur: Wir sind der MDR	ARD - Wir sind eins	Hin zu ARD - gemeinsam sind wir stark (= übergeordnete Kampagne)	mittel	viele	7	abhängig vom Erfolg der neuen MDR-Agenda 2030 und der ARD-Reformagenda
Style	klare Verantwortlichkeiten bei allen Beteiligten	Beibehalt Führungsstil, Verantwort- lichkeiten aber erweitert auf ARD	Teilung Verantwortlichkeiten MDR- Reisekostenstelle und GPO DR	mittel	wenige	4	RK-Stelle + Key User: unklare Verantwortlichkeiten
Staff	gut ausgebildete Mitarbeiter	gut ausgebildete Mitarbeiter	Erweiterung Zusammenarbeit auf GPO DR	gering	wenige	2	RK-Stelle / Key User: Angst vor Zusammenarbeit mit GPO DR
Skills	erforderliche Skills vorhanden	erforderliche Skills auch für neuen Prozess und neues System vorhanden	Skill-Gap bzgl. neuen ARD-Prozess und neues ARD-System	mittel	alle	6	Überlastung aufgrund vieler paralleler Aktivitäten + Unterschätzen der Veränderung

Erkenntnis: Change bei System (9) sowie Strategie (8) am höchsten → stärkere Fokussierung der Maßnahmenableitung auf diese zwei Elemente



Applying the McKinsey 7-S Model

Maßnahmenableitung

- Stakeholdergruppen-spezifische Erstmaßnahmen-Ableitung für die sieben Elemente:
- 1. Strategy: Reisekostenstelle: Notwendigkeit Strategiewechsel vermitteln (Workshop)
- 2. Strategy: Anwender: Online Booking Engine / Automatisierung schulen (Schulung)
- 3. Structure: Reisekostenstelle: Zusammenarbeit mit ARD-Prozesseigner klären (Workshop)
- 4. Systems: Vorgesetzte: neue Kontrollmöglichkeiten vermitteln (Präsentation und Infotermin)
- 5. Systems: Disponenten: Lösungen zum Qualitätserhalt disponierte Reisen suchen (Workshop)
- 6. Shared Values: Management: Dienstreisen als Teil der neuen MDR-Agenda 2030 vermitteln (Gespräche mit Auftraggeber, Präsentation in Geschäftsleitung, Gespräch Change Sponsor mit Intendant)
- 7. Style: Reisekostenstelle/Key User: RACI-Matrix erarbeiten (Workshop mit RK-Stelle, Key User, ARD-Prozesseigner)
- 8. Staff: Reisekostenstelle/Key User: Aktive Teilnahme an zentraler Key User Community forcieren (Gespräche)
- 9. Skills: Alle: Zentrale Qualifizierungsprogramme bewerben, Teilnahme einfordern, einfachen Zugang sicherstellen



Key Statements from In-Depth Interviews

▶ Change must start with the project – late initiation costs time and reduces participation opportunities. Change Management must begin alongside the project assignment, not afterward. A delayed start leads to time pressure and missed opportunities to involve staff early.

▶ Change only succeeds with dedicated capacity, expertise, and clear priority – it doesn't work on the side. Successful transformation requires dedicated resources, trained change experts, and external consulting if needed. If done "on the side," it fails due to lack of expertise and attention.





Key Statements from In-Depth Interviews

- ▶ Central control requires binding local implementation without a strong local change team, acceptance is lacking. The overall project sets the change framework, but broadcasters must implement it locally and bindingly to ensure acceptance. Without binding local measures, central directives remain ineffective.
- ▶ Make successes visible tangible examples and storytelling from all subprojects promote acceptance and reduce resistance. Communication must translate into benefits. Early, tangible success stories and continuous storytelling show why the change is worthwhile. Visible project work and concrete examples reduce resistance and strengthen acceptance.





Key Statements from In-Depth Interviews

▶ Early deployment of change guides fosters transformation – qualified and released, they act as bridge builders. Early-identified key users as change agents act as translators between project team and staff. If qualified and released for this role, they accelerate mindset change across the organization.