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"With the successful S/4HANA migration, we have established the base camp for future summit ascents and expanded our position as a pioneer for transformation projects."
Prof. Dr. Herbert Schuster, Chief Information Officer, SNP Group

SNP I The Data Transformation Company

BLUEFIELD™ Overcomes Risks in Even Complex Conversions

About SNP

SNP has been supporting companies around the world in implementing transformation projects for 25 years now, helping to carry them out quickly, securely and cost-effectively. SNP's software and services simplify the organizational or technical transformation of business applications and allow companies to make their digital transformation a reality. By harnessing experience from over 12,500 successful projects, SNP has developed the transformation approach BLUEFIELD™ and the unique Business Transformation Platform CrystalBridge. These innovative solutions enable companies to significantly reduce the effort, time frame and risks associated with transformation projects.

The Challenge

At the beginning of 2019, the decision was made to migrate the SNP Group's production system and all its components to SAP S/4HANA. The time frame was ambitious, as the migration was set to be completed within a few months. In addition to legal requirements at the regional and global levels, the requirements of individual departments posed particular challenges. These included the chart of accounts conversion, project harmonization, segment reporting and conversion to cost of sales accounting. From a technical point of view, it was necessary to introduce the New General Ledger with New Asset Accounting and to restructure SAP customers and vendors. Finally, implementing new technologies such as SAP Fiori represented a further priority.

The Solution

First, we used the CrystalBridge module Shell to set up an empty S4 template system, where we created the new chart of accounts and made all the required process changes in the customizing settings. We performed the S/4HANA migration by combining the BLUEFIELD™ approach with our proven project approach: analysis, design, implementation, testing and go-live. This involved deploying CrystalBridge with the modules Analysis, Shell, Interface Discovery and Transformation. After two extensive mass tests, the system went live in just one weekend with minimal downtime. Project success in such a tight time frame was only possible through automated migration with SNP software and close cooperation between IT, internal departments and the project team. Our company was both customer and service provider in this challenging project, which involved about 100 employees.

The Benefits

- Migration with simultaneous system cleansing and harmonization
- Automation ensures project success within a tight time frame
- Creation of a fully integrated system
- Project provides the basis for further digitalization, globalization and standardization

Hard Facts

Project type: SAP S/4HANA BLUEFIELD™ migration
Duration: 5 months
Scope: New chart of accounts (from account solution to ledger solution); migration with simultaneous project harmonization; cost of sales accounting; New General Ledger; restructuring of business partners; selective data transfer via time slice
Affected countries: 17