Customer case

Reference case for SAP IP (Integrated Planning)

This project was initiated on the basis of the general decision to improve financial management in the Danish Road Directorate cf. 'Good governmental financial management' (GØS), which has resulted in a great deal of manual work. This is particularly the case in connection with budget follow-ups due to the requirement for monthly periodizing and deviation clarifications. The project was intended to improve the system support of funding management, budgeting and planning, as well as optimizing the processes.

On this basis, the main purposes of the project were the following:

- Adjust and simplify the financial structure in SAP
- Multi-annual management supported across the Danish Road Directorate (VD)
- Support funding in SAP
- Optimize processes and system support in a user-friendly, integrated tool
- Improve performance of reports and data entry of financial figures in SAP

Prior to the project, a number of analyses were carried out regarding the organisation's requirements for funding management, the budget process and planning, and for this reason the overall business requirements specifications were designed.

The system must be implemented so that it supports the management of data in different cubes (funding, budget and planning) based on SAP's basic data structure.

The system must be integrated with the Danish Road Directorate's intranet (VD+), where screen displays are to provide the ability to enter funding, budgets and plan figures for the users.
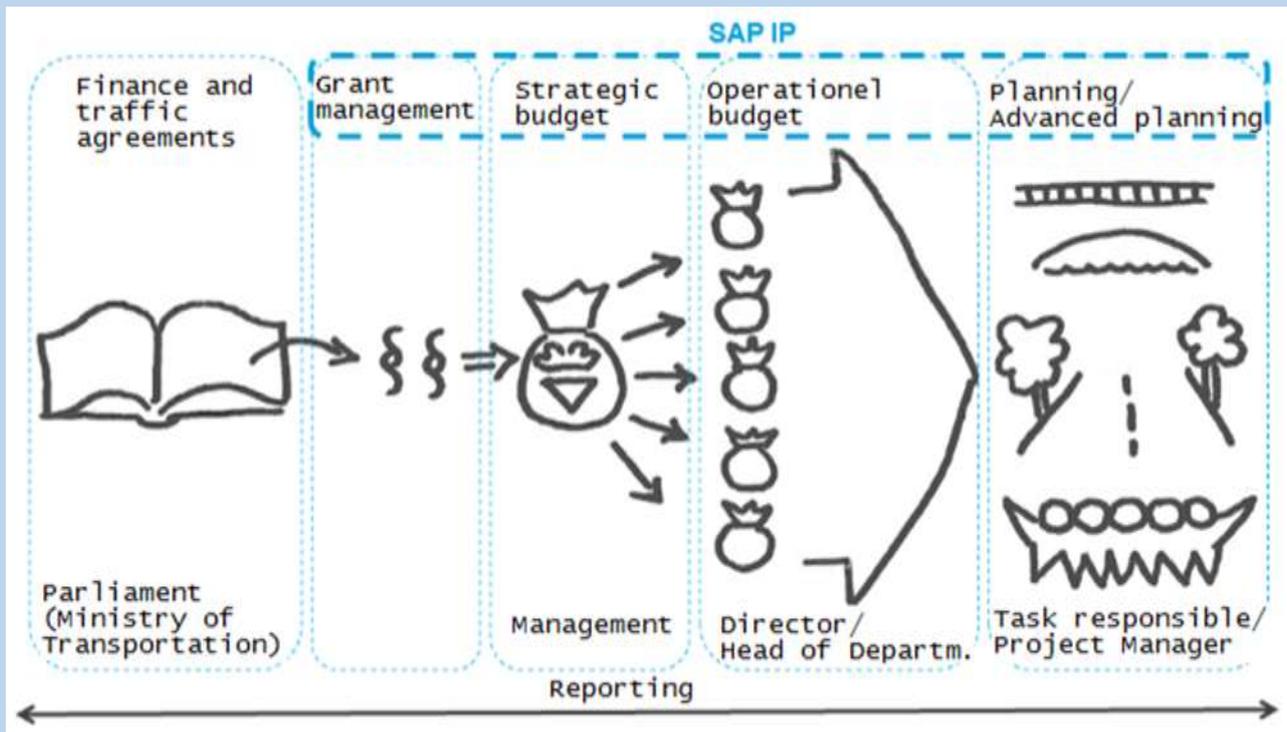
Operationel Budget

Operational management is the divisions' internal management. Financial management is divided into the level that is appropriate for each division, so each Director has the right information.

Budget entry
> Operationel budget

Contact person

Main reports
> Controller report
> Budget control report
> Wage bill report
> IV report
> FUD report
> Project controllers report
> Internal purchase and sales
> Change log report

FAQ and guides
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> FAQ

The project also depends of the work on redesigning the data structure in SAP BI for optimizing performance. These two projects will, therefore, have to be synthesized and the business requirements for data production and registration in SAP IP must be included in the optimization work.

The solution must give users the possibility to view all funding figures, budget figures and planning figures so that it is possible to take into consideration the funding in the budget, the budget in planning, and provide support so that the budget and plan figures can be assessed according to the actual consumption. Finally, the project is also intended to further optimize the existing procedures regarding funding, budgeting and planning. The development of screen displays, controls and input/output data must support the optimized business processes.

A choice was to be made between SAP-IP or SAP-BPC. SAP-IP was chosen because IP had already been implemented other places in the organisation, where the system was satisfactory. The technical set-up was also in place, and it did not require further investment in new SAP licences.

The information below is from the Danish Road Directorate's intranet VD+ "Direktionsnyt – uge 4 2016" [Directorate News – week 4 2016]

SAP IP - a clear improvement

We implemented SAP IP last year. The first conclusions about SAP IP are that it is primarily considered to be a clear improvement. Purely technically, the response times from the main reports have been reduced significantly. It is possible to do more, faster and better. This means that it is advantageous to use and, in fact, for a financial system it is, perhaps, surprisingly accessible.

The process for introducing SAP IP has been long and demanding. Perhaps not so much the technological adjustments to our financial system, even though this has required a major effort. But the project has been implemented and postponed twice because of even more urgent changes, including the latest organisational change.

It has been demanding because we chose to use a lot of resources for the roll-out, including the training of more than 300 users for an entire day. Our experience is that it works and that interdisciplinary projects require a major effort if they are to be effective.

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