

Energiedienst

Success Story | Energiedienst SAP S/4HANA Transformation

Straightforward Conversion to SAP S/4HANA

**Nativion advises and executes SAP FI transformation
at Energiedienst**

Accelerated digitization challenges companies to adopt agility, reevaluate systems, and redesign processes. In the face of these challenges, Swiss German utility Energiedienst Holding AG deemed a move from SAP ERP to SAP S/4HANA beneficial. This move would serve to secure the future of the utility's financial backbone. It was determined to turn to Nativion to provide the needed expertise for both project planning and execution.



Energiedienst had been using SAP ERP Financials (FIRECO system) to run its corporate business since 2008. To prepare the organization for current and future challenges, project “4wardED” was introduced in November 2019. Project implementation achieves system landscape evolution in four main areas:

- **Technology:** introduce innovation in IT
- **Work Environment:** design new processes
- **Control Mechanism:** create a new foundation for the entire organization
- **Collaboration:** find new ways of corporate interaction

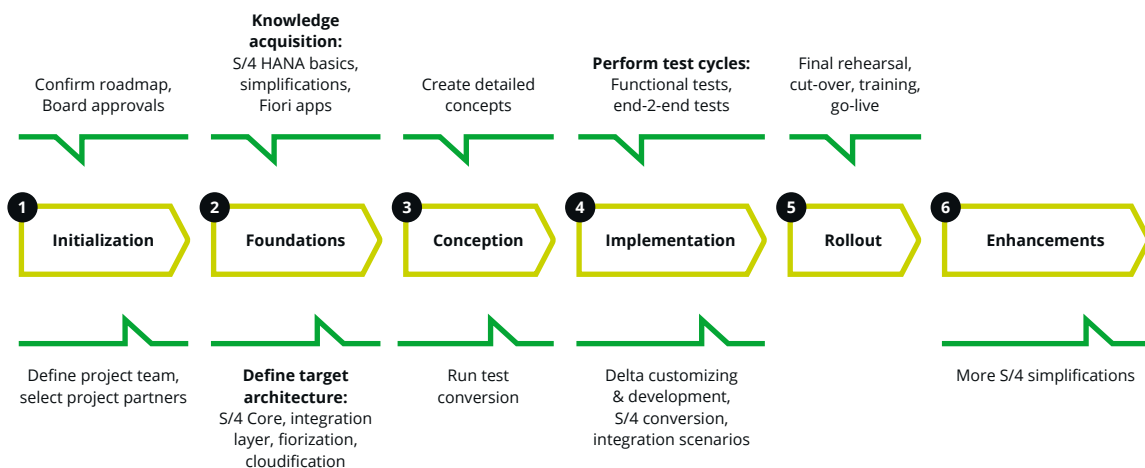
The bar was set high, the objective well-defined: transform the system landscape for SAP S/4HANA adoption. However, the involvement of Nativion transformation experts in strategic planning as well as implementation ensured attainment of the goal.

Strategic Guidance

There is more than one path to SAP S/4HANA, and the first step on this journey is established to be the most critical. It was Nativion’s experience with SAP S/4HANA transformation projects that guided Energiedienst in its assessment of various scenarios. This assessment provided the needed support to ultimately select the best way forward. Nativion provided detailed plans for re-engineering scenarios which include data migration and potential cloud solution deployment. While these scenarios require new implementations with various techniques to manage data and processes, the alternative reuses the existing installation executing an in-place conversion. One month prior to project kick off and after having weighed all pros and cons of the presented options, Energiedienst decided to move forward with the system conversion road map. The system was relatively young and close to standard with very little customization, and therefore an excellent starting point for a so-called brownfield approach when rapid modernization is key.

Conversion Methodology

The project timeline determined a two-year duration with a focus on converting the SAP Financials instance to SAP S/4HANA by early 2021. The 6-phase methodology for such SAP S/4HANA conversion projects adopts agile concepts during select phases which helps to retain focus and remain on schedule. After the initial phase sets the stage, the foundation is laid with installation of a test system, defining integration and user experience layers. Next, all conversion steps are planned in detail and executed in a test environment. Functional and end-to-end extensive test cycles provide confidence before moving into production. The final phase concludes the project, adding enhancement and simplification tasks with the expectation to close by year end 2021.



Project Benchmark

Following the February 15, 2021 go-live of the corporate financial system on SAP S/4HANA, users have been enjoying the advanced user interface based on SAP Fiori. Technically, the high-performance database SAP HANA and central administration of business partner master data present new opportunities for business process optimization. For Energiedienst, this SAP conversion project set a new benchmark for project excellence as it met almost all given standards. Reason enough for Marc Schmidt, Energiedienst Project Lead, to praise the teamwork: “Nativion was instrumental to the success. Its SAP S/4HANA expertise and methodology complemented well with Energiedienst’s own business domain knowledge. The remarkable collaboration between the partners always kept the project on track, achieving our common goal.”

What’s Next: During the various test cycles, the project team gained significant insight into data and processes. Benefits already realized through the course of the project included data cleansing and process adjustments. Both activities increase productivity, adding to the value proposition. Further potential surrounding these topics had been identified, and therefore future plans have been established to implement enhancements.

Are you also planning an SAP S/4HANA transformation? Contact us!

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About Energiedienst



Energiedienst Holding AG is a Swiss-German regional utility with strong ties to its region and full commitment to renewable energies. As one of the first utilities to claim the climate-neutral status, operations prevent CO₂ emissions and offset inevitable ones with certified climate protection projects. A recipient of climate protection awards, the Energiedienst group generates

hydro power, distributing gas and power through its own network divisions. With its climate neutral, holistic energy solutions, Energiedienst actively contributes to the energy change. This includes products and services in the areas of solar, heating, and electric mobility.

About Nativion



Nativion is a digital moving company that moves business-critical data and processes from one technology platform to another. Nativion experts are called in when medium-sized and large enterprises want to modernize, optimize, separate, merge, or restructure their IT systems. With its exclusive expertise in technical transformation, Nativion enables its customers to run their data and processes on

the most modern and innovative technologies available. To support data transformations, Nativion leverages its proprietary software solution, Nativion DCS. Nativion is a founding member of the SAP S/4HANA Selective Data Transition Engagement Community and has been part of NTT DATA Business Solutions AG, a leading global SAP consultancy, since 2022.

Hard Facts

Company

Energiedienst Holding AG

Headquarters

Laufenburg, Switzerland

Industry

Energy

Products & Services

Power Generation and Distribution,
Electric Mobility

Revenue/Year

EUR 1.04M (2020)

Employees

ca. 1,000

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