

Complexity vs. Access

How can SAP® systems, their digital innovations and people be brought together for logistics?

The solution that drives enablement even before implementation

If you work in a company whose business involves logistics processes, here's what you know: In digital innovation lies the hope of meeting the increasing demands for transparency and efficiency. At the same time, embedding innovation poses a complex challenge, especially in logistics. At the end of the day this is the intersection where administrative and physical processes come together – processes that are mutually dependent and yet run in parallel.

From the system landscape perspective, you need nothing less than a custom-fit combination of an intelligent ERP system and a flexible supply chain management supported by well-trained players, both in planning and in execution. Once implemented, SAP solutions offer the potential for this significant (if not critical) digital supply chain value add.

However, for many companies, SAP projects are time-consuming and risky undertakings, especially when it comes to implementing a solution close to the standard to facilitate future release upgrades and flexible functional enhancements – such as digital innovations.

The complexity associated with the large range of functions becomes a central challenge even during the design of the logistics processes: If the decision-makers do not understand the SAP standard and its conditions, the interaction between the system and the user cannot develop its full potential and is also not extensible.

But how do you address this aspect in the initial phase without already going full bore into the project effort and investing costs and time accordingly? What if your knowledge of the SAP standard is not sufficient or cannot be consistently conveyed (perhaps even in the evaluation phase of an implementation)?

Couldn't the system basis of a near-standard SAP system for digital supply chain management be available as a cloud demo system even before the project starts – from ERP components to the logistics modules SAP Extended Warehouse Management (EWM) and SAP Transportation Management (TM) as well as supplementary SAP components around usability, analytics, etc., preferably already documented?



»With the preconfigured system, the ideal basis for discussion is created even before the project begins. Our customers don't have to rely on our statements about the SAP standard, but can try it out directly. They can compare process variants and even create prototypes already.«

— Lars Gregor, Managing Director at prisma

Well, that is exactly what the [prisma/RAKETE for S/4HANA](#) is: We combined preconfigured customizing modules for SAP S/4HANA®, EWM and TM with our own development components, including frameworks, dialogs and functional enhancements.

The result is a flexible overall solution consisting of SAP standard and extensions, which based on our project experience every SAP project requires. In doing so, we also keep our own components configurable and close to the standard, so that on the one hand we achieve a sustainable balance between SAP standard and required functional enhancements, and on the other hand our customers remain independent of the provider.

The [prisma/RAKETE](#) allows us to start with the crucial factor for a successful implementation of SAP solutions: enablement. We called this fast and time saving approach very fittingly »Rakete«, which is the German word for rocket.

About prisma: The SAP implementation company prisma was founded in 1991 as a spin-off from the Fraunhofer Institute for Material Flow and Logistics in Dortmund, Germany. Due to the close cooperation with SAP as well as several research and pilot projects, prisma always keeps up to date and continuously contributes to the further development of the standard features of SAP solutions. In the headquarters in Dortmund and its branch offices in Ratingen, Stuttgart, Bremen, Würzburg and Braşov (Romania) prisma employs more than 200 people. Thanks to the [prisma/RAKETE](#), the company is able to pass on knowledge gained from more than 30 years of project experience – to its project teams, its customers and business partners, but also to its junior staff as well as to universities and educational networks.



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