

# "Digital Revolution" in Controlling: From Excel to professional controlling software in 6 weeks

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**Finance** 



### Starting point and goals

Yearly budgeting process and monthly reporting mainly in Excel

- highly manual
- error-prone
- Little to no standardization
- Little to no agility



### Starting point and goals

Introduction of an integrated planning and reporting software

- Goal: structured budgeting and reporting processes
- More flexibility (especially in terms of fast changing planning premises)
- Standardized integration of those responsible for planning and reporting recipients
- Professionalization of the documentation (especially through dashboards)



#### **Pre-selection**

#### Coordination of project structure regarding

- Project management (kick off, project performance management, etc.)
- Technical requirements (architecture, legacy systems, interfaces, etc.)
- Master data (dimension model)
- Planning process (actual, target)
- Scope of planning (sales planning, marketing planning, personnel planning, etc.)
- Reporting (scope, redesign of reporting documents)



### Project timeline

#### Ambitious timeline

- Kick-Off on October 07th 2020
- Deadline planning: January 26th 2021
- Goal: operational planning to be done with new software (could be implemented)
- After planning: Training days to be able to implement large parts of the reporting independently



#### **Approach**

- Prioritization / determination of a schedule
  - First planning then reporting
  - Planning: breakdown into individual partial plans, successive implementation in software
- Power User training for controlling members
- Intensive, regular exchange between the project team and Fabasoft Controlling
  - Important: Sufficient resources in controlling for the project phase
  - Regular / immediate tests of the new implementations
- Weekly status meetings (including budget monitoring)



### Requirements for a short project duration

- Preparation of the actual and target state
- Structuring of data and data sources
- Clear target setting and prioritization before the start of the project
  - Which implementation steps should be carried out and when
  - What must be implemented immediately, what can be implemented in a later project phase

### Requirements for a short project duration (2)

- Ressource planning within the company
  - Ongoing controlling must also be guaranteed in intensive project phases
- Distribution of tasks
  - Determination of which tasks are to be carried out by the consultants and which are to be done internally





# Advantages and disadvantages of a short project duration

#### + Advantages:

- Strong focus on essential content
- High motivation in the team (as deadline is foreseeable)
- Automatic identification and elimination of unnecessary controlling content (due to time pressure and focus)
- Intensive and permanent examination of project content



# Advantages and disadvantages of a short project duration

- Disadvantages:
  - Courage to take a gap is necessary
  - High time pressure and/or heavy workload for the project team
  - Duplication is sometimes necessary (testing of innovations, especially planning)



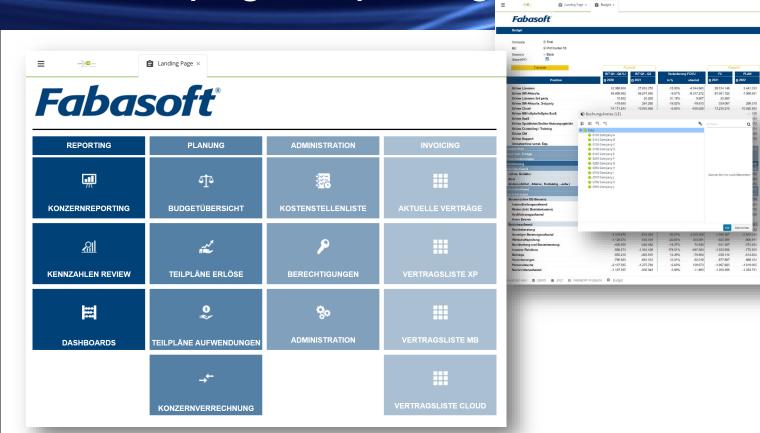


## "digital revolution" in controlling

A look at the implemented solution



## Homepage, reporting & planning





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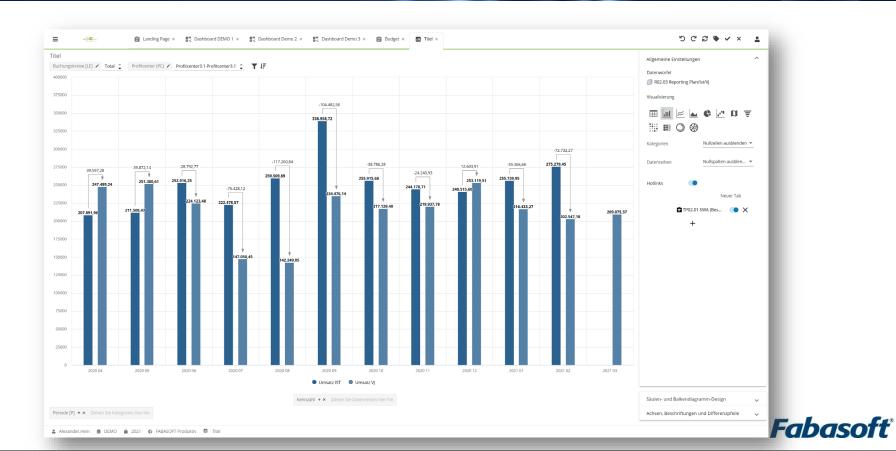
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# Dashboards – easy to use



## Self-Service Analysis



## Drill down and planning on contract level!

