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How Did a **Smooth Transition** to Cloud ERP Free Management to Focus on Sustainability?

Meeting an ambitious deadline to migrate to a new ERP solution in **less than 12 months**

More than 2.3 million customers rely on GasNet s.r.o., the largest gas distributor in the Czech Republic, for reliable energy supply in their daily lives. To safeguard these supplies, GasNet had to replace an inflexible on-premise ERP system with a modern solution in the cloud. As the company was being spun off from its parent, it needed to migrate the entire ERP system and data within 12 months. In parallel, GasNet had to completely refinance the company and engage the first phase of the transition toward net zero and future hydrogen distribution in GasNet's network. Focus on a **smooth implementation of the new ERP system** was therefore mission critical.

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Migrating Swiftly to Next-Generation ERP with SAP S/4HANA®
Cloud, Public Edition

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Before: Challenges and Opportunities
- Speedily deploy a new ERP system before spin-off from the parent company while maintaining the confidence of regulators, rating agencies, and tax authorities regarding deadlines and data quality
- Meet complex energy-sector regulatory, compliance, and tax requirements across 300,000 assets
- Support sustainability initiatives, including a planned transition from natural gas to hydrogen

Why SAP and IBM
- SAP S/4HANA® Cloud, public edition, offering a cloud-based ERP system that supports complex utility company requirements with mostly standard features
- SAP's commitment to engaging customers in determining future software extensibility, the maturity of its solutions, and the ability to integrate diverse SAP® software products
- SAP Services and Support and SAP Preferred Success services, significantly reducing time to launch
- IBM, helping lower costs, increase agility, and improve results in ERP implementation projects
- SAP Integration Suite to smoothly integrate on-premise and cloud-based applications and processes

After: Value-Driven Results
- Efficient fixed-asset accounting, including user-friendly recalculation and depreciation simulation, the ability to set custom property classes and fields, and better bulk disposal and reposting
- Professional procurement processes aided by speedier reporting, faster partner signup using e-signatures, simplified and mobile-enabled approvals, and more cost-effective order sharing with suppliers
- Streamlined, automated invoice and contract workflows
- Ability of IT teams and senior management to focus on meeting a target of carbon neutrality by 2050

"Without SAP S/4HANA Cloud, public edition and SAP Services and Support, our separation from our parent company would have delayed our mission to become one of the first **carbon-neutral utilities** in the EU."

Thomas Merker, Chief Financial Officer, GasNet s.r.o.

US$3 billion

In assets migrated on budget within one year

Zero

CO_2 emissions goal by 2050 aided by the move to SAP S/4HANA Cloud

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Industry
Utilities

Products and Services
Gas distribution

Employees
430

Revenue
Kč 15.63 billion
(€636 million)

Featured Solutions and Services
SAP S/4HANA Cloud, public edition, SAP Services and Support, SAP Integration Suite, and SAP Preferred Success

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Enhancing **Diverse Functions** with Increased Transparency and Efficient Processes

GasNet s.r.o. worked with IBM and SAP® Services and Support to deploy SAP S/4HANA® Cloud, public edition in an ambitious timeline of less than a year. Now, processes in fixed-asset accounting and procurement are best practice. After system go-live in November 2021, GasNet experienced a smooth 2021 closing despite the massive migration. In addition, the company met its timelines for reporting to financial authorities, regulatory agencies, rating agencies, and debt investors.

On the invoicing and contract side, SAP S/4HANA Cloud enables increased data and workflow transparency, feeding immediate insights into workflow delays regarding approvals or errors. Teams can approve invoices anywhere and anytime from their mobile phones and instantly confirm that the right checks and balances have been completed.

With cloud-based ERP based on SAP S/4HANA Cloud and using SAP Integration Suite, GasNet has built a solid basis for its consequent projects, nimbly implementing software such as SAP SuccessFactors® and SAP Concur® solutions.

"With SAP S/4HANA Cloud, we modernized our application architecture, reduced customizations, and followed best-practice standards. Furthermore, the system is **regularly updated and functionally enhanced** with minimal operating costs."

Jiří Nováček, Chief Digital Officer, GasNet s.r.o.

300,000
Assets migrated to the new ERP system in 12 months

Winner
Of SAP Quality Awards for Customer Success for its transformation

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