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Successful data migration at Swiss Re Germany drawing on tailored migration tools

After years characterized by the increasing internationalization of the business as well as a number of company acquisitions, a uniform IT target architecture was defined. This entailed the replacement of a considerable number of legacy systems, or their migration into the planned system environment. mgm technology partners supported this data migration project in the conception, the migration preparation as well as the quality assurance phase. One of the key project objectives to be achieved consisted of the conception of a technical migration tool tailored to the needs of Swiss Re Germany, which was developed in close cooperation with the customer.

Migration of the evolved legacy system landscape to uniform application architecture

The project was prompted by the strategic decision of Swiss Re to support all future business based on a uniform system landscape, across the boundaries of individual country locations.

In this context, the following systems, among others, were impacted by the consolidation within a Central Business Application Architecture (BAA) at the German subsidiary:

- Partner administration (host-based)
- Contract administration and loss, risk and damage systems (facultative and obligatory)
- Invoicing, clearing
- Accounting
- Payment transactions (SAP R/3)

The listed systems were either replaced in the course of the project or migrated to the target structure. In order to reduce complexity, five sub-projects were defined, for which a sixth Project Management Office (PMO) team then defined the necessary methodological and technical migration standards and implemented them in the individual teams.

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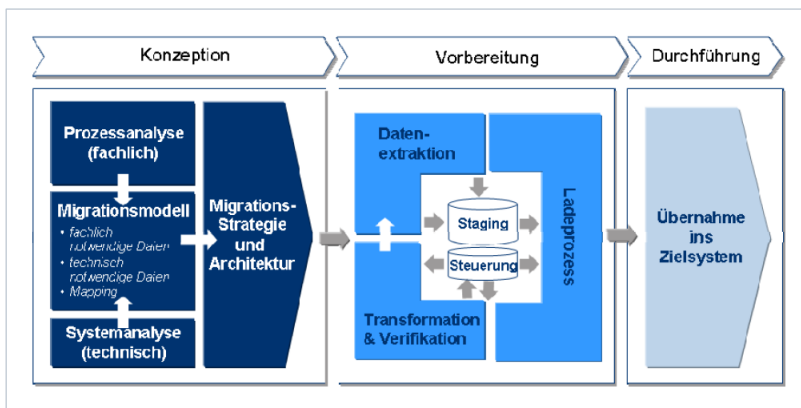


Figure 1

Expertise of mgm technology partners

As an expert for data and system integration, mgm supported the following matters and topics in connection with the PMO Group:

- Conception of the data migration based on mgm blueprints
- Development of tailored migration tools
- Cross-project consistency management, including conflict management
- Quality assurance measures by way of individualized integration tests

More transparency for specialist areas in conception preparation thanks to migration tool

The mapping of individual attributes and values between source and target systems in the BAA represented a main activity in migration preparation in the individual five sub-projects. Here, the direct cooperation between specialist areas and technicians was called for. It was necessary, for example, to migrate data from different source systems to the central target system. In order to optimize the necessary work in the teams, an appropriate tool was developed for attribute and values mapping for this migration project.

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After all of the teams were familiar with system operations and handling, mgm developed cross-project solution scenarios for data migration within the context of consistency management.

During the following integration test the smooth cooperation and lateral coordination between the individual sub-projects was of essential significance.

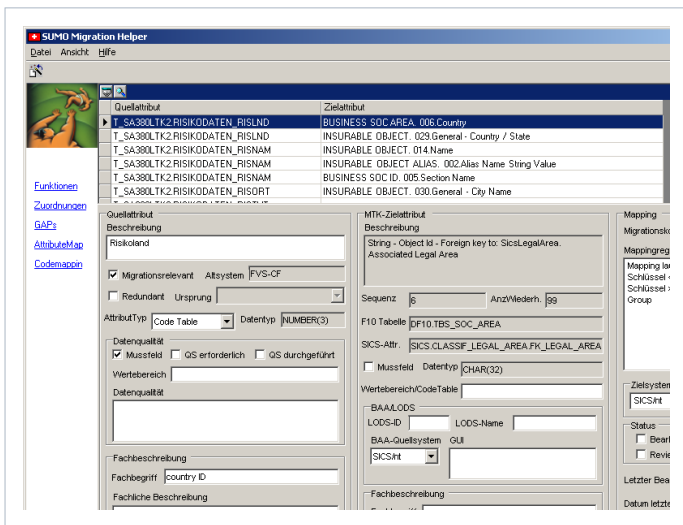


Figure 2

Customer satisfaction

In spite of the high complexity due to backfeed as well as the number of core systems involved, the project was concluded within the specified time frame. Following an internal audit, the project was even awarded the company's in-house best rating.

“We have experienced mgm technology partners as a reliable and highly competent project partner. In view of these strengths, we will also consider mgm as a proven partner for current and upcoming projects,” as Andreas Prott lauds the project work performed to date.

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