

International Conference on Financial Close and Reporting, presented by SAP and TAC Events

18 – 19 October 2022, Barcelona, Spain



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Intelligent Data, Compliance & Efficiency: Adapt and Thrive in an Ever-Changing Landscape

As 2022 draws to a close, financial officers and accountants look beyond pandemic-related challenges to focus on long-term finance reporting and to strengthen their close processes, using an integrated portfolio of automation and leaner accounting solutions.

Today, businesses large and small seek to increase efficiency and gain transparency across their financial processes to remain resilient in times of change and reinvest in their growth. They need to take advantage of new technologies and solutions, so they can streamline their operations and innovate to deliver enhanced customer value.

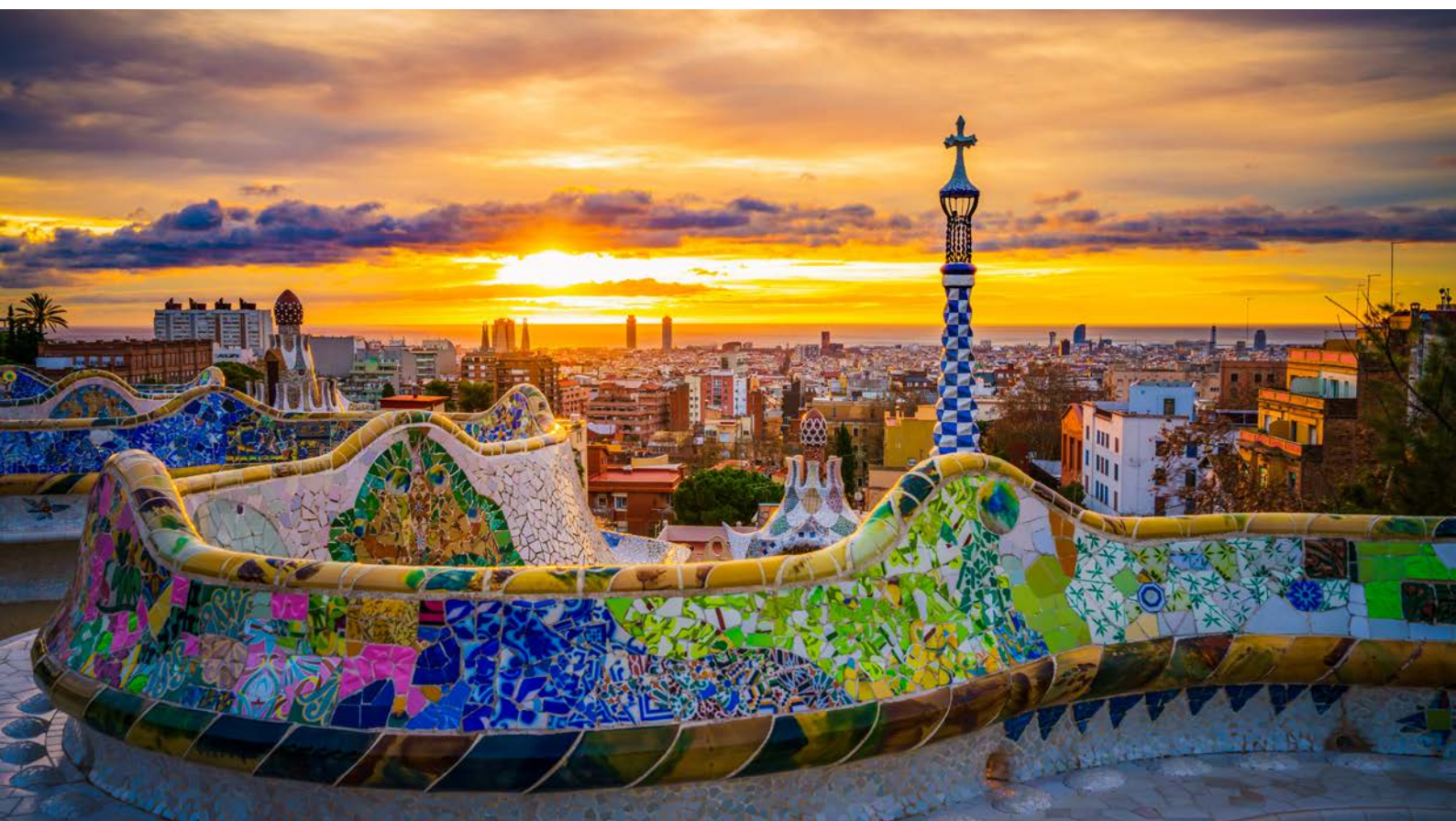
Join this unique two-day event to discover how organizations use SAP solutions to meet these challenges by proactively managing financial close and reporting. Hear case studies from key users including Captrain Deutschland, Komax Deutschland GmbH, Sensirion, SABO-Maschinenfabrik, Swiss Re and, of course, SAP. On top of this, attendees will also benefit from dedicated time for networking, deep-dive workshops, panel discussions and breakout sessions. As the only event of its kind, this is not one to be missed, make sure you reserve your place today.

Katharina Reichert

Co-Head of Solution Management
Finance in S/4HANA Cloud, SAP

Zoe Mainwaring

Production and Project Manager –
International Events, T|A|C Events



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During the pre-conference workshops you will have an opportunity to review functionalities, dive deeper into topics, get practical examples, take part in discussions, go through online demonstrations, and determine the business benefits available from SAP. Each workshop provides you with a unique opportunity to address challenges, discuss them with your peers, and gain valuable guidance from some of the most knowledgeable SAP experts.

All workshops take place on Tuesday 18 October. Please note that only one workshop can be selected per attendee, and you cannot switch between parallel sessions. Workshop registration should be completed ahead of the event and an additional charge is payable. Please see [event website](#) for further details.

Half Day Morning Workshops (09:00 – 12:30)

Workshop 1: The Case for Transactional Consolidation – Current State, Planned Direction and Potential Use Cases

This session will introduce the concept of transactional consolidation and explain how it differs from a more traditional approach. Delegates will learn how an additional ledger is used to store the eliminated values and explain key concepts, such as currencies, accounting principles, and calendars, as well as the integration with Group Reporting.

Our expert speakers will also look at the changes to the intercompany sales and stock transfer processes that ensure greater transparency for the business process and the transfer of ownership between subsidiaries. Delegates will learn how this increased transparency will help their teams make better decisions.

Learning topics include:

- Update on changes in managerial accounting with latest SAP S/4HANA Cloud releases
- Overview of platform approach to SAP S/4HANA Group Reporting
- Implications of tighter accounting integration for consolidations teams
- Early view of SAP plans for a Group Valuation Ledger
- Potential use cases made possible by transactional consolidation

This session will explain which logistics processes are currently supported and which are still on the roadmap. In addition to this, we'll look at what is available for greenfield customers in OP2022 and what is planned for the future.

Facilitated By: Janet Salmon, Chief Product Owner, Management Accounting, SAP | Philip Aliband, Global Solution Manager, S/4HANA Group Reporting, SAP

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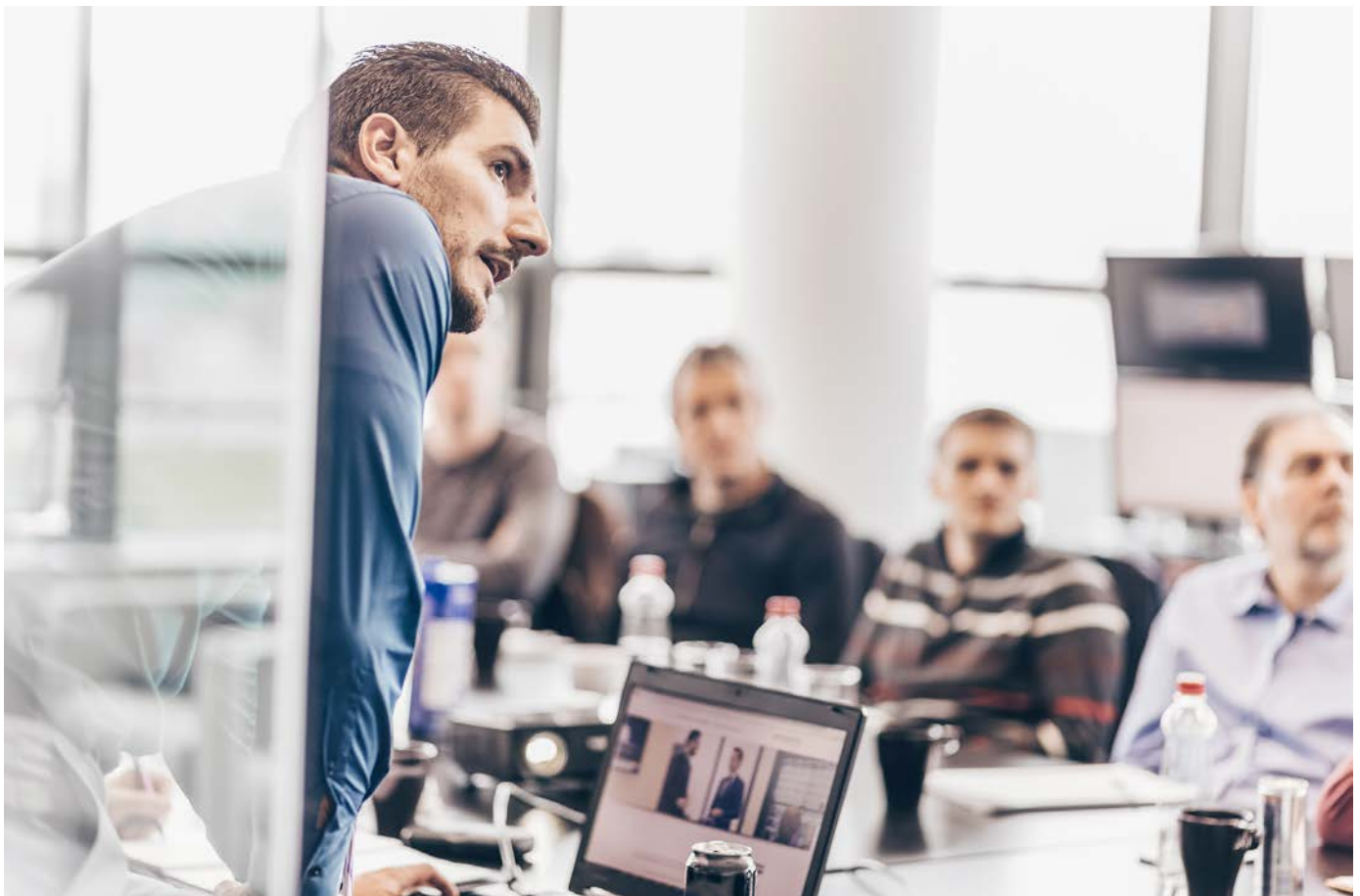
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Workshop 2: Financial Control Automation for the Intelligent Enterprise

In this session you will learn about SAP's ability to automate controls over financial processes for S/4HANA, such as Record to Report, with their new cloud solution SAP Financial Compliance Management. You will learn about the ready to use content and low total cost of operation for financial transformation return on investment. Additionally, you will see how the solution can integrate with other SAP solutions to further enhance your compliance and assurance capabilities and improve your business resilience. The vision for the solution also helps support your ESG compliance program.

- Vision and strategy for the Record to Report (R2R) process with SAP S/4HANA Cloud
- Brainstorming what controls would be needed in your R2R process
- Introduction of SAP Financial Compliance Management and deep dive into predefined controls for R2R.
- Exploring SAP's visionary statement on the interaction of SAP Financial Compliance Management and SAP S/4HANA Cloud for advanced financial close
- Brainstorming – how do you want to track Financial Risks arising from Sustainable Finance? How do you manage ESG and other legal requirements?
- A glimpse into the vision on how FCM could support controls in the area of Sustainability in the future

Facilitated By: Neil Patrick, Solution Manager, GRC and Cybersecurity, SAP | Kornelia Maier, Co-Head Solution Management Finance in S/4HANA Cloud, SAP



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TUESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2022

08:00 Workshop Registration and Morning Refreshments

09:00 Pre-Conference Workshops

Select one of the below deep-dive workshops:

- **Workshop One: The Case for Transactional Consolidation – Current State, Planned Direction and Potential Use Cases**

- **Workshop Two: Financial Control Automation for the Intelligent Enterprise**

Further information can be found on page 3 of the brochure. Please note that there is an additional charge to attend a pre-conference workshop.

12:30 Conference Registration and Networking Lunch

13:30 Opening Remarks from TAC Events and Chairperson

Zoe Mainwaring, Production and Project Manager – International Events, TAC Events | Katharina Reichert, Co-Head of Solution Management Finance in S/4HANA Cloud, SAP | Thomas Popp-Madsen, Centre of Excellence for ERP financials, SAP

13:40 SAP Opening Keynote: How Finance Supports a Resilient Enterprise

Double-digit inflation, supply chain concerns, pressure to support a rapidly expanding business with a fixed team size: the challenges that Finance teams face are complex. Companies that have moved to a platform approach for financial data management benefit from having plan, actuals, predictive and simulation data that seamlessly fit together to support business decision making. It's like the difference when you drive with a paper map guiding you versus the experience of riding in a self-driving car which optimally uses internal car data and external traffic and weather conditions to optimize your route. In a platform approach, your plan data is informed by the actual situation, and market shocks can be modeled using external data.

In this session, SAP practitioners will describe how their current approach has set their team up for resilience. They will describe the most pressing challenges their teams face and how they are dealing with them. Finally, future plans for adopting even more automation will be discussed.

- Current challenges faced by Finance teams
- Change management and team evolution
- Upcoming innovations and areas of future optimization

Katharina Reichert, Co-Head of Solution Management Finance in S/4HANA Cloud, SAP | Leticia Macchiardi, Chief Financial Officer for Iberia, SAP

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- 14:15** **Experiences and Challenges of Implementing and Working with SAP S/4HANA**
- Captrain are one of the leading rail logistics companies in Europe. With operating locations across the continent, they are able to tailor processes and transport concepts to a variety of business needs. Join this session and hear insights into how Captrain have been able to implement SAP S/4HANA and their current work into the system, including:
- Invoice booking
 - Reporting
 - Asset Accounting
- Learn about the business reasons that drove Captrain to the SAP S/4HANA solution, as well as the project setup and implementation approach they took. The session will also discuss project challenges such as integration with existing software, personalizing the processes and ensuring education for team members.
- [Birgit Voll, Head of Finance, Captrain Deutschland GmbH](#) | [Nicole Lindner, Key User S/4HANA, Captrain Deutschland GmbH](#)
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- 14:50** **Achieving Financial Close Automation with BlackLine**
- Accounting & Finance leadership is prioritizing digitization and the adoption of technology to enable automation, process optimization, and better visibility. Learn how BlackLine's cloud solutions are helping customers modernize and standardize traditionally manual processes like account substantiation, transaction-level reconciliations, and other spreadsheet-heavy tasks. In this session, Accounting leadership will highlight key components and learnings from its financial close automation journey, including how the company approached transformation, use cases identified, benefits, and what's next.
- [Javier Aparicio, Senior Solutions Consultant, BlackLine](#)
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- 15:20** **Networking Refreshment Break**
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- 16:00** **Transformation of Finance Reporting with Embedded Analytics**
- Komax is a globally active technology group specializing in automation solutions for selected processes. With its innovative and high-quality solutions for the wire processing industry, Komax helps its customers implement economical and safe manufacturing processes, especially in the automotive supply sector.
- The Journey at Komax for future Reporting started with the Implementation of SAP S/4HANA Public Cloud. They rolled it out in 6 different Countries and 7 Entities. In this session Steffan Bichler, Finance Controller at Komax, will share his experience of the three-year journey to Reporting with embedded analytics, including:
- The main challenges with data structure and quality
 - How the business and key user team is set up
 - Reporting examples
- [Steffen Bichler, Finance Controller, Finance, Komax Deutschland GmbH](#)
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SABO: From SAP ECC to the Cloud – A Success Story

SABO-Maschinenfabrik GmbH in Gummersbach is one of the leading German manufacturers for lawn and property maintenance products. Our name is a guarantee for quality and reliability.

The SABO team were able to execute their journey from SAP ECC to the cloud in just 7 months. Join this session to learn how this was done, focusing on the speaker's advice on what others running similar projects should be aware of. Key highlights of this presentation include:

- Introduction to SABO
- Why and how they made the selection of SAP S/4 HANA Cloud
- Project insights
- Challenges and lessons learnt
- Next steps and what the future holds

Pierre Janotta, Head of PMO, Management, SABO-Maschinenfabrik GmbH

17:10

Chairperson's Closing Remarks

Katharina Reichert, Co-Head of Solution Management Finance in S/4HANA Cloud, SAP | Thomas Popp-Madsen, Centre of financials, SAP

17:20 – 17:50

Evening Networking Reception



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08:30 Registration and Refreshments

09:20 Chairperson's Welcome Back and Introduction to Day Two

Katharina Reichert, Co-Head of Solution Management Finance in S/4HANA Cloud, SAP | Thomas Popp-Madsen, Centre of Excellence for ERP financials, SAP

09:30 KEYNOTE: Green Line Reporting – Meeting Expectations for Evolving Reporting Requirements

Sustainability is top-of-mind of business leaders and global policies makers and standard setters alike. Unsurprisingly, there has been an acceleration of climate policies, updates and announcements like the creation of the IFRS International Sustainability Standards Board with the goal to measure sustainability impacts more in terms of impacts on financial position and prospects of the company itself. Before long, this will significantly increase the reporting of climate risk and opportunities affecting financial departments cross industry and region. In this session we will discuss how SAP can help to comply with these new rules and how to formulate a sustainable business strategy within the office of the CFO that not only helps managing rules and standards but also prepares finance departments to transform their enterprise business to a more sustainable business.

Stephan Müller, Finance & Risk Solution Management, Global Solution Owner Finance & Risk, SAP Innovation Center

10:05 S/4 HANA Group Reporting in Sensirion

Sensirion has more than 20 years of experience in developing and manufacturing sensor solutions. It is worldwide present as one of the leading manufacturers of high-quality sensors, with four production facilities – in Switzerland, Hungary, China, and Korea – as well as sales organizations in Europe, USA, and Asia. With our applications for Medical/Care, Industrial/Logistics, HVAC/Appliances, Consumer, and Automotive, we are solving complex problems in multiple industries and different markets. In this session, Sensirion will offer a case study discussion on how they have implemented S/4 HANA Group reporting to cover consolidation requirements.

This discussion will cover:

- Why did we choose S/4 HANA Group reporting?
- The functionality Sensirion required in a consolidation system
- Challenges Sensirion faced to get the system live and those seen since the system went live

Bruno Menzi, Senior SAP Specialist FI/CO, Sensirion

10:40 PRE-RECORDED SESSION: S/4 HANA Group Reporting in ESB

Electricity Supply Board (ESB) has been Ireland's foremost energy company since its establishment in 1927. It has operations in both Ireland and Great Britain.

We are a strong, diversified utility operating right across the electricity market: from generation, through transmission and distribution, to supply. We also work in other related sectors where we can make a difference, including telecommunications, electric vehicle charging, home retrofits and more.

In this session, ESB will offer a case study discussion on how they have implemented S/4 HANA Group reporting to cover their Actual, Budget and Forecast Consolidation requirements. This discussion will cover:

- Why did we choose S/4 HANA Group reporting?
- The functionality ESB required in a consolidation system
- Challenges ESB faced to get the system live and those seen since the system went live

Bernadette Brennan, Finance Systems Manager, Finance Operations, ESB

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11:15 Networking Refreshment Break

12:00 **PANEL DISCUSSION: Going the Last Mile - How to Ensure a Timely, Accurate and Risk-Free Financial Disclosure Process using SAP Tools**

Finance teams need to ensure accurate and speedy reporting – and the stakes are high. Analysts, investors and the public are reviewing annual reporting more carefully than ever before – and the necessity to get that information published as early as possible means the process from data harvesting to content preparation comes with high pressure. But what is the best way to achieve this?

Join this panel discussion focusing on how to successfully transform into an intelligent finance organization and improve period end-closing activities using SAP S/4HANA tools. We will cover:

- The business case for innovation within financial close
- Impacts SAP tools can have in: improving speed and accuracy, collaboration between teams, and error reduction
- Which solution is right for me and how easy is it to introduce?
- What challenges might occur and how can we overcome them?

Kornelia Maier, Co-Head Solution Management Finance in S/4HANA Cloud, SAP SE | Philip Aliband, Solution Owner S/4HANA Group Reporting, SAP | Annamari Kattainen, SAP Solution Management for Entity Closing, SAP

12:35 **RWE: Implementing SAP AFC to Orchestrate and Automate the Close Process of the Renewables Business – A Success Story**

RWE Renewables introduced SAP Advanced Financial Closing (AFC) together with SAP and Deloitte Consulting as global solution for orchestration and automation of the entity and group close process in parallel to the transformation from SAP ERP to S/4HANA in about 6 months. In this session you will get insights about the following topics:

- Introduction to RWE Renewables
- RWE's vision of an automated close
- Our Journey: Where we came from and what we achieved
- Challenges
- Key success factors

Alexander Thielen, Product Owner Accounting – Governance & GL, RWE | Sven Lausen, Manager, Enterprise Performance – SAP Finance, Deloitte Consulting GmbH

13:10 Lunch and Networking Refreshment Break

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Speaker Hosted Roundtables

Interactive roundtable sessions offer a unique opportunity to come together with your peers to share best practice and discover solutions to critical challenges facing your company. Hosted by SAP experts and each building on the earlier workshops, roundtables are an exciting, interactive way to build your personal network and learn from the experience and expertise of others. If you weren't able to attend the full workshops, we recommend you don't miss out on these discussions!

Roundtable one: The Case for Transactional Consolidation - Current State, Planned Direction and Potential Use Cases
Join this discussion relating to how increased transparency will help their teams make better decisions; from the latest SAP S/4HANA Cloud releases to Potential use cases made possible by transactional consolidation. A chance to debate your thoughts on this topic and share your experience.

Roundtable two: Financial Control Automation for the Intelligent Enterprise

On this roundtable, delegates can discuss SAP's ability to automate controls over financial processes for S/4HANA, such as Record to Report. The discussion will cover how the solution can integrate with other SAP solutions to further enhancing your compliance and assurance capabilities and improve your business resilience.

[Neil Patrick, SAP](#) | [Kornelia Maier, SAP](#) | [Janet Salmon, SAP](#) | [Philip Aliband, SAP](#)

15:05

Driving Financial Performance at Swiss Re with SAP Analytics Cloud

Join this session to listen to how the finance team at Swiss Re, the world's largest reinsurer, has adopted SAP analytics cloud to steer the Reinsurance Business Unit towards a greater understanding of production costs vs. financial performance. This has allowed them to take timely actions and achieve aspired business results.

This session will cover:

- Why a cloud solution was chosen
- Process of adoption including change management
- Benefits seen and advice on overcoming the difficulties

[Annike Lemmle, Orion Project – Product Manager, Swiss Reinsurance Company Ltd](#)

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15:40 Moving from Legacy to Strategic to Build a Future-Proof Finance Platform

What are the implications of moving from an SAP legacy consolidation solution to an SAP S/4HANA-centric platform?
How can it impact data modelling, data processing and change management for your business?

Join this session to learn about these implications and the benefits achieved by SAP customers. Our speaker will discuss how replacing legacy consolidation should not just be viewed from the prism of SAP S/4HANA Group Reporting but through a platform approach, encompassing SAP S/4HANA Group Reporting, Group Reporting Data Collection, SAP Analytics Cloud and SAP Advanced Financial Closing all working seamlessly on a foundation of SAP S/4HANA core.

Find out how a number of SAP customers are running SAP S/4HANA Group Reporting in standalone mode retrieving transactional ERP data from external systems and learn how it can also transform your business.

Philip Aliband, Solution Owner S/4HANA Group Reporting, SAP | Stéphane Neufcourt, Product Expert for SAP S/4HANA for Group Reporting, SAP

16:15 Close of Conference



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For more information, please visit: www.blackline.com/sap/

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☐ Day and a Half Conference (18 – 19 October)

☐ Evening Reception (18 October)

Pre-Conference Workshops (18 October) (In-Person Only)

☐ Workshop 1: The Case for Transactional Consolidation – Current State, Planned
Direction and Potential Use Cases

☐ Workshop 2: Financial Control Automation for the Intelligent Enterprise

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