







University of Helsinki journey towards modern E2E Financial planning with SAP Analytics Cloud & SAP Datasphere

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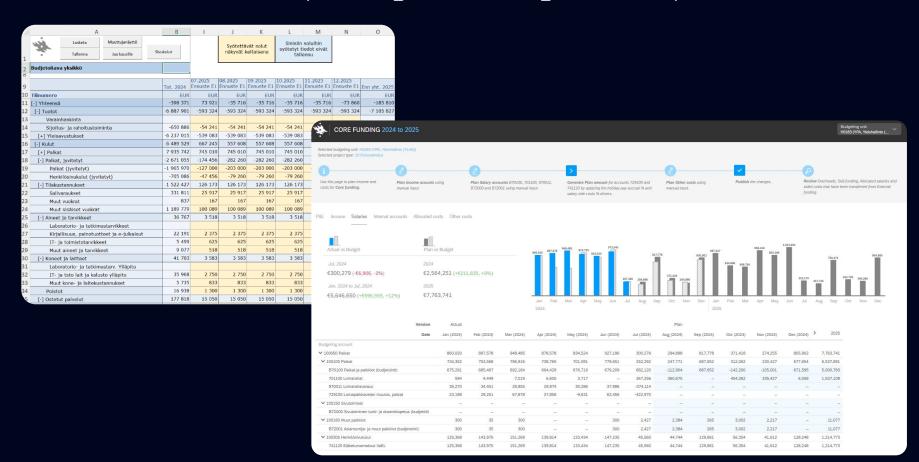
### Meet Raivis

12+
years
of experience in DWH/BI space

- Project supervisor and D&A Architect for the University of Helsinki project and others
- Love winter freeride snowboarding, skiing and ice hockey



### Move towards a modern planning solution aligned with S/4HANA





Ranking among the top 1% of the world's research universities

Shanghai

99 (2024)

Taiwan NTU

110 (2024)

**US News** 

113 (2024)

THE

107 (2024)

117 (2024)

Annual turnover

**Research funding** 

816M€

341M€

Result of fundraising campaign with government's match funding (2010-2024)

300M€

**HELSINKI.FI** 

32 000

Degree students

6 200

Degrees per year

4

Campuses

VALUES

TRUTH
BILDUNG
FREEDOM
INCLUSIVITY

8800

**Employees** 

59% teaching and research staff of which 30% international staff

200 000

Alumni around the world

age at the

**Faculties** 



UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI

Presentation Name / Firstname Lastnam

### University of Helsinki – relevant SAP Landscape



#### Sources:

- S/4 Finance
- HR Human resources
- Success Factors



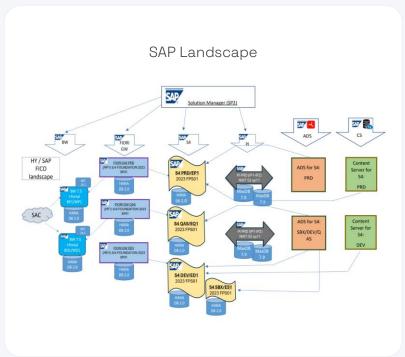
#### Integrations and presentation:

- Fiori GW
- Process Integration



#### Data analytics:

- SAP BW 7.5 DWH
- SAC BI
- BPC Planning







### Reason for PoC & scope

The main goals of the PoC project were to seek answers to these topics:



Demonstrate the user experience/functionality of SAC Planning tool



Evaluate how well does SAC match the requirements for their next planning solution



PoC is an easy way to start working with a new partner

Scope = simplified solution for financial planning / profit center planning

#### More about PoC:



Real-life scenario, simplified



Focus work on the important topics



Learning is part of the scope

- Parts of the real planning process in use
- No need to build in all complexities
- Real-life connection (familiar numbers etc)
- Build what you want to see
- · Our focus area was look and feel
- Minimum effort with data integrations etc

- · Keeping our project team involved
- POC as training for future key users and project members
- Involve hands-on technical training



# Timeline





### Overview of the PoC project & deliverables

Timeline

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Calendar months
7 project meetings
Trial tenant for 90 days



Team

3+6

3 from SCF 6 from University of Helsinki SAP Analytics Cloud

1+3

1 Financial Planning model 3 BI Stories



- 1 Financial planning model (6 dims)
  - Naming standards
- Data actions
- 3 BI Stories: (Data is art)
  - Welcome stories
  - Planning input stories
  - Planning overview stories
- Solution documentation

Power user trainings

**3** 

Training + Homework

- 1 SAC Planning PoC solution demonstration 09:00 09:30
- 2 Financial planning training model 09:30 10:30
- **3** Break 10:30 10:45
- 4 Story with Planning input table 10:45 11:30
- 5 Data action 11:30 12:00
- 6 Additional story visualizations Homework

Future

3+1 🔊

Decision to move on with implementation project in 3 stages

# SAC BI Story examples: Welcome





#### FINANCIAL PLANNING & ANALYSIS



#### OVERVIEW

The Financial Overview Story provides an overview and analysis of both actual result and planning outcomes.



#### INPUT

The Financial Input Story is designed for financial inputs at the account and budgeting unit level, supporting planning at both monthly and yearly levels.

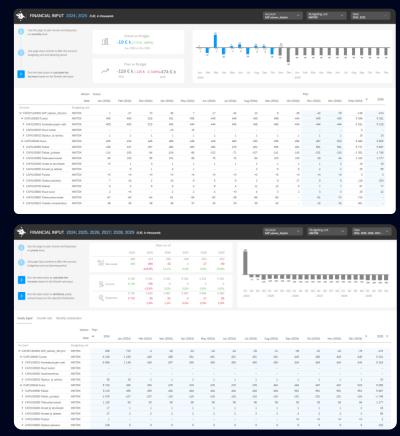


#### ADMINISTRATION

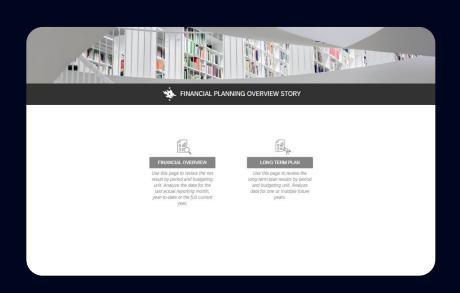
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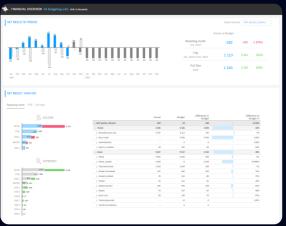
# SAC BI Story examples: Input

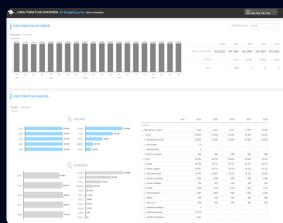




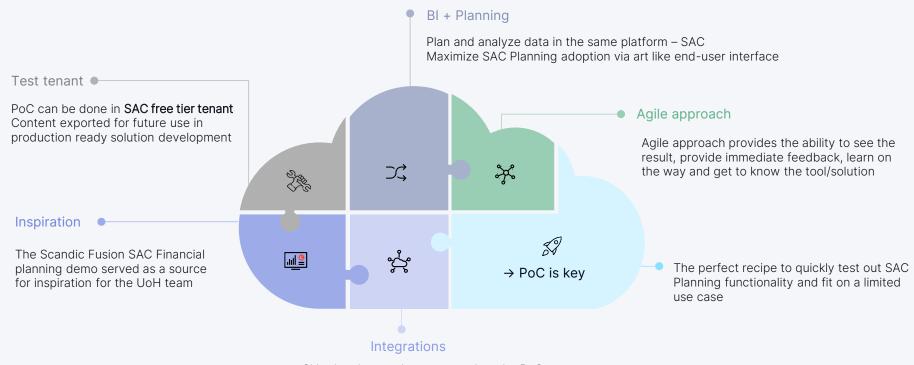
# SAC BI Story examples: Overview







### Key components of a successful PoC



Skip data integrations to speed up the PoC project, unless you need to test specific scenarios.



### How did it go?

### Case study:

The Power of SAP Analytics Cloud: The University of Helsinki's Proof of Concept with Purpose

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We did a proof-of-concept project together with Scandic Fusion to evaluate how SAC Planning as a tool fits to our financial planning requirements. This project was done using a free-tier tenant within 90 days - and it was a success! We quickly figured out together the most important things for our evaluation purposes, defined the focus areas for our project and implemented the solution well in schedule within the availability of free-tier SAC tenant.

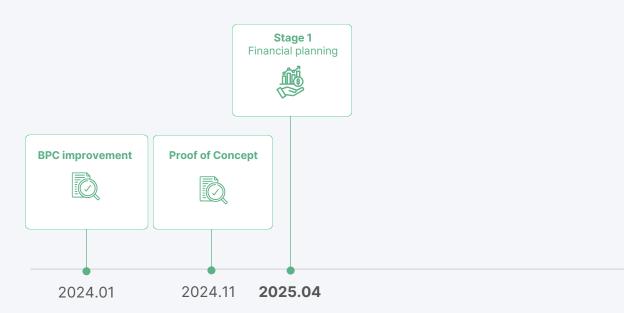
Right from the beginning Scandic Fusion demonstrated exceptional professionalism in all areas of the project: from day-to-day communications down to the actual technical implementation. We were working as one team for common target and in the end the actual deliverables did exceed our expectations. So, our targets for the project were achieved – and in a way that sets up a good foundation for common projects in the future as well!

I can highly recommend Scandic Fusion as a partner for projects where fresh thinking and excellent technical delivery skills are required.

ILKKA RANTAKARI Finance Specialist, University of Helsinki



### Timeline







### Overview of the Stage 1 project & deliverables

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Calendar months

University of Helsinki SAC tenant

Project name - LUX



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#### SAP Datasphere

- Data integrations (S/4 & SAP BW)
- 5 Spaces
- Mapping of planning master data
- Actual data transformations

SAP Analytics Cloud

1+4



- 1 Financial planning model
  - Scope extended (Project type)
- Data actions
  - 5+ planning algorithms
- 4 BI Stories:
  - Templates from the PoC
  - Emphasis on Administration
- Security setup
  - DSP DAC + SAC DAC

#### Power user trainings

Training + Homework

Go-lives

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Soft + Hard

#### Documentation

- Data integrations
- SAP DSP and SAC models
- Planning algorithms

# SAC BI Story examples: Find 2 differences

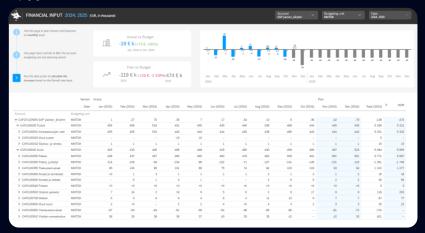
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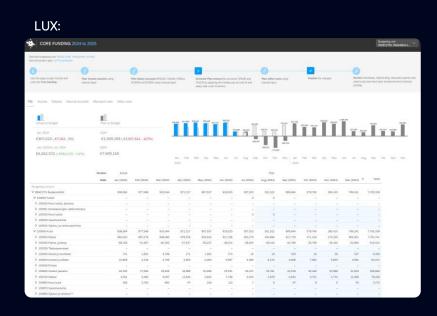




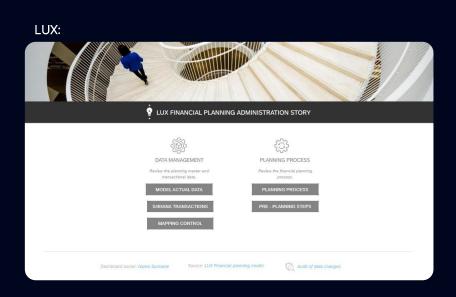
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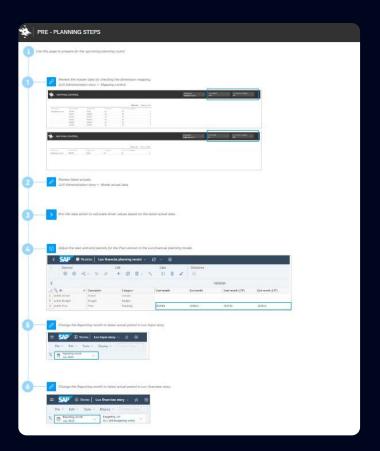
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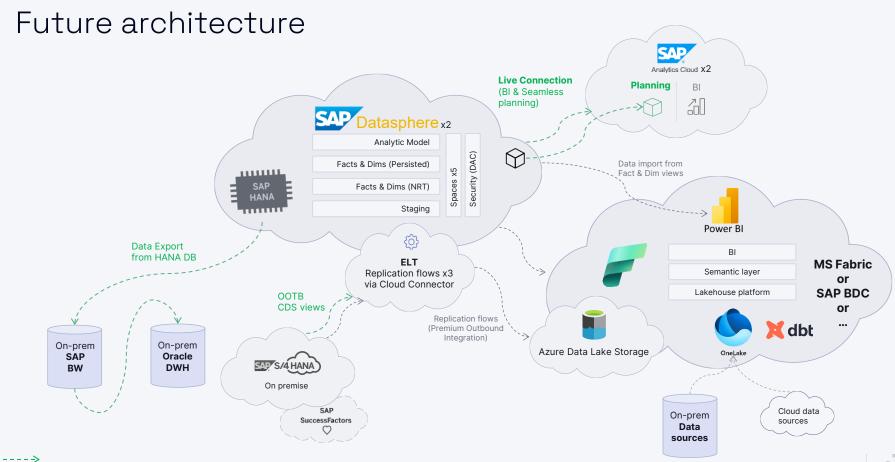




# SAC BI Story examples: Administration







### Seamless planning - Expectations

Why is University of Helsinki adopting Seamless planning?



Real-time data synchronization in both directions, no physical data movement

More efficient planning process, reducing manual data exports/imports

Extended usage: SAC models can be used for Datasphere object creation for BI needs

#### Are there any limitations?

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### Seamless planning - Reality

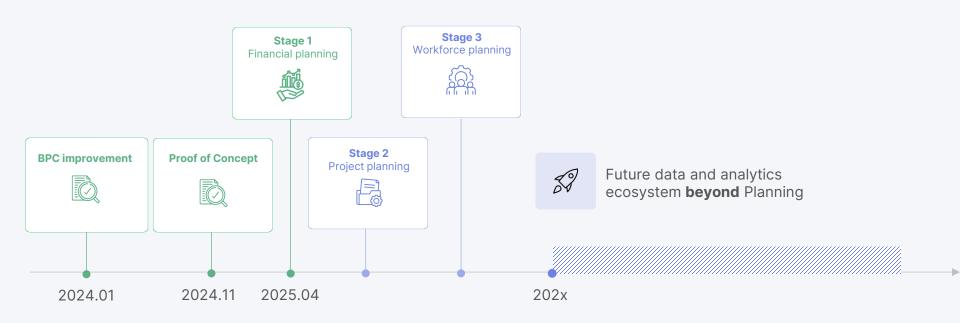
Why is University of Helsinki adopting Seamless planning?

- Single source of truth: data harmonization for planning and analysis in Datasphere No changes yet vs import models (OData connections x DSP objects)
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- DSP tenant needs to be at least 64GB + 16 vCPUs (high-compute) for equal SAC performance

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### **About Scandic Fusion**

A blend of Nordic & Baltic flavors.

- → We are 100% specialized in data & analytics and EPM.
- Our mission is to unleash the value in data.



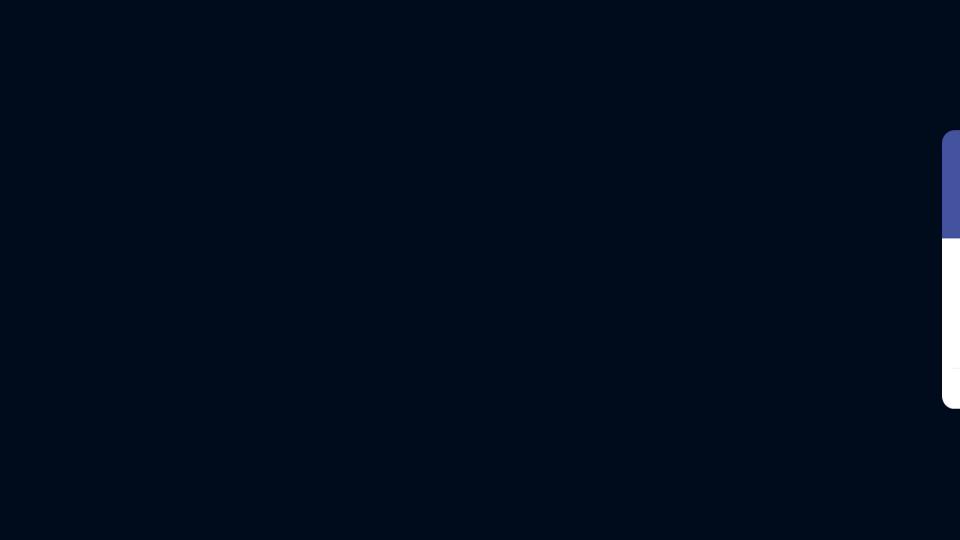




#### **TECHNOLOGIES**

#### DWH/BI

- SAP ♥ x15
- Microsoft
- Databricks
- Snowflake
- Qlik
- MicroStrategy
- Tableau
- Google
- Oracle
- Amazon & more



Are you ready for taking your planning to the next level with SAC?



# Join SAP Analytics Cloud for Planning: Technical Academy



- Real world use cases
- Live Demonstration of Financial, Sales and Workforce Planning
- Hands-on learning





Thank you! Questions?

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