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Equinor NextGen

Master Data Management



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We are headquartered in Stavanger, Norway.

A major supplier of energy to Europe, and our portfolio encompasses oil and gas, renewables, and low-carbon solutions. Equinor is a world-leading offshore operator, and an international pioneer in renewables and low-

carbon solutions.







NexUs ERP I What is changing in Master Data Management?



We aim to define Master Data Management (MDM) processes and policies for master data utilising the SAP MDG solution. We also oversee and drive MDM architecture, data models, tools and technology for the SAP MDG solution.

This includes combination of **organizational**, **process**, **technology** and **data** components to work together to ensure a safe and consistent approach for managing master data in a standardized way across Equinor.



Master Data Management Summary

- a new SAP tool for governing specific master data types including introduction of the new concept of business partner
- SAP MDG (Master Data Governance) ensures centralized governance, data quality, and compliance for master data
- Migration of cleansed data to the new system to improve process efficiency and reporting

MASTER DATA MANAGEMENT (MDM-SAP MDG)

Creating & maintaining a single source of truth for master data

Financial

Business Partner

Material



S/4 Master Data Governance - MDG

Key Changes per Area	
Financial MD General Ledger and CoA Profit Center Cost Center	 Introducing SAP MDG for governing of specific financial master data objects fulfilling compliance requirements
Business Partner MD	 Introducing SAP MDG for governing Business Partner Master Data Introducing new concept for Business Partner Master Data, covering customers and vendors. This will create a single point of entry and thereby reduce process time
Material MD FERT DIEN IT-equipment (ERSA) SERV (Lean Service)	 Introducing SAP MDG for governing Material Master Data Introducing a new way of treating services like material through the new MDG-M tool



Master Data Management Scope

lextGen ERP R1 Januray 2025 NexUSR2 anuary 2026 NexUs R3 anuary 2027

Future release



Financial	Material	Business Partner (Customer and Vendor)	Asset
Financial and controlling	Material type	Business Partner account group	Asset type
Chart of accounts	FERT – Finished goods	External BP (Procurement vendor, Sold-to-party customer)	Equipment Master
General ledger accounts	DIEN - Services	Internal Joint Venture Operator	Functional Locations
Cost centre	ERSA – Spare parts	External Joint Venture Operator	MRO Bill of Materials
Profit centre	HIBE - Op Supplies/ Consumables (TBD)	Intercompany	Linear Assets
	IBAU – Maintenance Assembly	Treasury	Tasks Lists
Hierarchies Cost centre Profit centre	POOL - Pool material	Employee as BP	Maintenance plans
	YTCP – Tool Crib	Housing	Measuring points
	VERP - Packaging	Plant	Maintenance item
	ZREP – REPETRO spare parts	PRA – Royalty Customer	Indicators
	SERV – Lean services	QLS - Quorum Lease Holder	Work centres

Overview of Master Data Objects Implemented in S/4







Business Partner (BP) Request Process for Post Implementation of SAP S4/HANA







New SAP / S4

Old SAP / ECC

Current implementation (UK) of account groups:

- Procurement Vendors and Sold-To-Party Customers
- Intercompany
- JV Internal





Master Data - Mass Processing in MDG

- Mass-tool Request (with approver-step)
- Mass-tool Direct (without approver-step)
- Automate Studio (Winshuttle)
- XK99, XD99, MASS
- LSMW

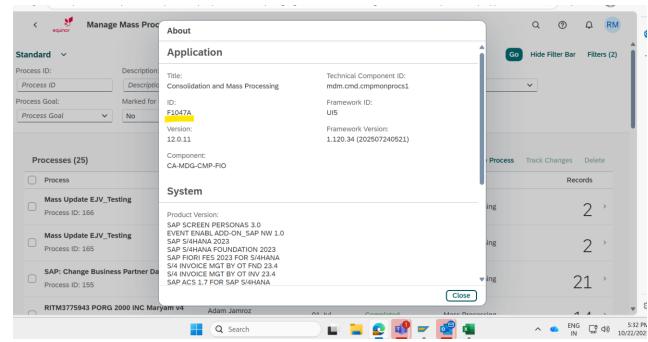
• Due to compliance it is preferred to create/maintain Master Data with approver-step





Benefits of Mass-tool (F1047A)

- Easy to use and based on an intuitive Excel template.
- Both requestor and approver can see how many records are to be updated.
- Built-in validation ensures that users and approvers receive messages whenever data does not comply with the validation rules.
- Ensures compliance.
- The workflow-driven approvals improves governance and control.
- Ensures auditability. All changes are logged.
- Faster response time to business needs.
- Reduced manual effort and reduced risk of human error.
- Change General data, Vendor-, Customer-data, Extensions







Prerequisites for Mass Processing

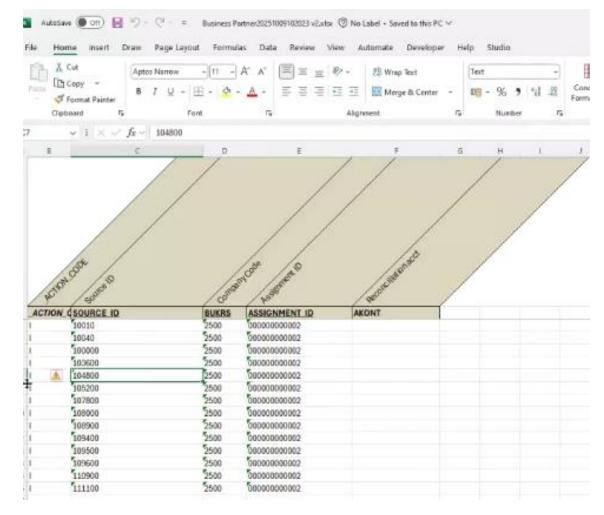
- Quality of Master data
- No open CR's in MDG
- Limit the number of records to change
- Authorization to select and download data
- Skilled person to analyse relevant data
- Requestor (technical person) with authorization to mass-tool
- Approver with authorization to mass-tool
- Tons of patience
- A good eye





Challenges with «Mass Processing With Request» (1:3)

- 1. Limited to app. 100 records
- 2. When prepare and upload excel file to masstool
 - Excel file leading zeroes are required on Vendor/Customer-number
 - One file for Customer
 - One file for Vendor







Challenges with «Mass Processing With Request» (2:3)

- 3. No possibilty to download complete error-log
- 4. Check if any have change requests (staging area)
 - Recommend to finalize current change requests

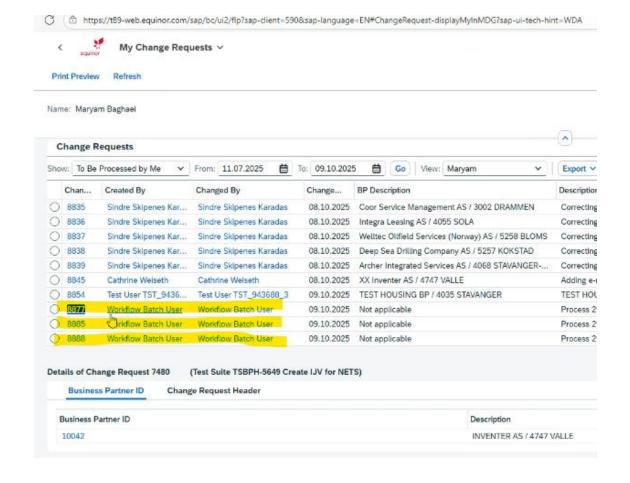






Challenges with «Mass Processing With Request» (3:3)

- 5. Creates multiple Change Requests
- During approval stops at first error message (and does not check the rest of the file) Error-log is descriptive
- Footprint batch-user and not «Approver»-user
- Active CR
- Splits one process id into multiple MDG-requests
- No overview of how many MDG-request have been created for one request
- 6. Authorization can be a challenge we had to provide our Approver with Requestor-role







Challenges with «Mass Processing Direct» without approval-step

- Limited to app. 5000 records
- No request for approval (compliance issue)
- When prepare and upload excel file to mass-tool
 - Excel file leading zeroes are required on Vendor/Customer-number
 - One file for Customer
 - One file for Vendor
- Check if any have change requests (staging area) Important!
 - Change request will be corrupted and must be deleted
 - Recommend to: Exclude BP's with CR, or finalize current CR

- Stops at first error message (and does not check the rest of the file) Error-log is descriptive
- Footprint batch-user and not «Approver»-user
- Authorization can be a challenge
- No possibilty to download complete error-log



Observations During Mass Processing

- No possibility to customise level of validations
- Mass-tool (direct) do not notify that there is an existing Change Request on same BP
- Only batch user is visible do not know who is Requestor
- After sending request Requestor is able to delete CR from his view
- Rejected/"Send for review" by Approver, not received by Requestor (missing config.?)
- "Withdraw" had to be executed by Approver





Mass Processing - Requirements

BP/Vendor/Customer

- Create/maintain +1000k records
- Descriptive error log
- Fix errors directly via the tool?

Material

- Create/maintain minimum 10k+ records
 - Required to enable plant data changes. Wishlist would be 100.000+ as there is a regularly mass changes on all data (ref. IOTA and MRP settings)
- Tool needs to be able to separated between success and failure. Successes are processed and put into the system, failures should be possible to change in system or export out in mass upload template
- To enable wider use, specialized templates should be available for different types of changes or material types





Lessons Learned

- Users must receive thourough training to ensure effective use of the application.
- Understanding of the application.
- Access to monitoring tools such as SRT_MONI is essential for relevant users involved in mass processing.
- High master data quality is critical for the successful operation of the tool.

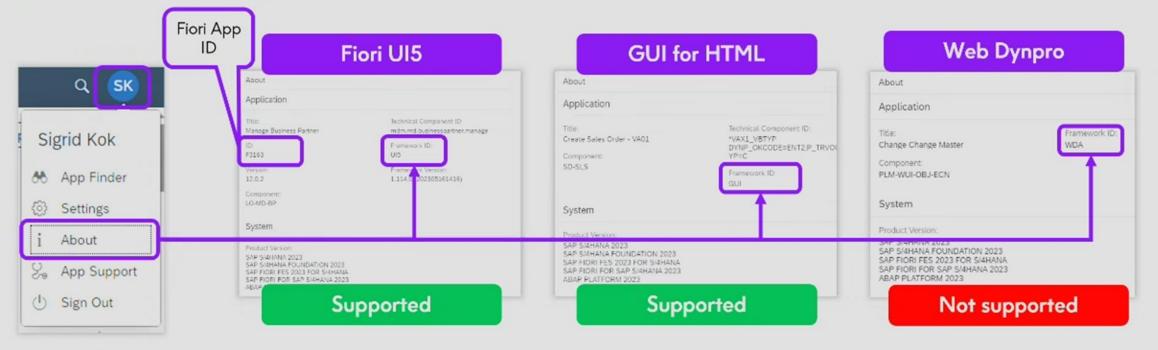
- Reducing the number of records per upload minimizes the risk of errors.
- When operating both S/4 and ECC in parallel, it is necessary to maintain synchronization between systems.
- Only approvers have the authority to withdraw change requests.
- Due to record limitations, alternative mass update solutions are being considered.





How to check your Fiori App type

- Open your Fiori app then click on your picture/initials on the top right corner then click About
- You will see the app information notice the Framework ID UI5 = Fiori or GUI = GUI for HTML or WDA for Web Dynpro
 - Tip: If you click to open an app & it opens a new tab in the browser, it is usually not a "proper" Fiori UI5 app, usually that is GUI for HTML

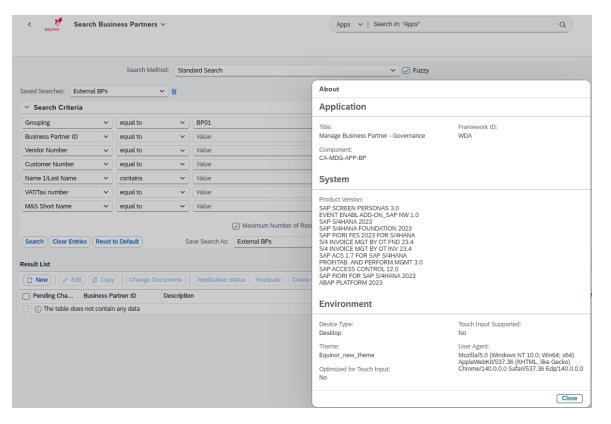


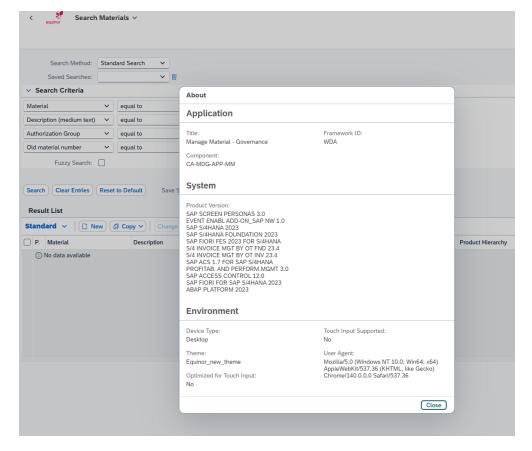




MDG – Web Dynpro

• Unfortunately for Equinor, we have implemented the web dynpro-version and will not be able to utilize Automate Studie on MDG-BP/M/F without compliance-issue.







Demo by Adam





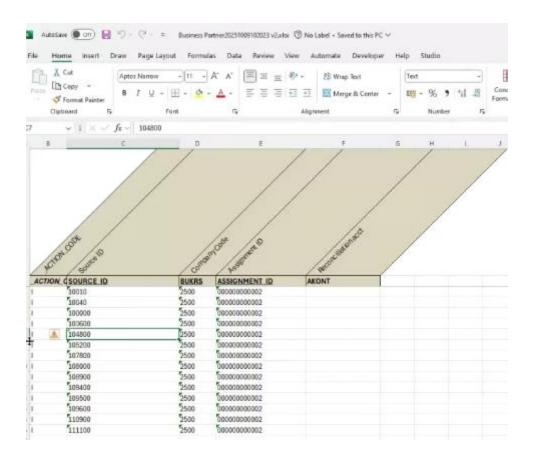




DEMO – Backup-slides for – Mass Processing With Approval Step

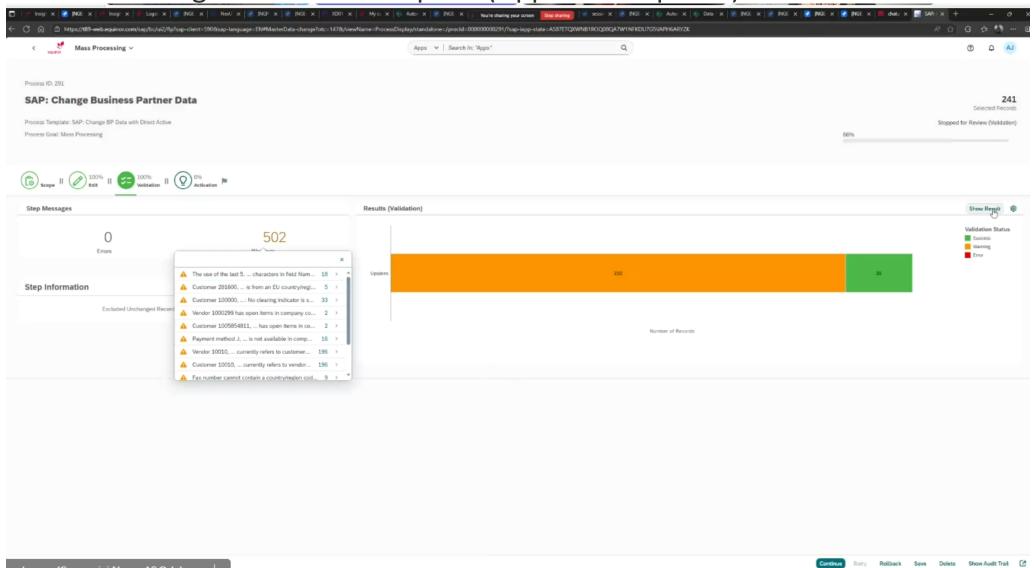






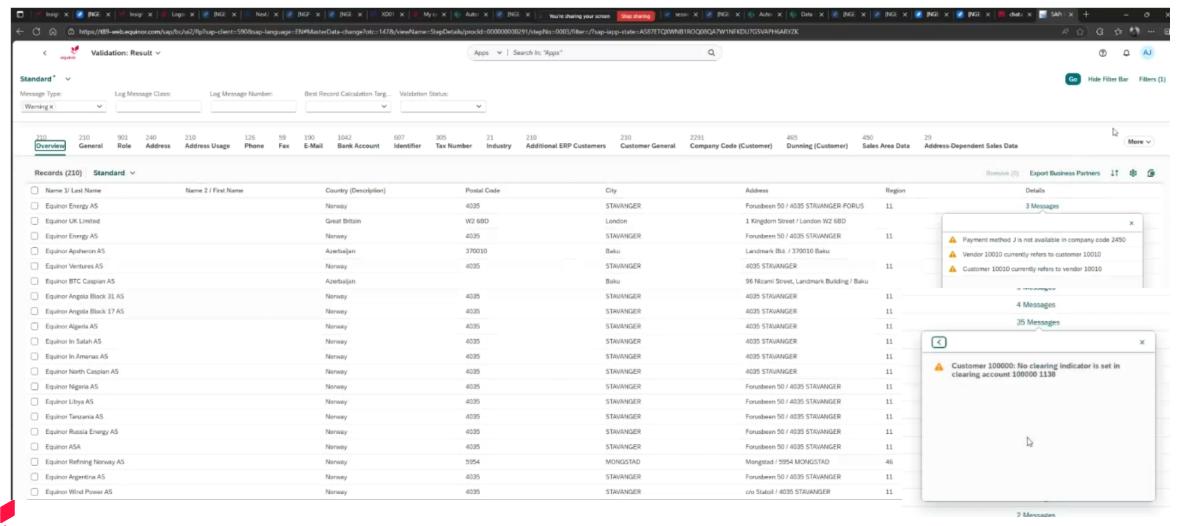




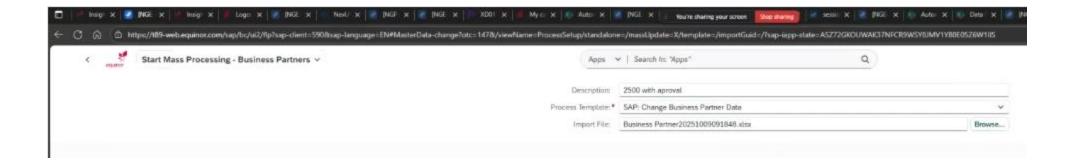






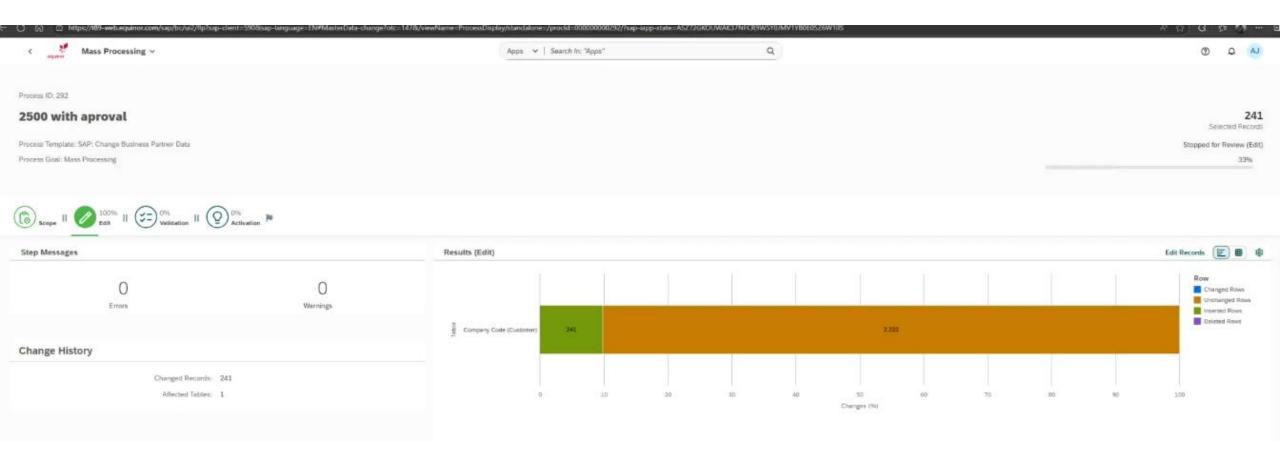






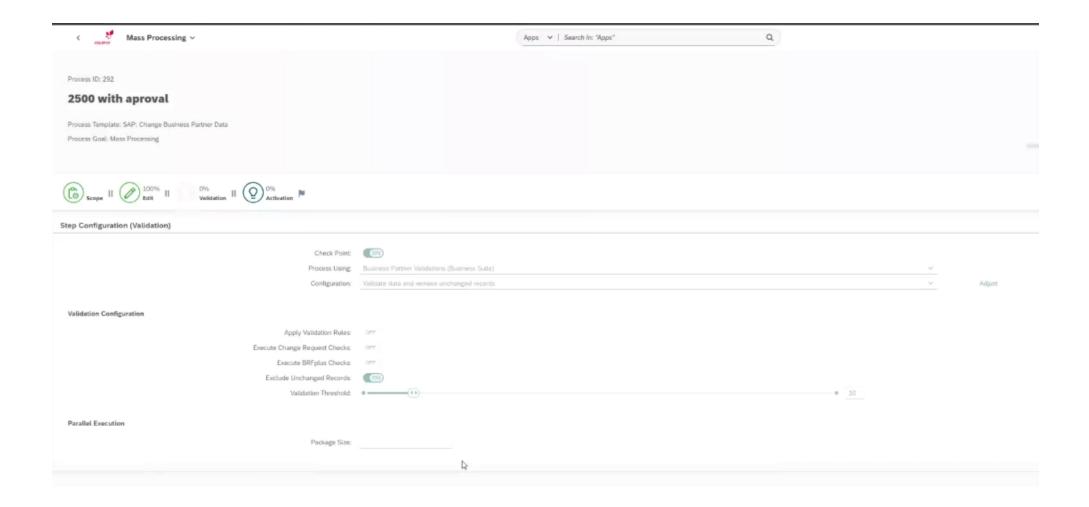












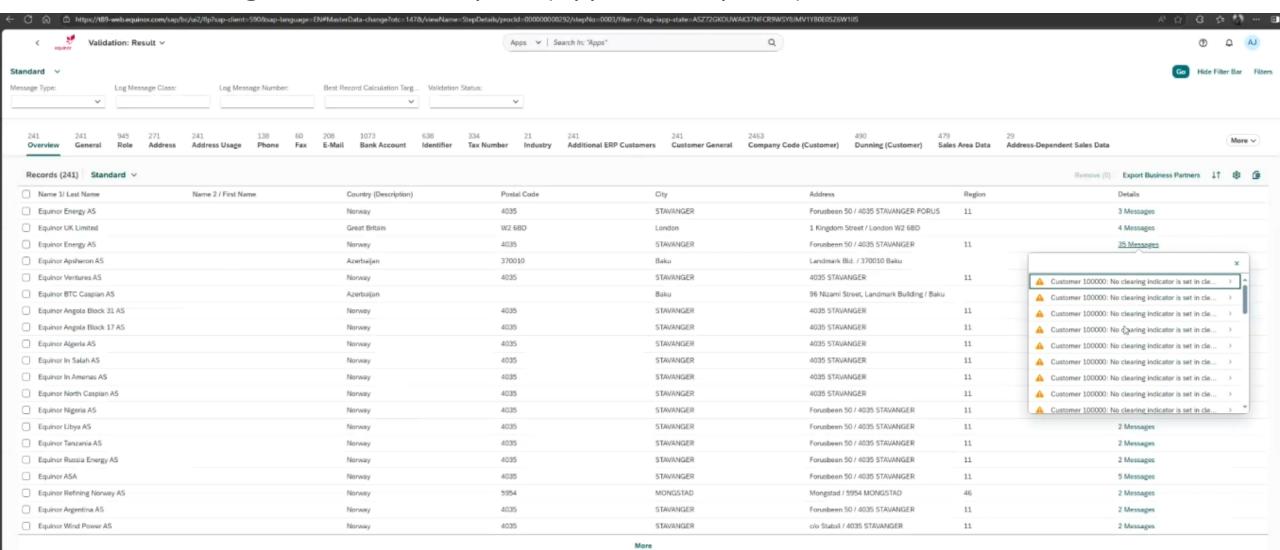






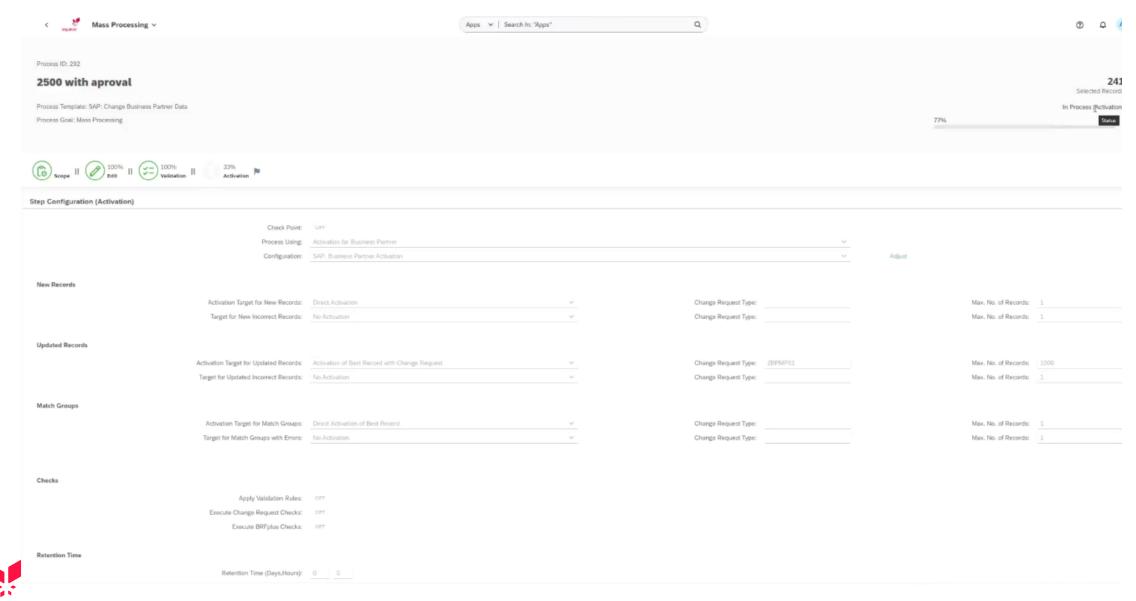




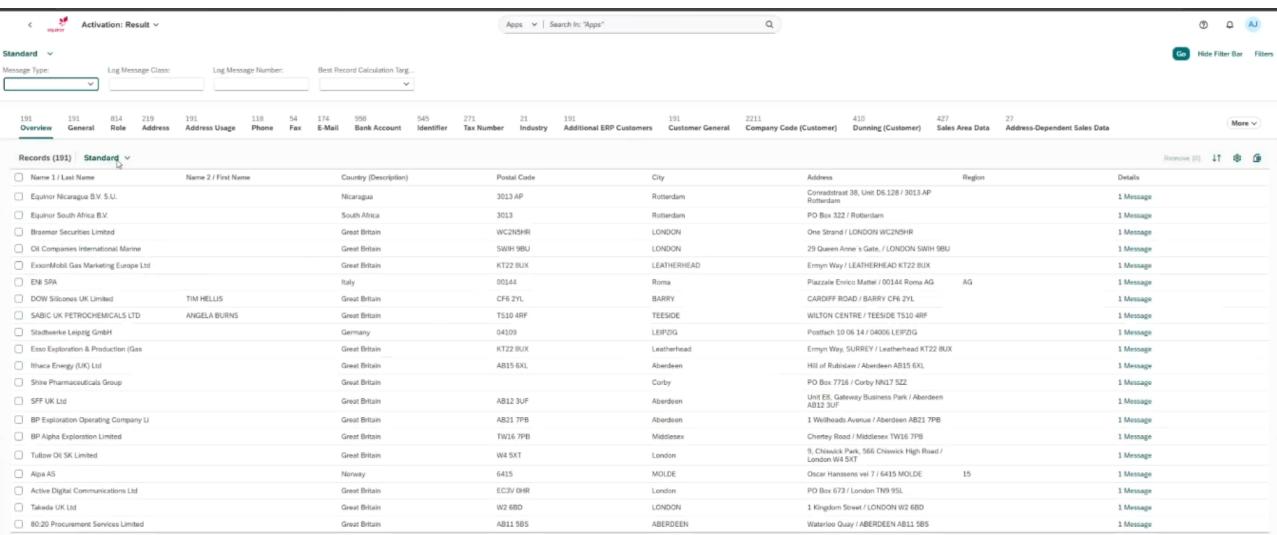








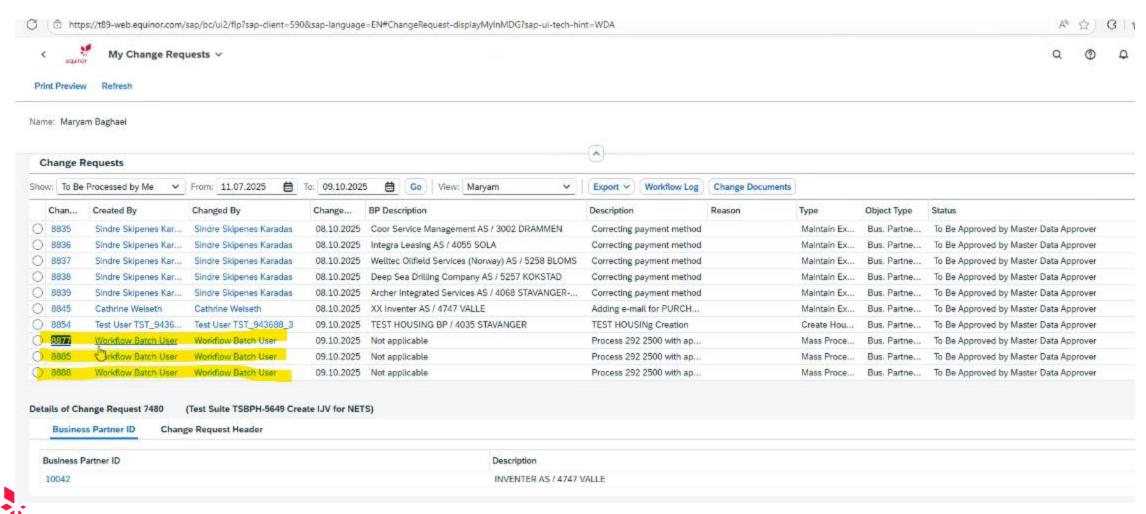






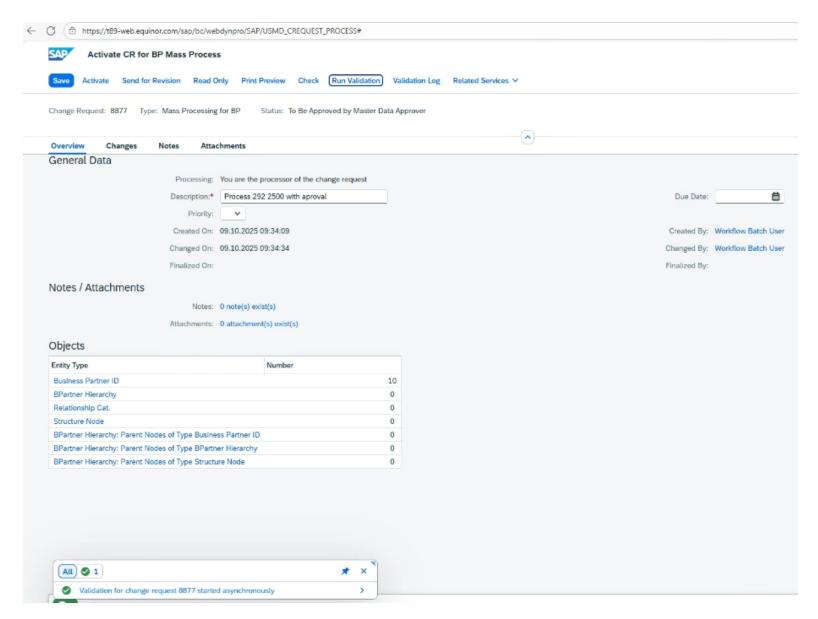


Approver receives the requests, divided into 3





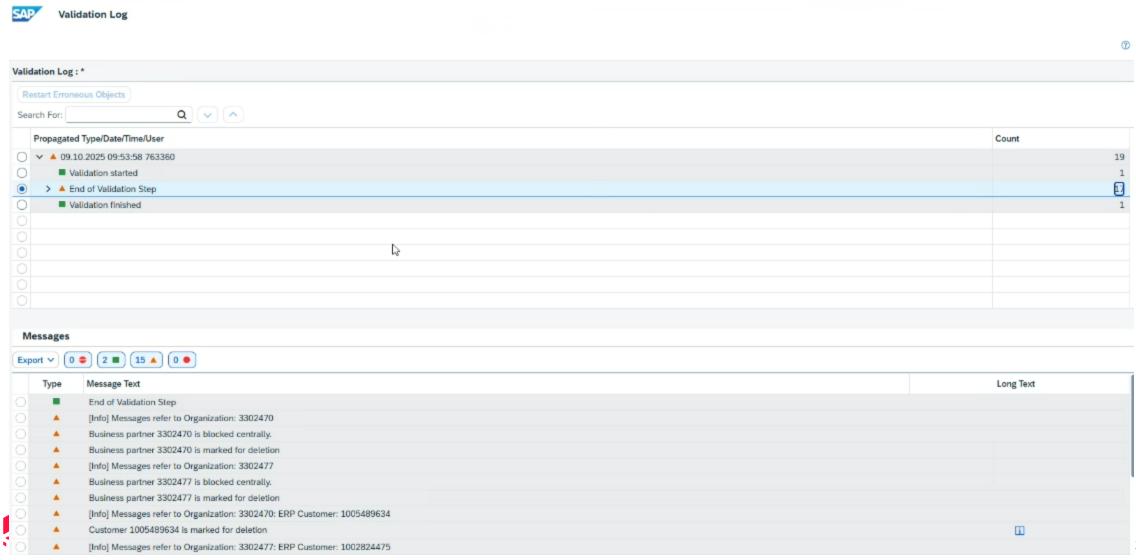
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Approver run Validation log:



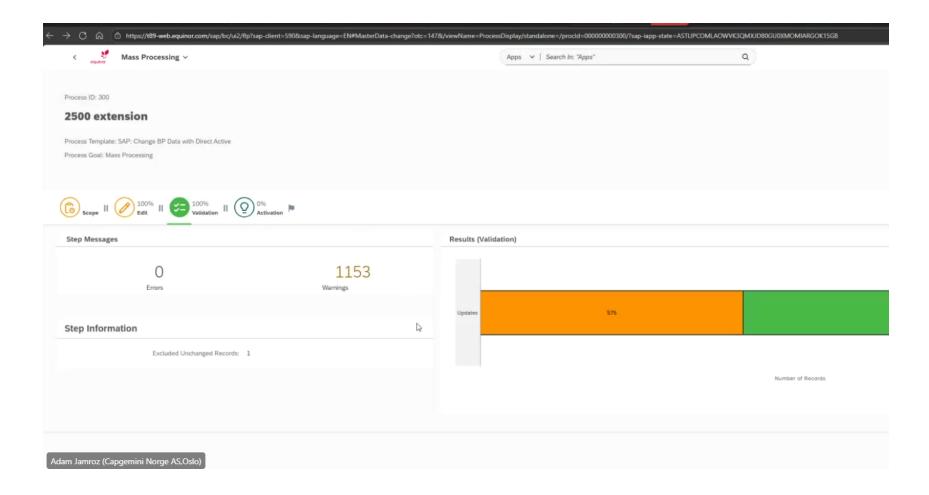


DEMO – Backup-slides for – Mass update Direct





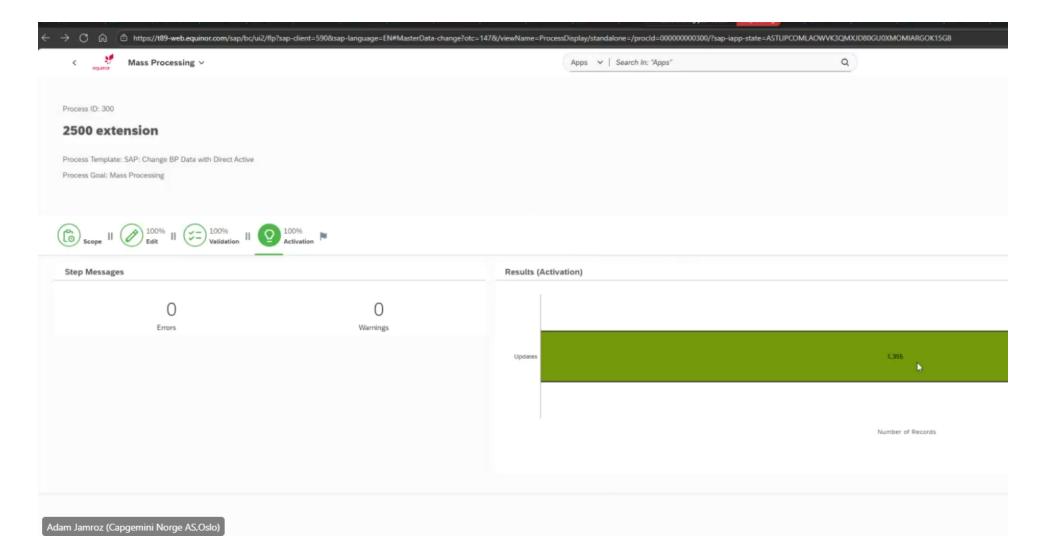
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

ANY MORE QUESTIONS?





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