

SUCCESS STORY

EUROCOPTER

Migration of SAP information system



Eurocopter entrusted Sopra Steria with the version upgrade of its SAP 4.6 information system to SAP ECC 6.0, together with the activation of the Aerospace and Defence business module. A project realised in record time.

Eurocopter is the world's leading helicopter manufacturer, with close to 10,000 civil and military helicopters in use in 140 different countries.

Background & Challenges

Eurocopter's IT Department decided on the migration of its SAP 4.6 information system to SAP ECC 6.0, together with activation of the Aerospace and Defence (A&D) business module.

The aim? To maintain the level of its technological leadership and, at the same time, anticipate future development.

Sopra Steria Solution

In July 2008, Eurocopter entrusted Sopra Steria, a long-time partner of SAP, with the version upgrade of its SAP 4.6 information system to SAP ECC 6.0, together with activation of the A&D.

With one of the largest databases in the world - 6 Tb, some 16,000 transactions carried out every day by 12,000 people - the project covers :

- all Eurocopter's business aspects (assembly, sales, purchasing, controlling, accounting and administration),
- all the Group's entities (based in France, Germany and Spain), including its 2 subsidiaries in the United States and Australia.

The operation became even more complicated when, at the end of 2008, Eurocopter decided that the time for the switchover of its new Information System to ECC6 be shortened to April 2009, followed by activation of the A&D module in July. This new constraint further intensified the stages of the project with the need to guarantee the complete version upgrade with as little impact as possible on the business and its users.

Completing in less than 8 months what was scheduled for 18, at the same time keeping to a period of 3 days for non-availability of the IS, enabled Sopra Steria, once again, to show its expertise in critical operations.

Customer Benefits

- Capability to anticipate company's future development
- Making available an IS that is permanent and easy to maintain



“ Knowledge of our information system, plus the experience of Sopra Steria teams in large-scale SAP migration projects, confirmed our choice of service company. The high quality of the management (maximum responsiveness and flexibility) and the dedicated involvement of Eurocopter and Sopra Steria teams enabled us to make a success of this complex migration operation. ”

BERNARD JEFFROY,
Eurocopter's CIO

“ We are extremely proud to have contributed to this operation which opens up strategic possibilities for our customer's information system. This project is a perfect illustration of the balance between the level of industrialisation and optimum adaptation to customer constraints and needs specific to Sopra Steria. ”

XAVIER PECQUET,
the Sopra Steria Project
Management Director



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