

Sodern migrates to SAP S/4HANA to better serve their users

About Sodern

Sodern is a mid-size (500 staff) business who produce star trackers for satellites to orient themselves in space, and neutron systems to detect and analyse materials. SAP enables most of their processes, from finance to inventory and production management.

Objective

Currently equipped with SAP ECC 6 on Oracle, the Paris-based company decided to launch their migration to SAP S/4HANA so they could plan and execute the project in time and avoid a rushed, forced migration when ECC is discontinued.

Action

Following a competitive tender, Sodern selected PASàPAS to deliver this project, on account of their proposed methodology, their consultants' expertise and their knowledge of Sodern's systems.

The project started in 2020 and due to COVID, the teams had to adjust to working remotely. The climate of trust established with the PASàPAS team was a key success factor. Timelines were adjusted to allow for more testing and reduce the regression risk.

THE PROCESS



Whilst PASàPAS carried out most of the technical operations in the conversion, the project was managed to ensure that Sodern's IT teams who host and support their SAP systems could continue doing so after go-live.



The conversion was completed over a weekend, and was a resounding success, due in part to the governance model introduced by Sodern to involve business users and IT, but also to thorough testing and to PASàPAS' experience of conversions.

RESULTS



A successful remote conversion enabled by our experienced SAP S/4HANA team



A customer team able to host and support their S/4HANA systems autonomously



Opportunities to start activating Fiori tiles and implement new functionality

“When it comes to the use of SAP, we are now **ahead** of the market. This will allow us to avoid a subsequent forced migration and **better** meet the needs of our users. ”