NEXT PROJECT V4.1

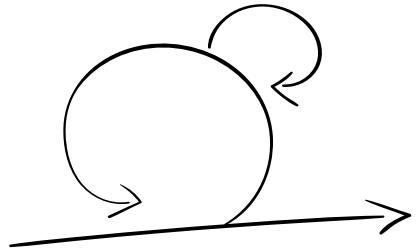
Highlights – Improvements compared to V4.0

© next level consulting

Support for agile approaches

Our support for agile approaches

- We have listened to our internal experts and you, the range of approaches and expectations to PM software is considerable
- next project continues to focus on project management support and not on daily operational task management (no substitute for haptic boards or established agile tools).
- Optionally, however, the backlog in next project can be set up and a clear sprint plan derived, or project controlling can be supplemented by sprint statistics. We orient ourselves on Scrum in terms of terms and methods.
- In addition, individual options were added which were specifically designed to support agile approaches, but can also be used for other applications.



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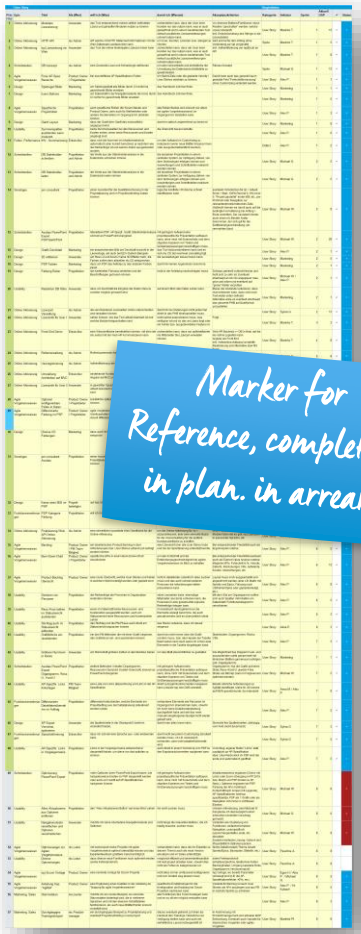
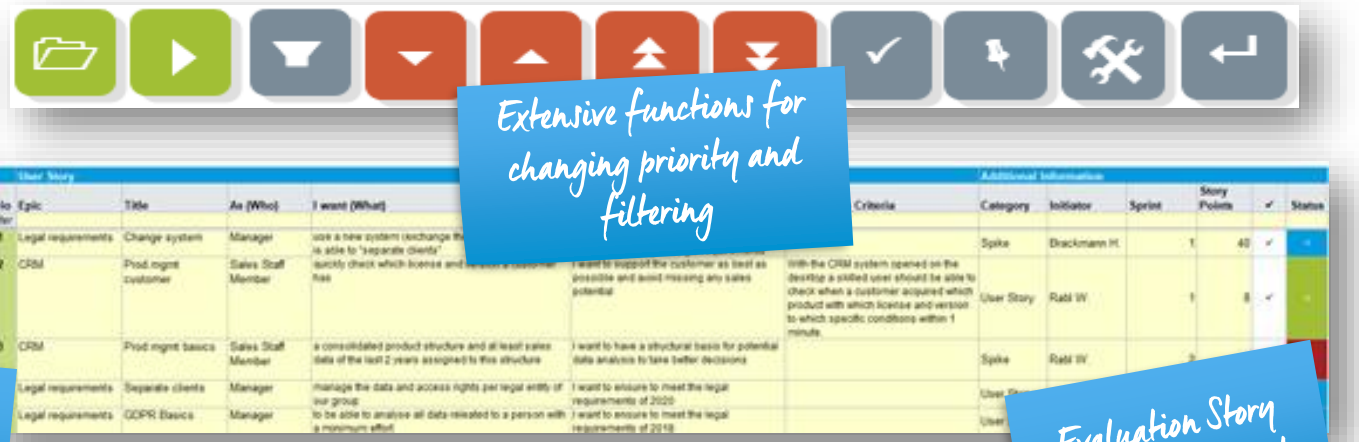




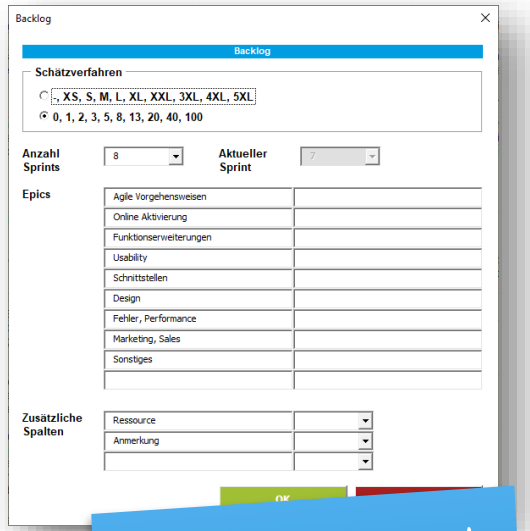
Extensive functions for changing priority and filtering

Marker for Reference, completed, in plan. in arrears

Evaluation Story Points and Sprint

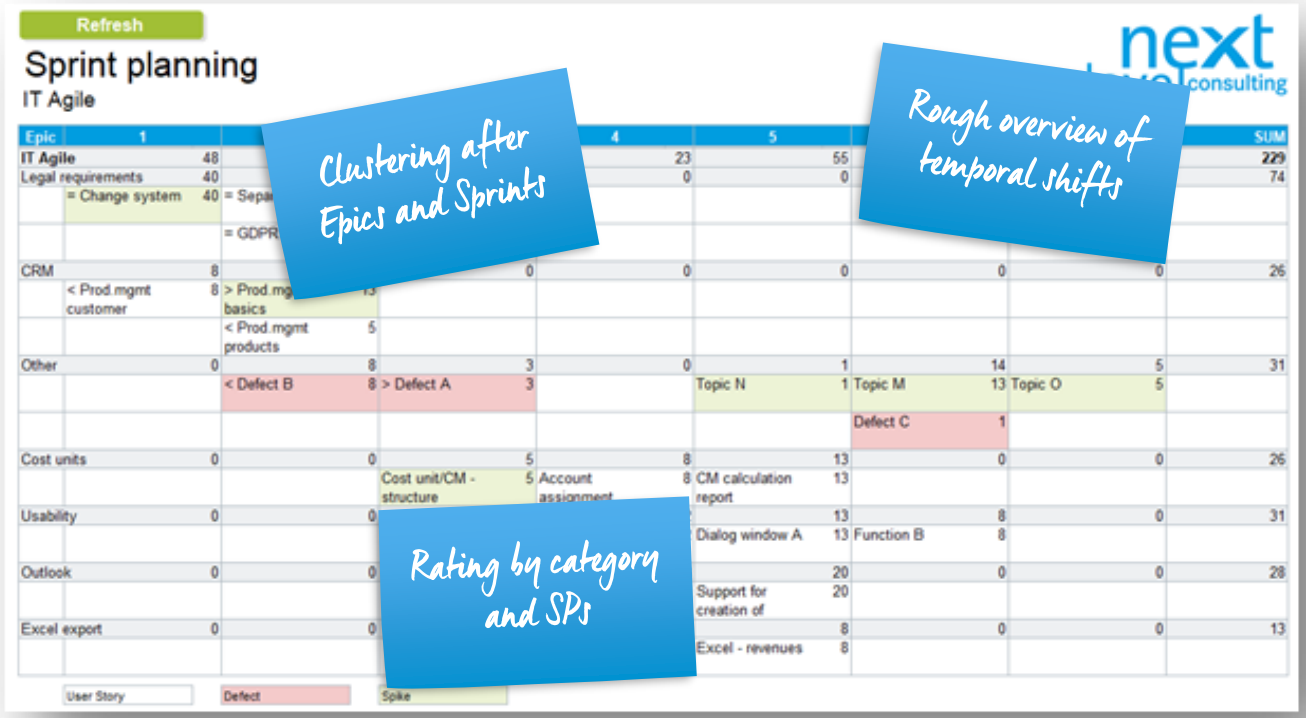
Assignment to an Epic

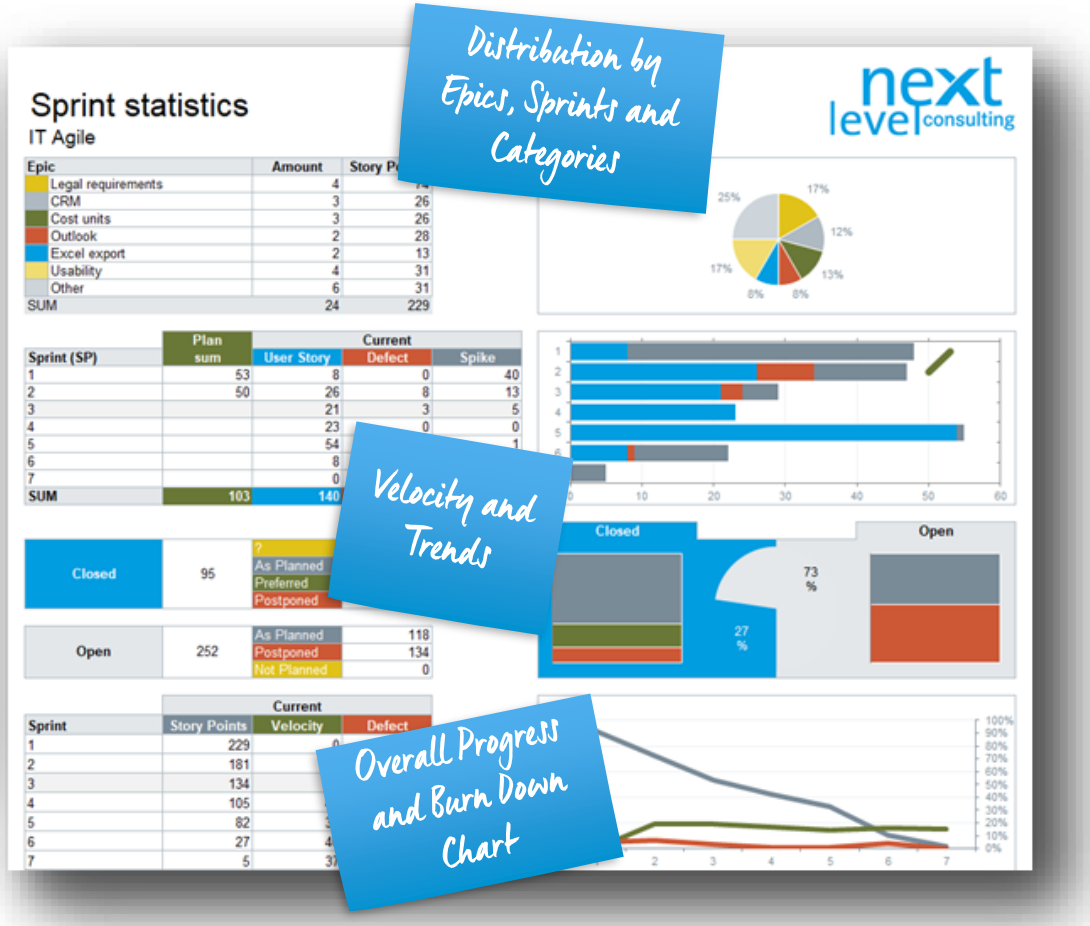
Categorization User Story, Error, Spike



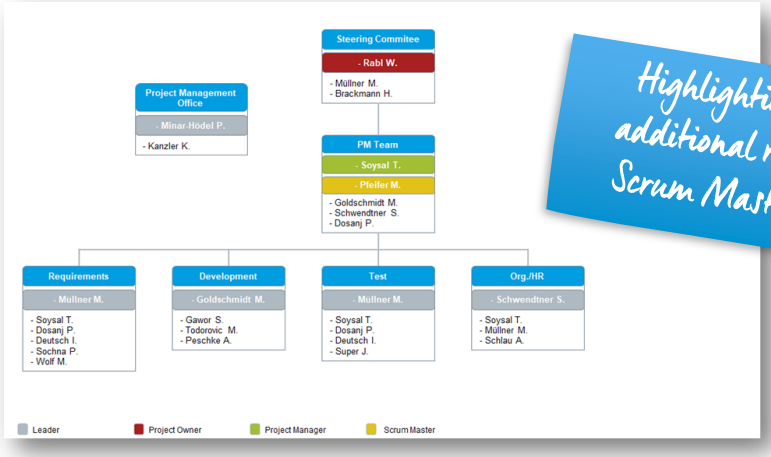
Options: Estimation, Sprints, Epics, Custom Columns

Sprint Planning and Sprint Statistics

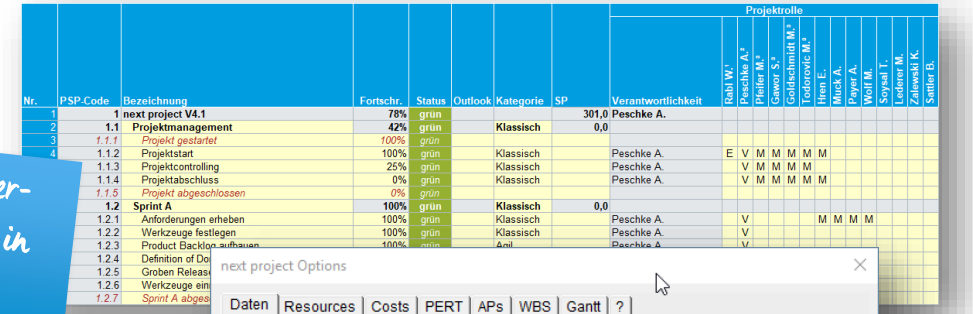




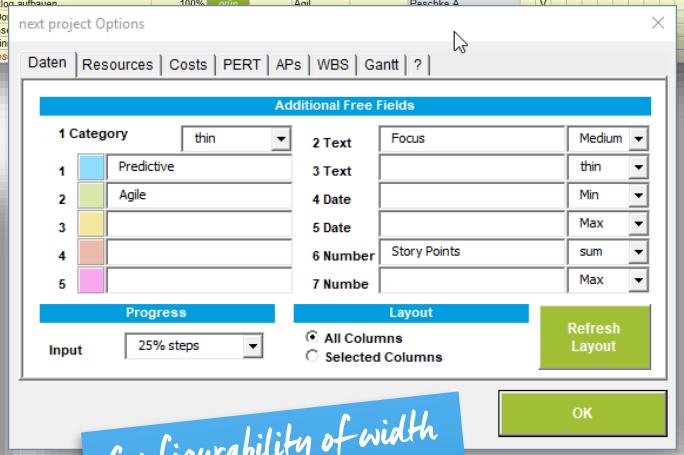
Various additional options



Highlighting additional role Scrum Master



Additional user-defined fields in data sheet

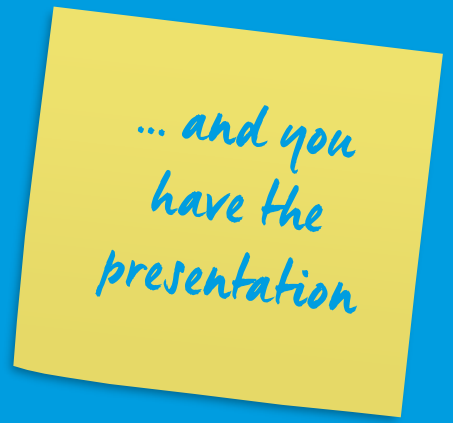


Configurability of width and collection process calculation

Additional complexity in the table of contents

Differentiation of work packages according to category classic/agile

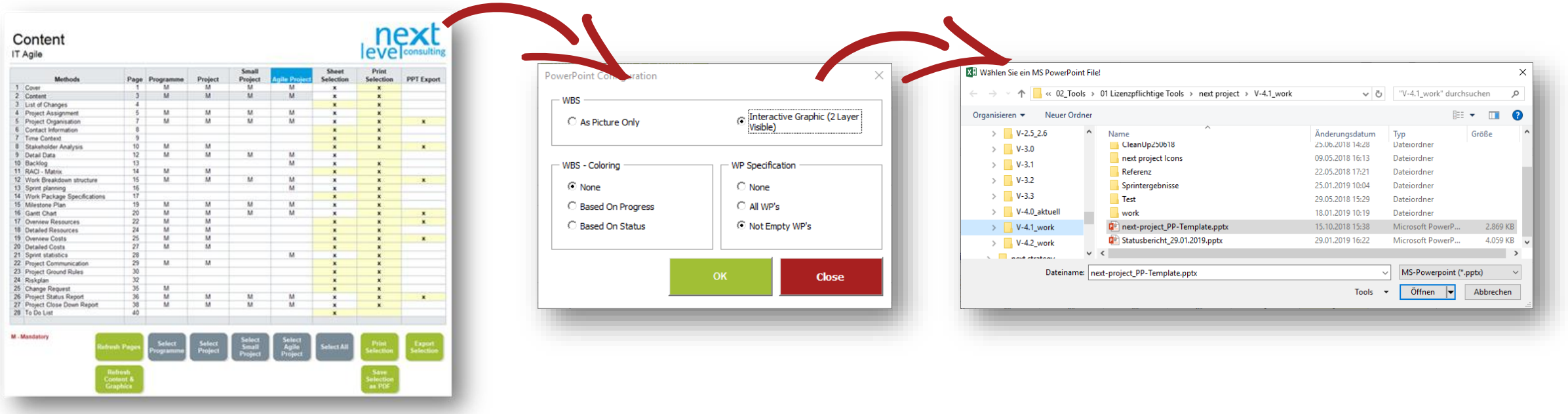
Extension MS PowerPoint Export



Comprehensive configuration options

> In the new version, 6 methods can be exported to PowerPoint in addition to the status report via the table of contents.

> There are several options for the WBS display



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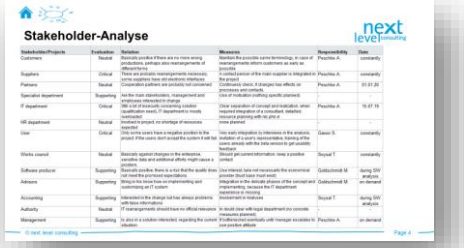
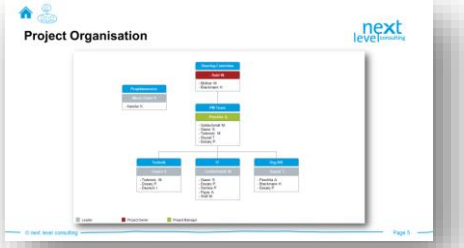
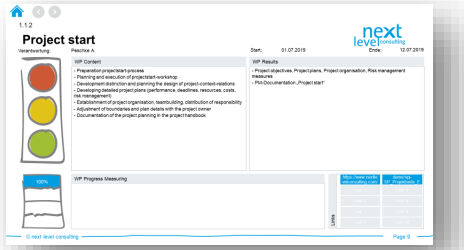
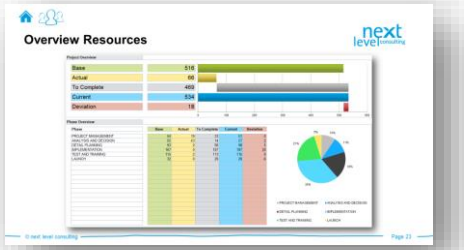
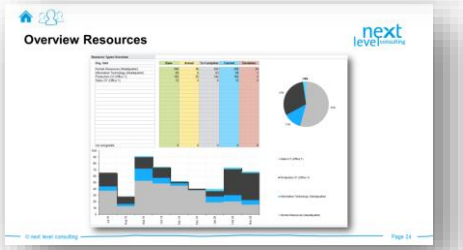
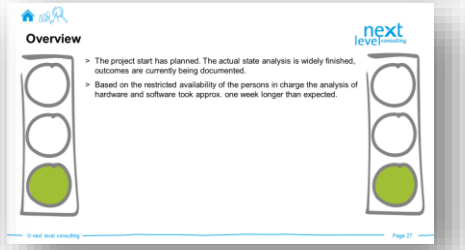


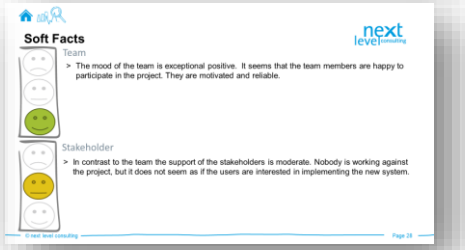


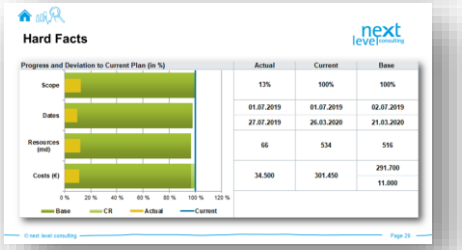


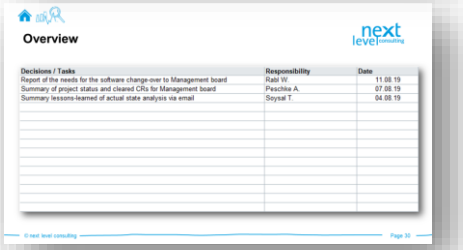






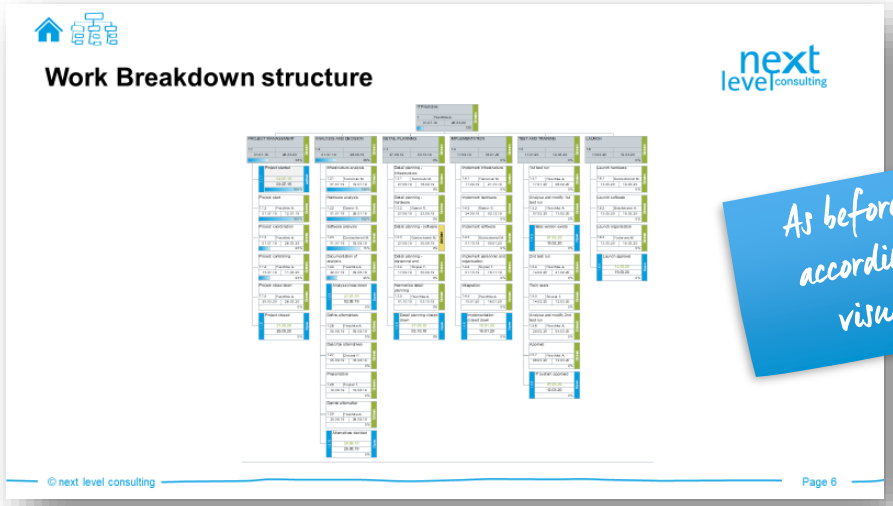






Depending on the selected methods, options and number of work packages, presentation has 6 to 100+ slides.

Alternative WBS representations



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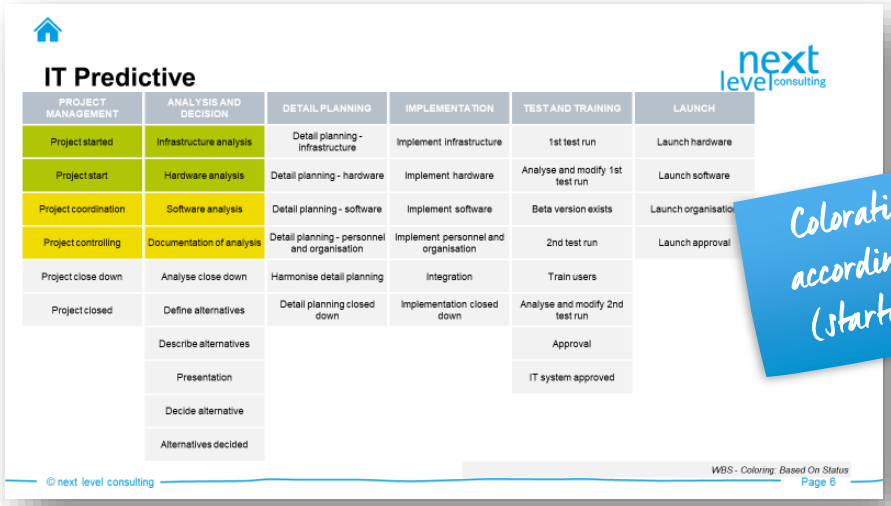
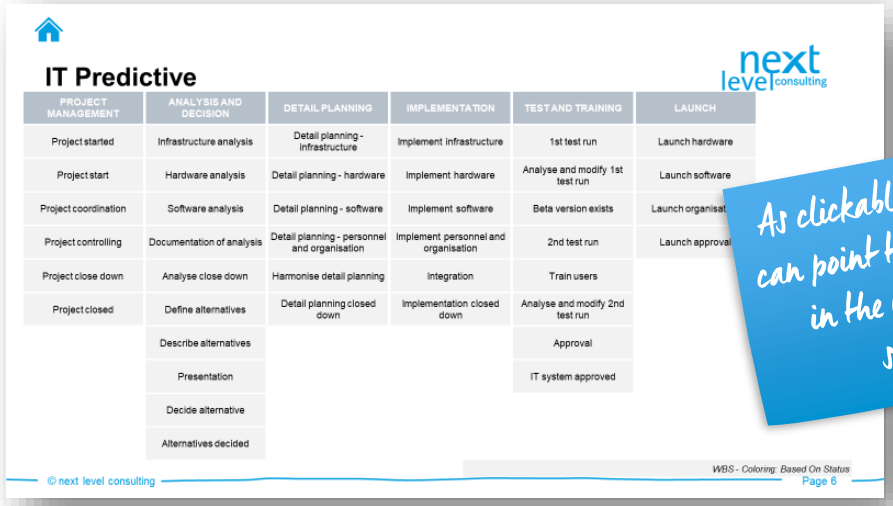
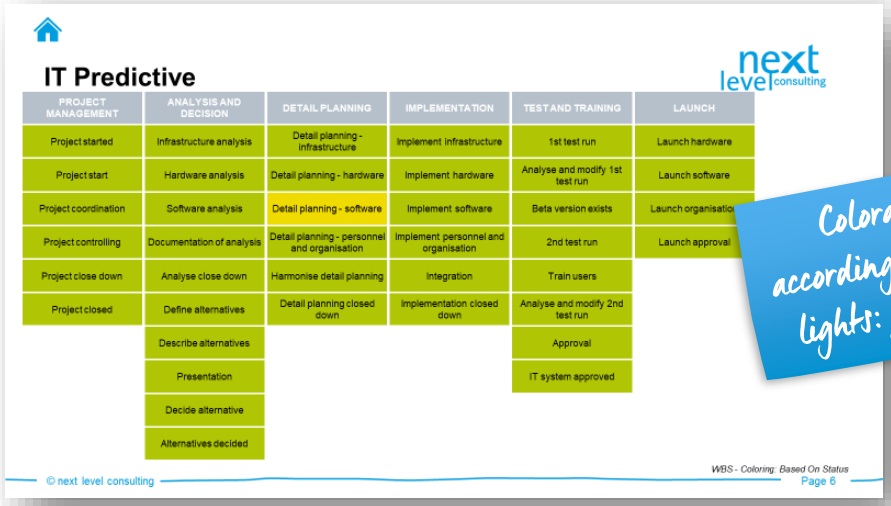


Coloration of knots according to progress (started, finished)

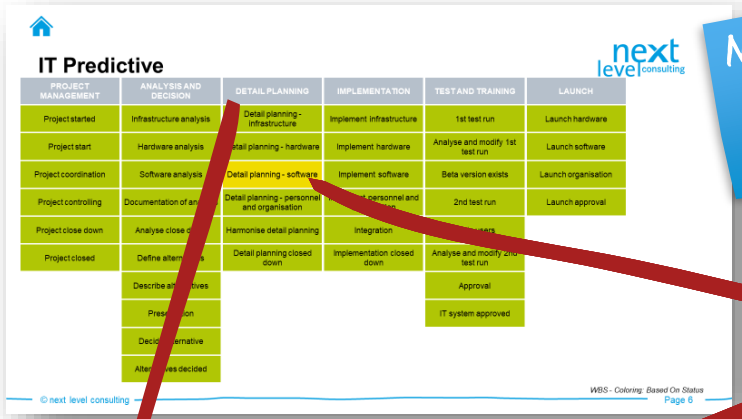


As clickable nodes that can point to deeper levels in the WBS or WP specific.

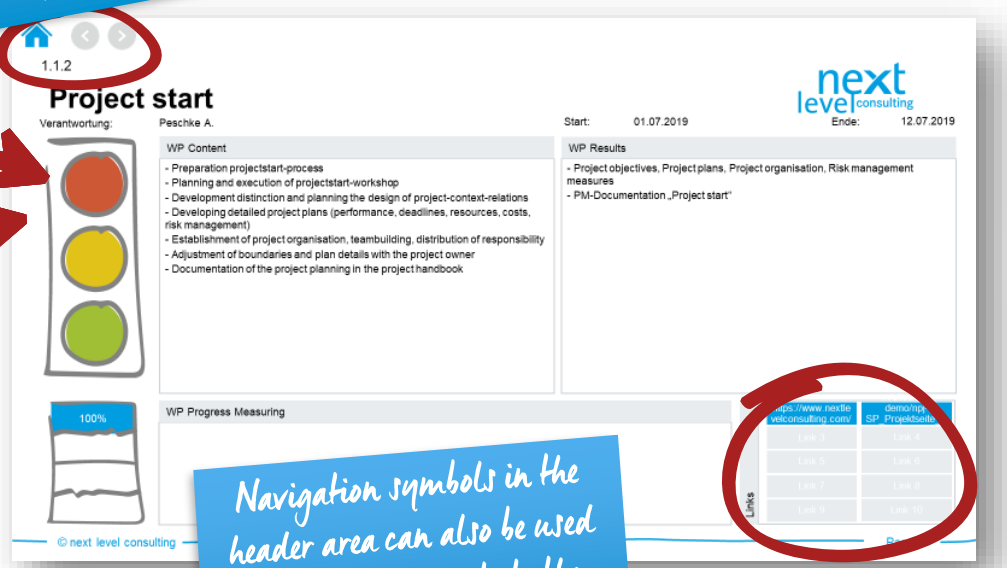


Coloration of nodes according to status (traffic lights: green, yellow, red)

Navigation by touchpad

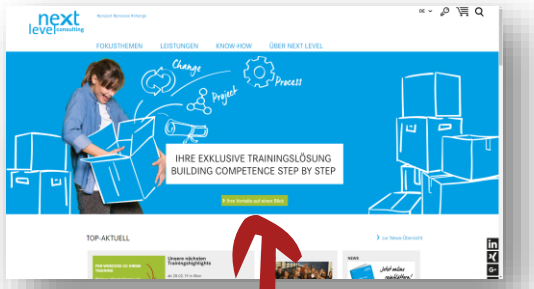


Nodes in WBS are linked to deeper levels and WP specifications.



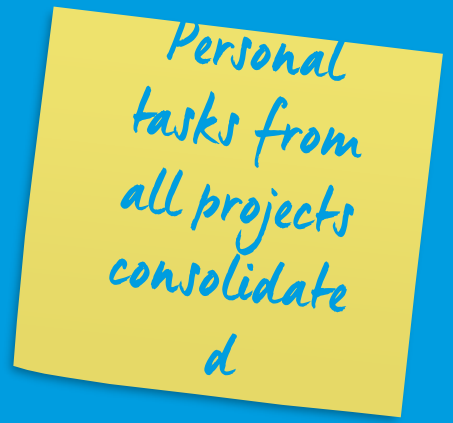
Directly as PowerPoint or as PDF, navigation via touch screen is also possible.

Navigation symbols in the header area can also be used to quickly navigate to the WBS or next WP.

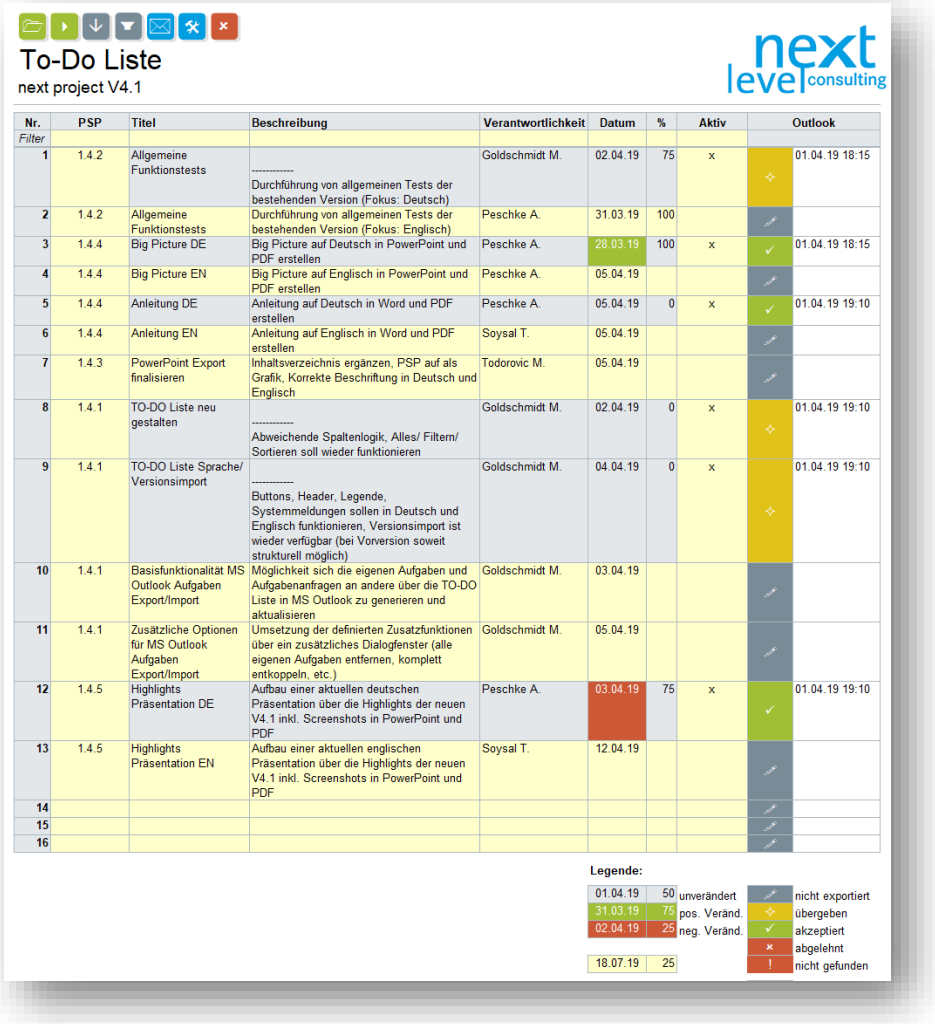


If the links of the WP specification are used, you can navigate directly from the WP to the result documents.

Additional MS Outlook interface



Adapt To Do list



To-Do Liste

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7	1.4.3	PowerPoint Export finalisieren	Inhaltsverzeichnis ergänzen, PSP auf als Grafik, Korrekte Beschriftung in Deutsch und Englisch	Todorovic M.	05.04.19			⁄	
8	1.4.1	TO-DO Liste neu gestalten	---------- Abweichende Spaltenlogik, Alles/ Filtern/ Sortieren soll wieder funktionieren	Goldschmidt M.	02.04.19	0	x	✧	01.04.19 19:10
9	1.4.1	TO-DO Liste Sprache/ Versionsimport	---------- Buttons, Header, Legende, Systemmeldungen sollen in Deutsch und Englisch funktionieren, Versionsimport ist wieder verfügbar (bei Vorversion soweit strukturell möglich)	Goldschmidt M.	04.04.19	0	x	✧	01.04.19 19:10
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Legende:

01.04.19	50	unverändert	nicht exportiert
31.03.19	75	pos. Veränd.	übergeben
02.04.19	25	neg. Veränd.	akzeptiert
			abgelehnt
18.07.19	25		nicht gefunden

- Different columns (especially based on the new Outlook Tasks interface)
- Differentiation of short titles and detailed description, instead of status there is progress now and active/inactive
- Adaptation of the button system to the rest of the tool (icons at top left)
- Addition of color indicators and icons for the MS Outlook task interface (whether editable, accepted/rejected, etc.)

Interface to MS Outlook tasks

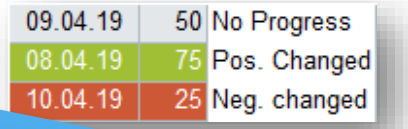
You can sort and filter as before

Additional functions for synchronization with Outlook

Indicators whether the task is manual or synchronized with Outlook

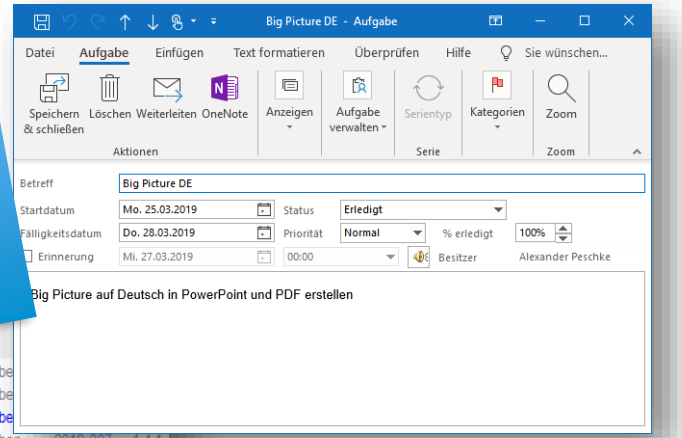
Indicators whether task handed over was accepted or rejected

About MS TO-DO the current task overview in the trouser pocket



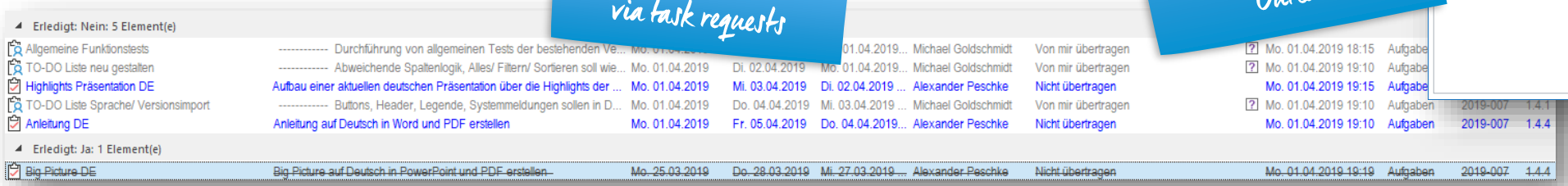
Indicators whether date postponed or progress has changed

Timestamp when the task was last synchronized with Outlook



Feedback about progress, appointment and comments via tasks in Outlook

Distribution of TO-DOs via task requests



Virtual Consultant

Opening npj virtual consultant

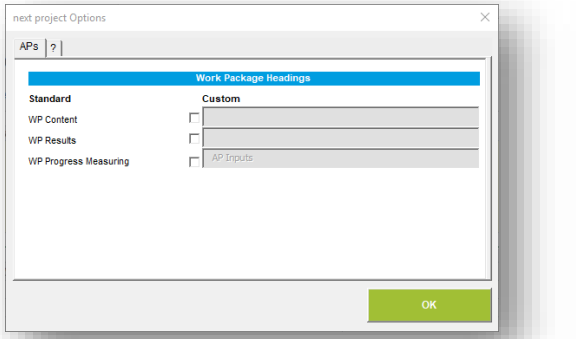
The virtual consultant supports the identification of logical planning errors (e.g. an WP is scheduled for the future, but progress has already been recorded).

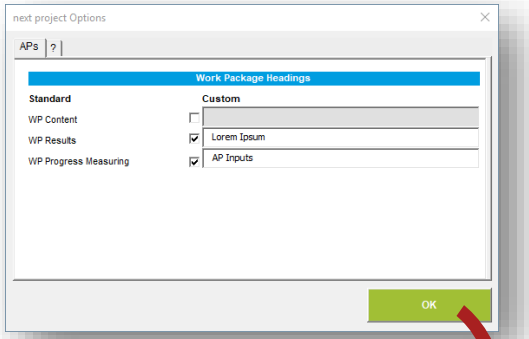
Checking inconsistencies in the project plan

The virtual consultant cannot check whether durations, expenses or costs have been realistically estimated, but whether planning parameters fit together sensibly.

Work Package Specification

Flexibility in field use





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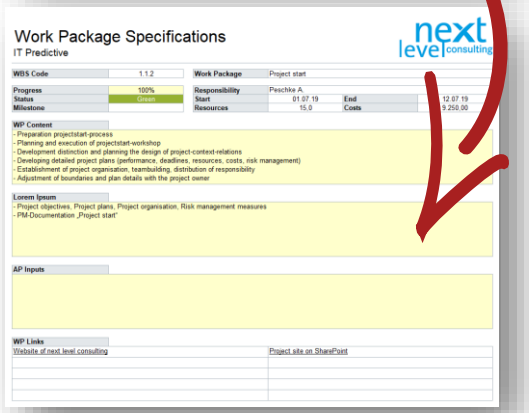

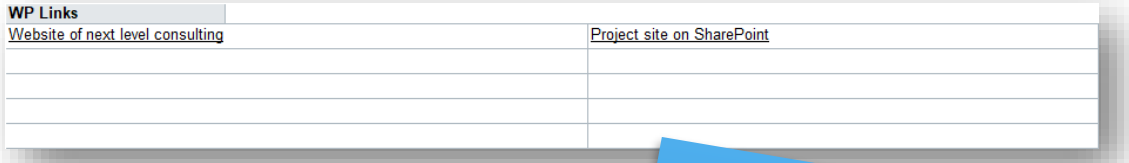

Select Hyperlink

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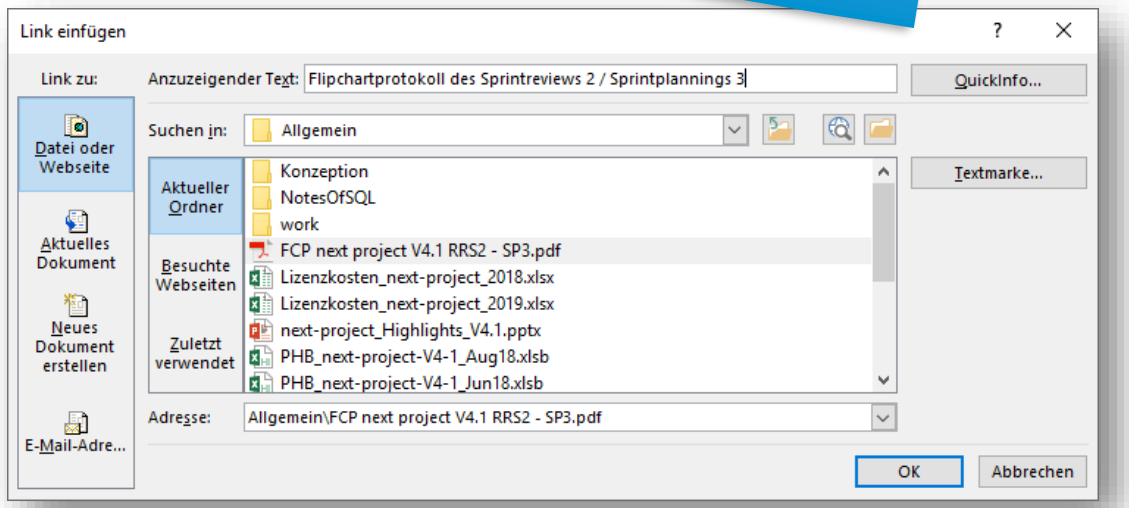
10 free links to refer to e.g. result documents



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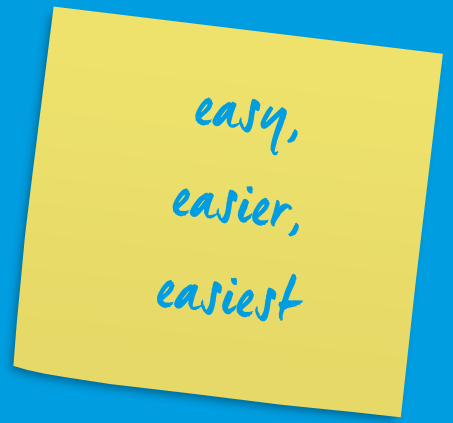
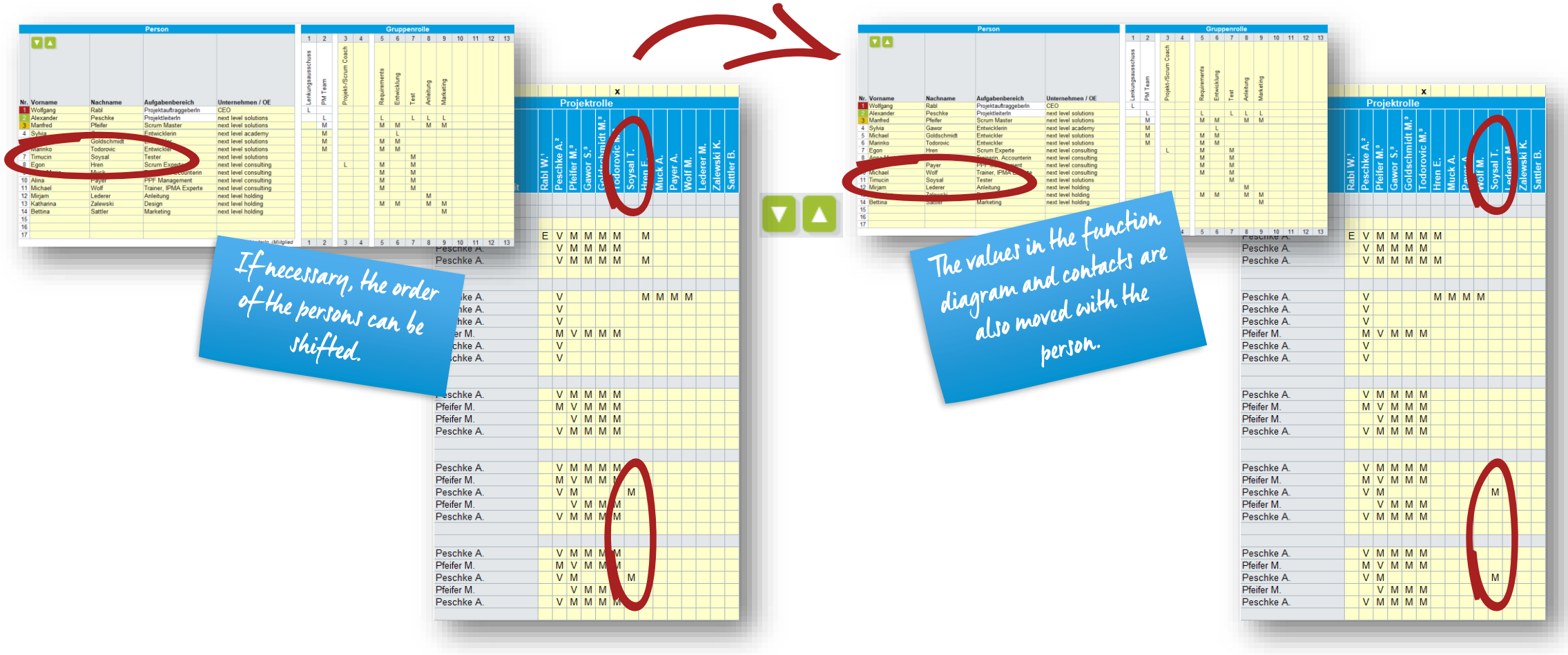


Transfer of detailed planning into the project assignment

> Differentiated transfer of deadlines, main tasks, resources/costs and organisation into the project assignment

Shifts in project organisation



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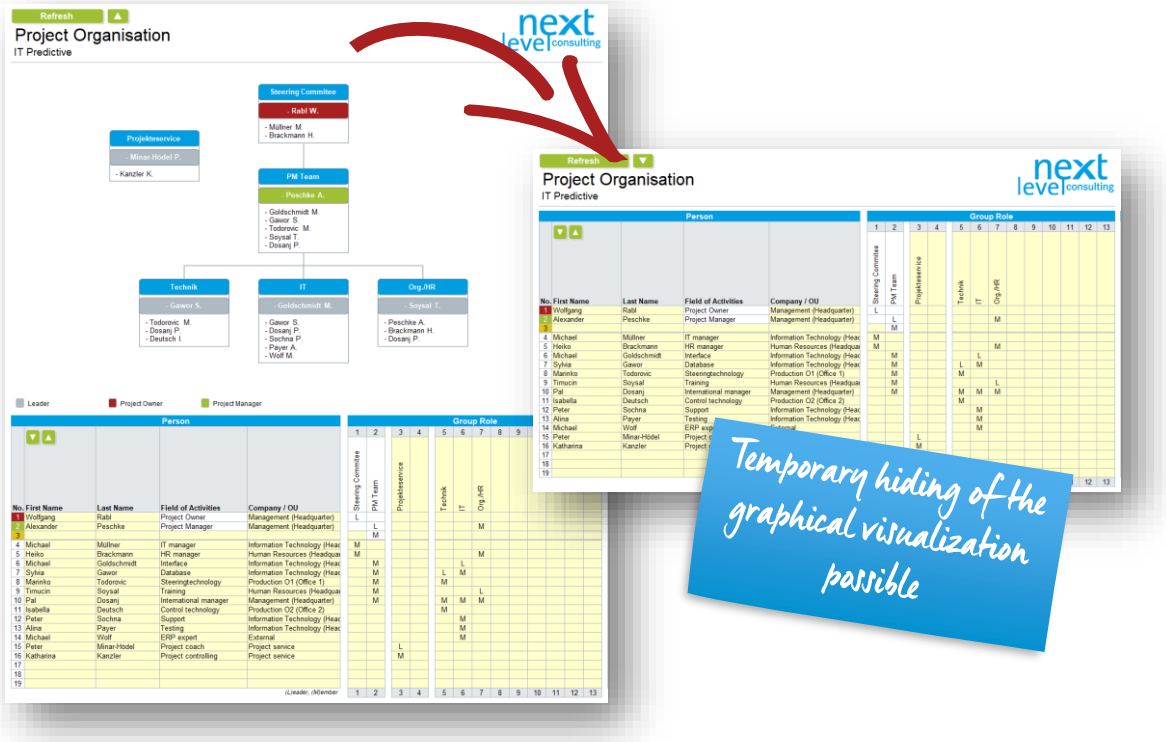

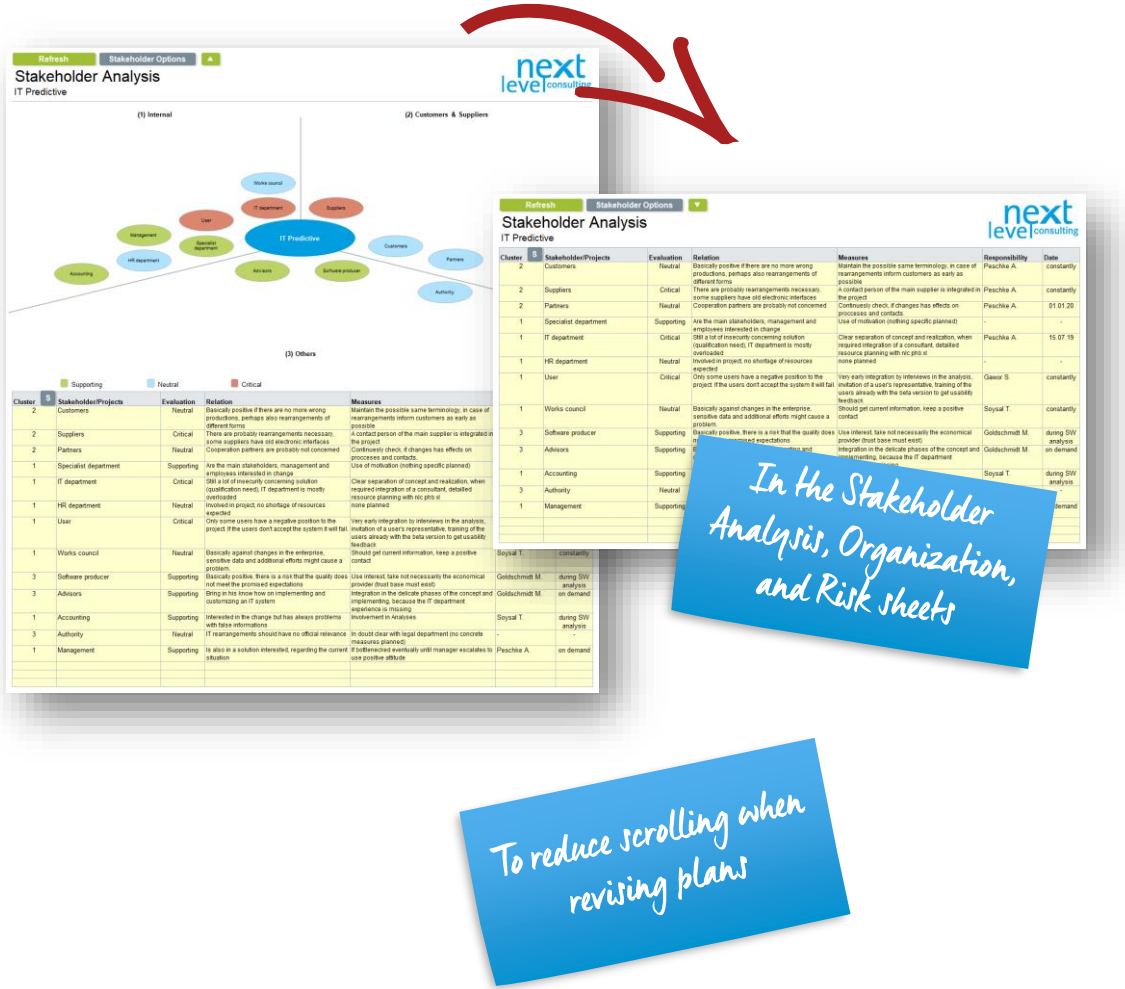

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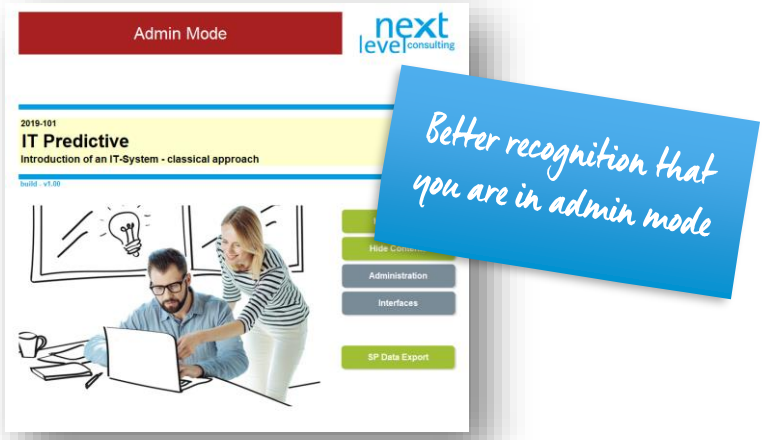
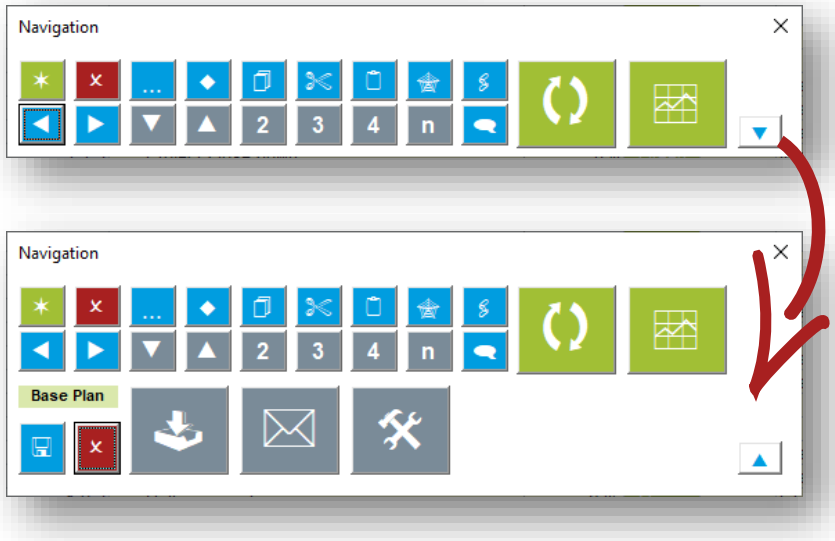
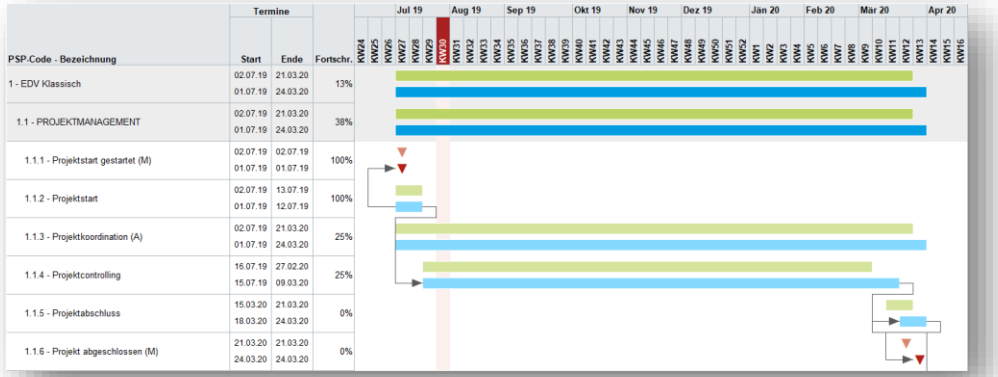


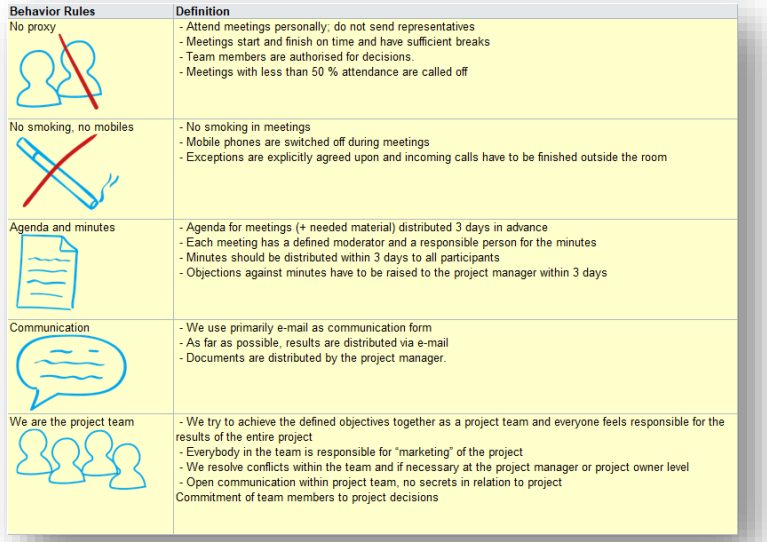
Better recognition that you are in admin mode



Extensible navigation bar for functions that are used less frequently



More modern, appealing visualization in Gantt, with icons, standard game rules, etc.



Behavior Rules	Definition
No proxy	- Attend meetings personally; do not send representatives - Meetings start and finish on time and have sufficient breaks - Team members are authorised for decisions. - Meetings with less than 50 % attendance are called off
No smoking, no mobiles	- No smoking in meetings - Mobile phones are switched off during meetings - Exceptions are explicitly agreed upon and incoming calls have to be finished outside the room
Agenda and minutes	- Agenda for meetings (+ needed material) distributed 3 days in advance - Each meeting has a defined moderator and a responsible person for the minutes - Minutes should be distributed within 3 days to all participants - Objections against minutes have to be raised to the project manager within 3 days
Communication	- We use primarily e-mail as communication form - As far as possible, results are distributed via e-mail - Documents are distributed by the project manager.
We are the project team	- We try to achieve the defined objectives together as a project team and everyone feels responsible for the results of the entire project - Everybody in the team is responsible for "marketing" of the project - We resolve conflicts within the team and if necessary at the project manager or project owner level - Open communication within project team, no secrets in relation to project Commitment of team members to project decisions

Other Optimizations

- In addition to the optimizations in the GUI, there are also optimizations to avoid problems with the input (for example, the new normal sequence links could be used to define processes as predecessors by themselves).
- There have also been optimizations in stability and performance (e.g. the navigation bar is now always temporarily closed, as this sometimes led to Excel crashes or the sheets Function Diagram, Res-O and Cost-O are structured differently and performance under Excel 2013/2016 to gain).
- As always, the wording has been optimized to make dialog windows and system messages more consistent and easier to understand, and the instructions have been updated and optimized.

More flexible licensing model

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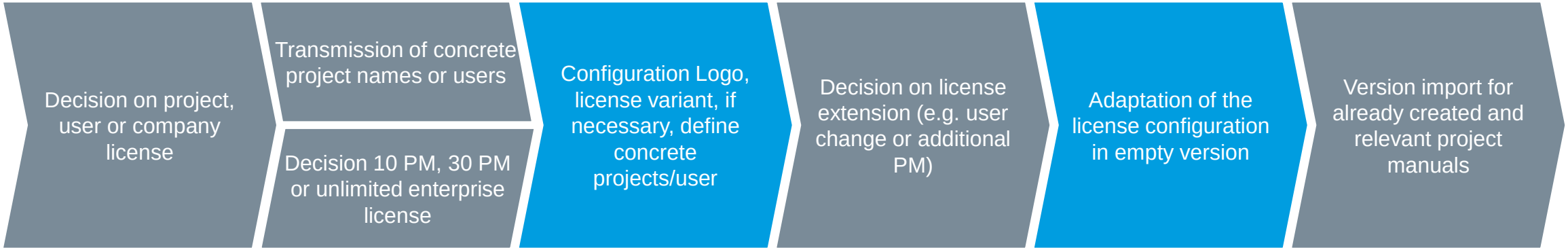


- No rental variant
- Simple but undifferentiated licensing model (15 PM license requires up to 30 PM, uniform price even if only partial functionality is used)
- License information stored in template, changes require file exchange and possibly data migration to new template
- "Fair use" model for company licenses, based on administrative expenses

New easy and fast licensing

- As soon as a customer-specific version is available, license extensions take place without file exchange.
- Customer gets access to customer portal, where he can manage users for npj use himself (change from PM easy and fast, still no concurrent user license model)
- Simple extension of users, modules and, if applicable, period of use for rent
- An Internet connection is required at regular intervals to verify the current license scope.

Lower base price, optional modules

Base price Project

Base price Project manager

> from **4** PM: **-25%**
> from **11** PM: **-50%**
> from **26** PM: **-75%**
> from **101** PM: **-100%**

Module price

- There are no more staggered prices for company licenses, but with the number of project managers, these become cheaper and cheaper up to 100 PM (also for module prices).
- There is a basic price and optional modules, which can also be purchased at a later date. However, the modules are available for all licensed PMs.
- As an alternative to the one-time purchase and an optional maintenance and support contract, there is the possibility of the rental variant with incl. maintenance contract with upgrade option.

Possible extension modules

Module

> PERT **(Function)**
> Agility **(Function)**
> WP-Specification **(Interface)**
> npj Subproject **(Interface)**
> MS Project **(Interface)**
> MS Outlook Dates **(Interface)**

Module

> Resources/Costs **(Function)**
> MS PowerPoint **(Interface)**
> MS Outlook Aufgaben **(Interface)**
> MS SharePoint **(Interface)**

> Most modules support interfaces, some modules the availability of whole spreadsheets and functions.
> The modules are available for all licensed PMs (no selective assignment of modules to users).

New Licensing Model

initial license costs

Project license Base
(per project)
400 €

Module extension
(per module and Project)
50 - 75 €

Discounts
From n-th user **-25%** from **4th** to **-100%** from **100sten User**

User license Base
(per named user)
750 €

Module extension
(per module und user)
100 - 150 €

Maintenance and support contract
with royalty-free upgrade option
from 734 € / Year

optional

Ongoing service/support

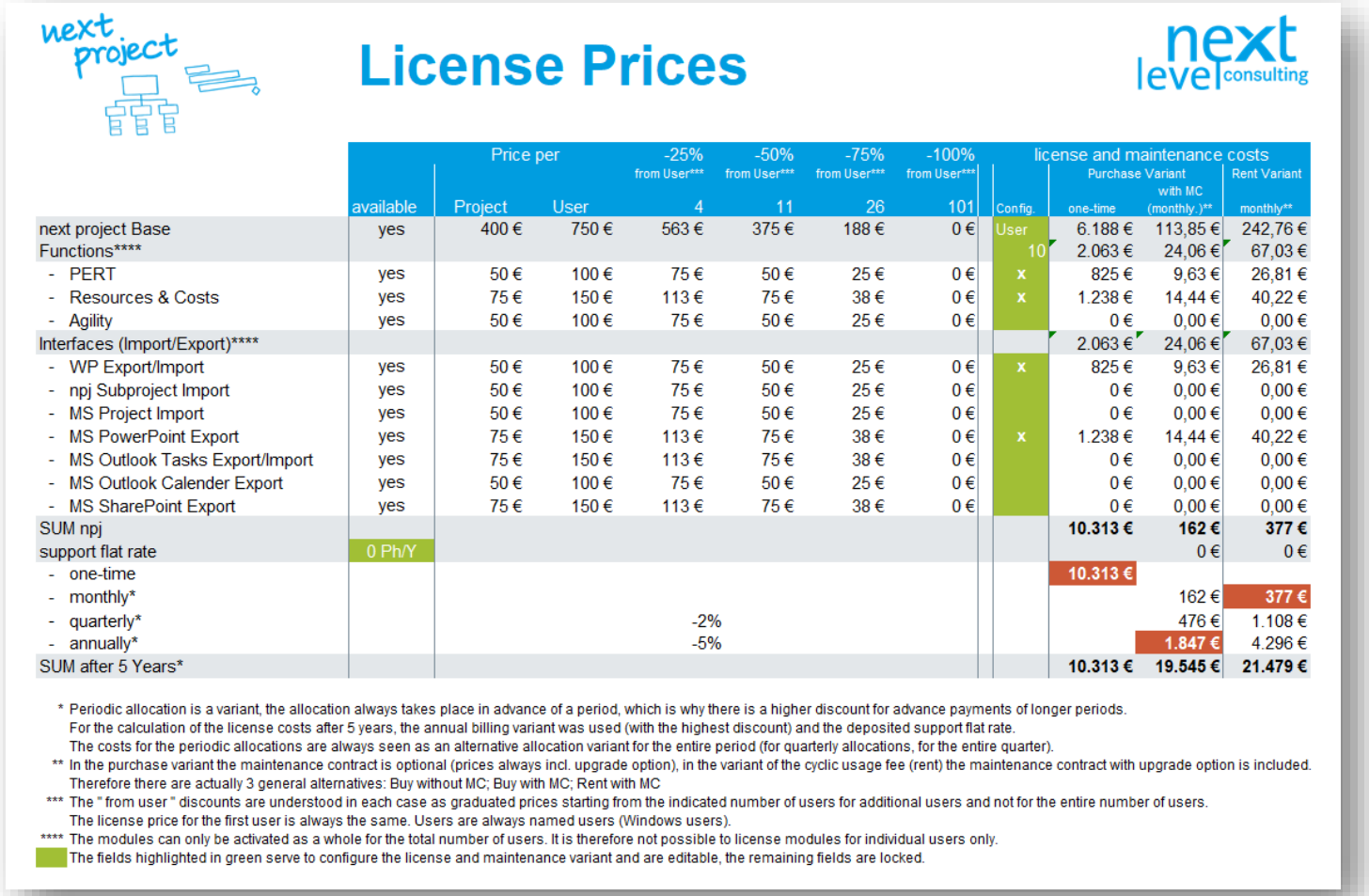
Userlizenz Basis
(pro named user)
66 € / month

Module extension
(per module and user)
3,25 - 4,88 € / month

Maintenance and support contract
with royalty-free upgrade option
included

Discounts
Starting with the n-th user Identically staggered as with the one-time license cost variant, additional discounts for quarterly/annual payment

Simulation with the Price Calculator



License Prices

		Price per		-25% from User***	-50% from User***	-75% from User***	-100% from User***	license and maintenance costs			
									Purchase Variant		Rent Variant
	available	Project	User	4	11	26	101	Config.	one-time	with MC (monthly.)**	monthly**
next project Base	yes	400 €	750 €	563 €	375 €	188 €	0 €	User	6.188 €	113,85 €	242,76 €
Functions****								10	2.063 €	24,06 €	67,03 €
- PERT	yes	50 €	100 €	75 €	50 €	25 €	0 €	x	825 €	9,63 €	26,81 €
- Resources & Costs	yes	75 €	150 €	113 €	75 €	38 €	0 €	x	1.238 €	14,44 €	40,22 €
- Agility	yes	50 €	100 €	75 €	50 €	25 €	0 €		0 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
Interfaces (Import/Export)****									2.063 €	24,06 €	67,03 €
- WP Export/Import	yes	50 €	100 €	75 €	50 €	25 €	0 €	x	825 €	9,63 €	26,81 €
- npj Subproject Import	yes	50 €	100 €	75 €	50 €	25 €	0 €		0 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
- MS Project Import	yes	50 €	100 €	75 €	50 €	25 €	0 €		0 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
- MS PowerPoint Export	yes	75 €	150 €	113 €	75 €	38 €	0 €	x	1.238 €	14,44 €	40,22 €
- MS Outlook Tasks Export/Import	yes	75 €	150 €	113 €	75 €	38 €	0 €		0 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
- MS Outlook Calender Export	yes	50 €	100 €	75 €	50 €	25 €	0 €		0 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
- MS SharePoint Export	yes	75 €	150 €	113 €	75 €	38 €	0 €		0 €	0,00 €	0,00 €
SUM npj									**10.313 €**	**162 €**	**377 €**
support flat rate	0 Ph/Y									0 €	0 €
- one-time									10.313 €		
- monthly*										162 €	377 €
- quarterly*				-2%						476 €	1.108 €
- annually*				-5%						1.847 €	4.296 €
SUM after 5 Years*									**10.313 €**	**19.545 €**	**21.479 €**

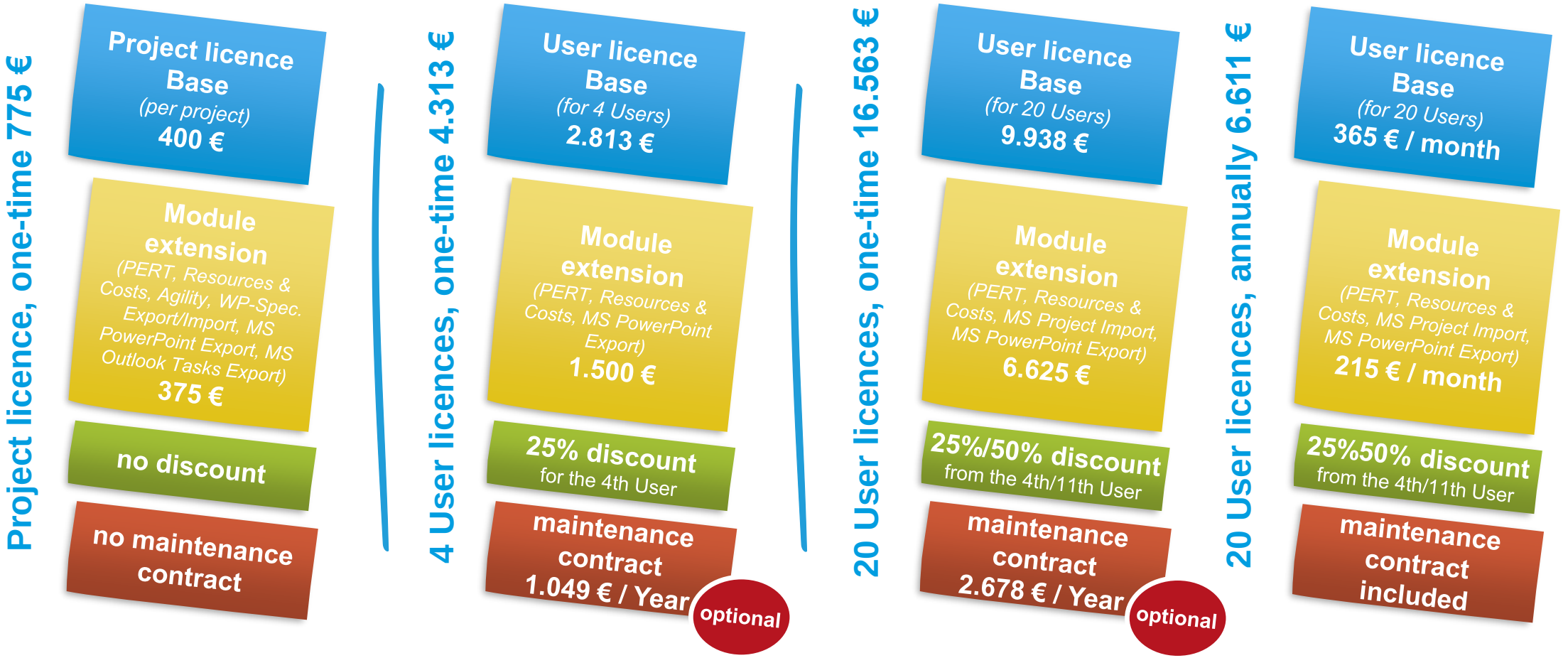
* Periodic allocation is a variant, the allocation always takes place in advance of a period, which is why there is a higher discount for advance payments of longer periods.
For the calculation of the license costs after 5 years, the annual billing variant was used (with the highest discount) and the deposited support flat rate.
The costs for the periodic allocations are always seen as an alternative allocation variant for the entire period (for quarterly allocations, for the entire quarter).
** In the purchase variant the maintenance contract is optional (prices always incl. upgrade option), in the variant of the cyclic usage fee (rent) the maintenance contract with upgrade option is included.
Therefore there are actually 3 general alternatives: Buy without MC; Buy with MC; Rent with MC
*** The " from user " discounts are understood in each case as graduated prices starting from the indicated number of users for additional users and not for the entire number of users.
The license price for the first user is always the same. Users are always named users (Windows users).
**** The modules can only be activated as a whole for the total number of users. It is therefore not possible to license modules for individual users only.
The fields highlighted in green serve to configure the license and maintenance variant and are editable, the remaining fields are locked.

The price calculator is an Excel template which calculates the license costs using the following parameters:

- Base „**User**“ or „**Project**“
- **Number** of **Users** or Projects
- **Select** the desired function and interface **modules** with "x".
- Scope of **support flat rate** for maintenance and support contract
- Decision for variant **purchase** (one-time or with maintenance contract) or **rent**
- Decision on **method of payment** of running costs (rent, maintenance fee)

Discounts are applied automatically!

Licence examples



#project #process #change

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