



# Project Digital Business Travel Management

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#### **Agenda**

- Introduction
- Project goals and solution scope
- Project approach
- First impression
- Lessons learned (so far)



#### **FU Berlin in numbers**





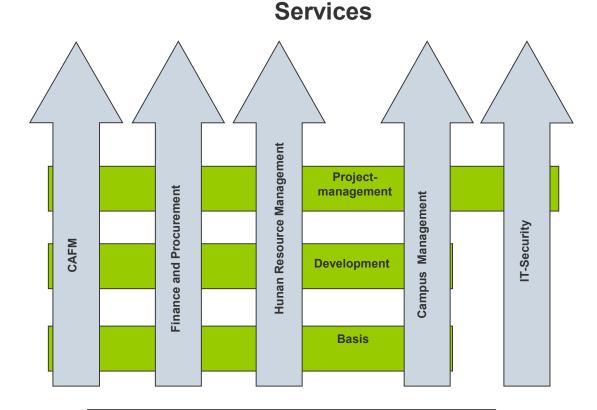
### **FU Berlin: International Network University**





#### **Support Matrix for administrative IT-Services**





Infrastructure

Management / Budget & Procurement / IT - Controlling



#### Our Mission for the administrative IT

eAS supports the digitization of administrative processes at Freie Universität Berlin with

reliable user-oriented T services

which gradually replace paper-based work by enhancing the use of

electronic workflows and electronic folder management

supporting the mission of E-Government to make the administration

more efficient, transparent and sustainable.





# Digitalization of administrative processes (2007-2019)

- Electronic ordering system for acquisition
- Electronic invoice processing
- Online employee self service
- Electronic recruitment and onboarding (ongoing project)
- Electronic travel management (ongoing project)
- -> Big, university-wide projects!



#### **Starting conditions travel management**

- Full paper-based process
- Challenge: Very complicated, detailed rules service, especially regarding travelling!
- Overload in the central travel department
- Processing of billing often takes10 month per case
- Employees are frustrated by awkward paper formulars



- Nearly 50% of the processes return to sender, because the application was not completed correctly





#### Digital travel management: targets

- Simplify and digitize forms and processes
- All invoices and records in an electronic file
- Shorter processing and decision paths
- Avoiding of media breaks
- Reduction of incorrect/incomplete applications and approvals



## IT for sustainability: Electronic Self Service for travel management

- 6 000 trips p.a.
  - 2 pages per application
  - 2 pages per approval
  - 2 pages per billing request
  - 2 pages per billing notice
  - 2 pages annex (avarage)
- Approx. 60 000 pages A4 paper p.a.





Saved Resources through Digitization: Ca. 1/2 Tree p.a.



## Savings of paper consumption per year by use of workflow with electronic folders



Berlin Radio Tower, 1936 Height: 147 mtr.

6.000 business trips á 10 pages 60.000 pc. paper

47.000 purchase orders á 2 pages 94.000 pc. paper

100.000 invoices á 1 page with ca 2 copies 300.000 pc. paper

230.000 accounting transactions á 5 pages 150.000 pc. paper

ca 1.5 million pc. paper p.a. equal a stapel of ca 150 mtr



#### project preparation

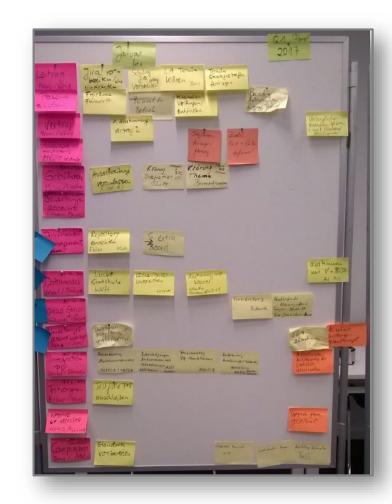
- ✓ As-is analysis and requirements
- √ Target scenario formulation based on SAP Travel Management
- ✓ Reference visit to the central IT-Department of Rheinland-Pfalz
- √ Contracting of Zalaris (SAP Partner) as project-partner



# Requirements collected from stakeholders (academic and non academic staff)

- Applications run on mobile devices
- Copy already approved business trips without re-entering data
- Copy master data at login
- Access to settled trips in an electronic record
- Plausibility checks during input
- Search help for selecting account assignment elements
- Request or settle business trip by order
- No dispatch of original invoices and receipts by internal post mail -> instead all invoices digitally in the electronic file

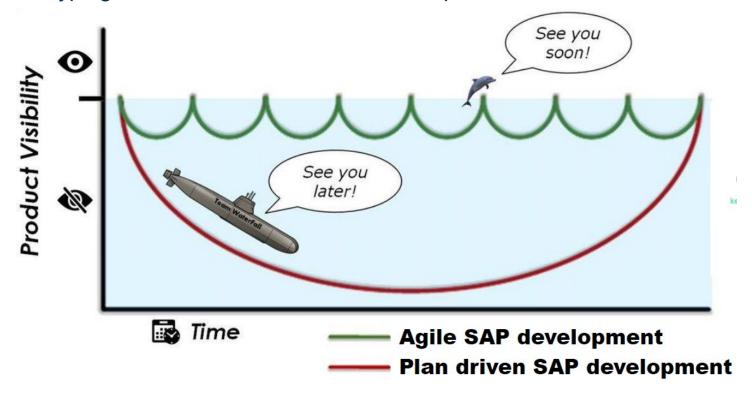
IN SHORT: EASY AND MOBILE!





#### Agile project approach

- Very short specification sheet to define the project scope
- Iterative approach instead of deep conception phase at the beginning of the project
- Prototyping and instant feedback in workshops



Source: Marlies De Roode, University of Amsterdam (at HERUG International Conference 2019)



#### Agile project approach

Q 4/18

Q 1/19

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#### **Project preparation:**

- Technical requirements
- Responsibilities
- Kickoff
- Clarification of open process questions

#### **Specification & Development:**

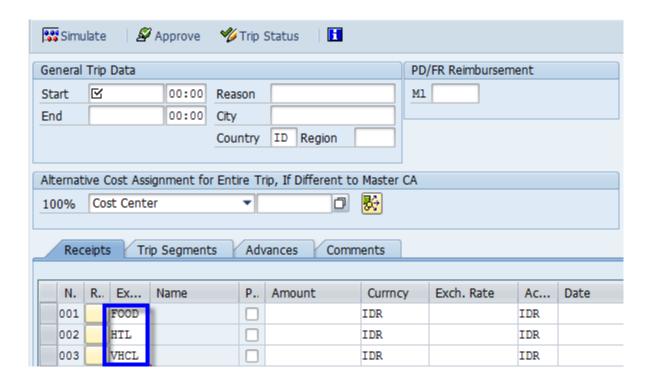
- · Specification workshops
- Prototyping of user interfaces and workflows
- · Connection of the electronic file
- Continuous review and feedback by the project team
- Iterative provision of new functionality in sprints (duration: 6 Weeks)
- · Short-term tests of the results

#### Going live for pilot areas

- · User training for pilot areas
- Integration tests
- Documentation
- Release for go-live for pilot areas
- Support
- Follow-up optimization of the system through feedback in pilot operation

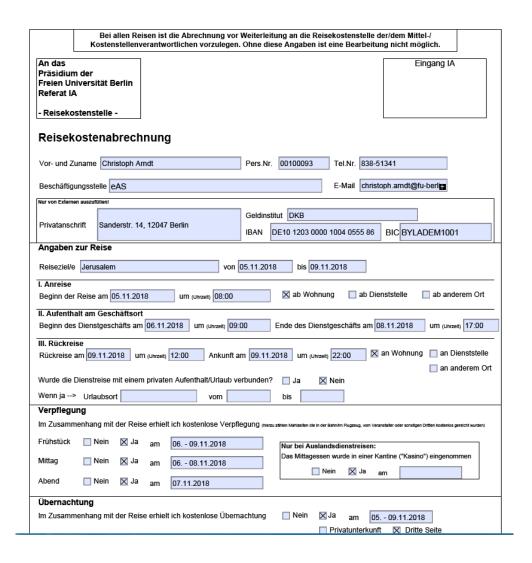


#### **SAP GUI**



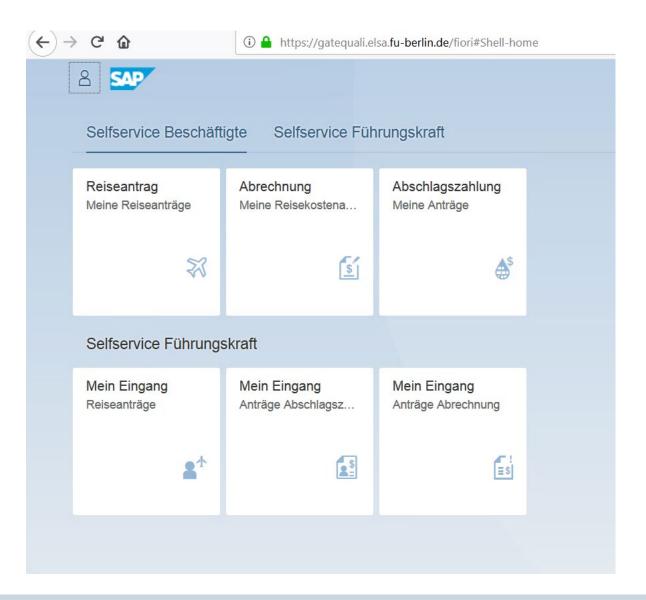


### Paper form (PDF Print)



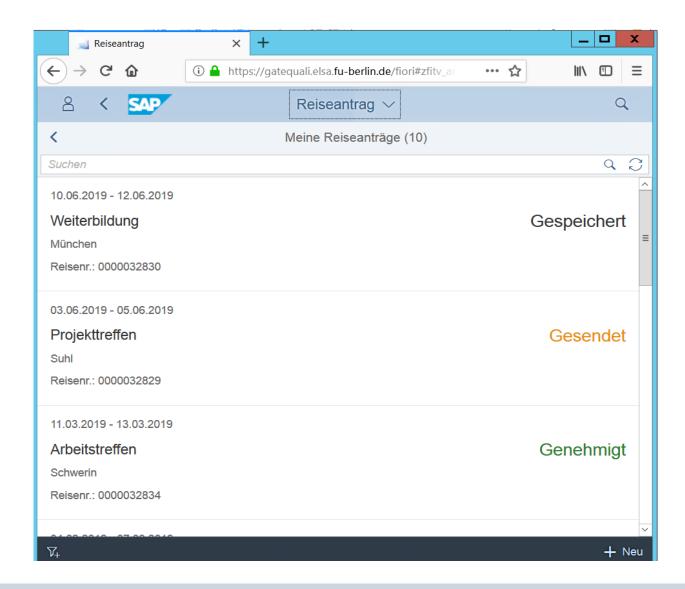


#### **SAP Fiori Launchpad**



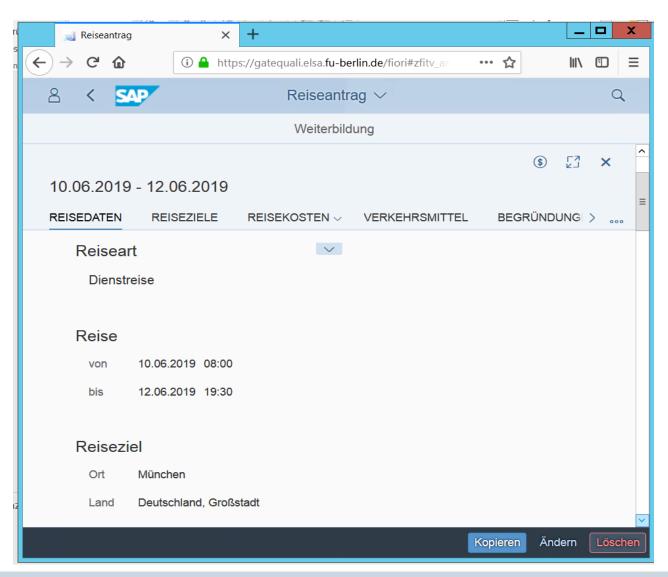


#### **Overview: My business trips**



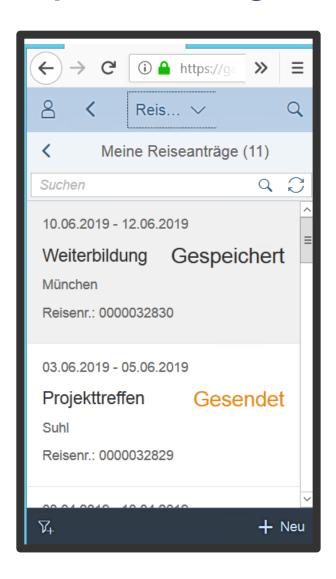


#### **Details in working mode**





#### Responsive design



- Responsive design, scales with screen of the device (for example smartphone)
- Scanner-App for mobile upload of invoices or bills to the electronic file



#### **Lessons learned (so far)**



- Agile project approach works fine for user oriented design
- External software developer should work inhouse at our department a few days a week
- New SAP Fiori user interface is a great step forward to useability

- Steering of the workflow is a challenge
- No additional stuff -> conflicts between daily workload and project
- Agile doesn't mean you get faster results



### Thank you for your attention!